

Fremont County Commissioners Meeting  
Minutes  
December 19, 2005

Present for the meeting were Commissioners John Hess and Paul Romrell.

Also in attendance were Clerk Abbie Mace & Deputy Suzanne L. Bagley was present to take minutes.

Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open.

**Sheriff Ralph Davis** met with the commissioners to discuss employee holidays. Sheriff Davis would like to have the employee be paid for the holiday instead of the observed holiday. The Sheriff's Office, 5-County Detention, Road & Bridge, and the Sewer will be some of the offices affected by this. Sheriff Davis stated that this has caused a real morale problem, for those that have to work the holiday. Commissioners would like to discuss this with Brig Blake Administrator at 5-County Detention, and Weldon Reynolds Road & Bridge Supervisor to see what their thoughts are on this. These changes to the personnel policy were made in 2004 to pay overtime on the observed holiday. Commissioners will not take any action at this time, but are willing to look at this at a later date with support from the other departments.

Sheriff Davis would like to submit two bills for the 911 system one was for \$11,803.00 from Computer Arts, Inc. for software support; the other was from Bret Stoddard for the amount of \$100.16 for wiring upgrades of the 911 system. Commissioners agreed that this would be acceptable.

Sheriff Davis reported that there are 22 in county custody.

**Island Park Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter** came before the commissioners to discuss the septic hauler waste. Jim Mullen from Keller was not able to attend due to illness. Commissioner Romrell would like to invite Willie Tuescher from DEQ to explain the state regulations on septic tank waste.

Commissioners discussed cabin rentals. Several individuals in Island Park are renting their homes by the day. This is causing concerns for the sewer systems, landfill, and Planning & Zoning issues.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Karen Lords, Assessor Ivel Burrell, Island Park Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter, and Treasurer McCoy discussed several issues that these cabin rentals. Commissioners discussed a letter received from Gary Lewis. This letter addresses the vacation rental issues, and this also causes increase in traffic, and violation of private property. Commissioners will ask Attorney Karl Lewies to look into writing an ordinance that would help address these issues.

Commissioners decided to hold there regular commissioners meeting on February 13, 2005 @ 9:00 a.m. in Island Park.

**Julie Schuldies from the Landfill** came before the commissioners to report that the she is going to get the operation manual from Butler Engineering for the landfill. District

Seven must approve this, and then DEQ. The operation plan is reviewed and updated every three years.

**Planning & Building Administrator Karen Lords and Assessor Ivel Burrell** came before the commissioners to discuss the Miles Allen property. Mr. Allen is requesting that he not receive a fee for a lot split adjustment. Mr. Allen needs to provide the proper documentation to Planning & Building in order to complete the process.

Karen Lords stated that this lot split fee of \$100.00 is assessed to everyone that splits a lot. Mr. Allen will have the fees waived as per the commissioners. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to waive the lot split fee because this is only a lot line adjustment. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor. Assessor Ivel Burrell will contact Mr. Allen to notify him of the decision.

Building Inspector John Laux came before the commissioners to discuss a structure that was built by Dayton Miller without a building permit. Mr. Laux states that there needs to be a structural engineer. Commissioner Romrell will explain to Mr. Miller what the proper steps are when building.

Karen Lords asked commissioners for permission to appoint Jon Laux as the Building Official. This individual will take care of contractor appeals. Should a contractor not be happy with a decision from someone from Planning & Building, it would go to an appeals board. Commissioners will take this under advisement and discuss this at the next commissioners meeting.

Clerk Mace asked Commissioners to sign the annual Road Report.

**Architects Tom Ward, and Mitch Blake** came before the commissioners to discuss possible renovations for the ML Building, and the Courthouse. Mr. Blake stated that he would be interested in taking on the project. Mr. Blake stated that County would be charged 8% of the cost of the renovations. Commissioners agreed to have them go forward with designs.

**Debbie Adams Social Services Director** asked to meet with commissioners in executive session. Commissioner Hess made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of indigent claims. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. Commissioners took a roll call vote with Commissioner Romrell voting I, and Commissioner Hess voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open. Commissioner Hess made a motion to approve case # M2006-17, approve case #G2006-21, and approve case #G2006-22. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner discussed a letter they received from Mr. Bob Mortensen asking the commissioners to reconsider giving him an agriculture exemption on the property. Mr. Mortensen had this discussed at the November 12, 2005 commissioners meeting. Commissioners agreed that he should pay the taxes for this year, and can apply for the agriculture exemption next year. Commissioner Hess made a motion to deny the request.

Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor. Deputy Clerk Suzanne Bagley will notify Mr. Mortensen of their decision.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to approve the minutes from the pervious meeting. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to release one Mack's Inn Sewer LID Lien, and release one Last Chance Sewer LID Lien. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned.

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Donald Trupp, Chairman  
Fremont County Commission

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Abbie Mace, Clerk