

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2008

Attended by: Commissioners Paul Romrell, Skip Hurt, and Donald Trupp.

Also present: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jody Flores, Commissioner Elect LeRoy Miller, Treasurer Patricia McCoy

Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open and welcomed those in attendance.

Commissioner Skip Hurt offered the opening prayer. Commissioner Elect LeRoy Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected Officials

Per report from Sheriff Ralph Davis, we have 32 inmates in custody with five being housed in Madison County and one inmate in Bonneville County.

Interviews for County Agent will be held December 9th.

Treasurer Pat McCoy reported that they are collecting taxes. She has not seen any monies from the sales of the tax deeded county property. Clerk Abbie Mace stated that Alliance Title had received a check for the property sold in Wilford (Davis Gravel Pit) and will be forwarding that to our office.

Clerk Abbie Mace will be leaving to Phoenix for a NACO meeting on Thursday. She will also be attending a meeting in Boise regarding election consolidation. PILT monies have been received in the amount of \$476,674. This is unencumbered monies that may be placed where the commissioners see fit. Clerk Mace asked the board direction on where they would like these monies. She will create a line for these PILT funds. She also inquired as to where the monies from the sales of tax deeded county property should go. She suggested creating a line in the general fund for these monies. Auditors will be here tomorrow for the next two weeks. Clerk Mace will send out an email reminding department heads that they will be here.

Commissioners were presented with an acceptance packet for the grant that was received for \$5000 for repairs to the pillars and the roof of the courthouse. Judge Keith Walker applied for this grant. The county will match these monies.

Commissioner Hurt spent time with Kendall Adams surveying property on the river. Nothing else was reported.

Commissioner Romrell had nothing to report.

Commissioner Trupp questioned if anything had been received on the Woodlands at Bills Island Subdivision appeal. Clerk Mace stated that there had not.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the minutes for the following dates: October 27th, November 7th, November 10th, November 17th, and November 20th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trupp. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell presented a handout of the 2008 Average Property Tax Rates. Fremont County is 10th from the bottom, meaning that there are 34 counties higher than our county. Discussion was held.

Commissioners received an invitation to attend the Island Park Christmas open house on December 8th. There will be no appointments that day after 3:00p.m. for the commissioners meeting so that those who would like to attend will be able to do so.

The Centennial Committee is beginning to submit bills. Clerk Mace questioned the Board on where they would like her to pay these bills from. Discussion was held. Clerk Mace will research what was not used in the past and will create a new line within the general budget.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to accept the nomination of Cleone Jolley as the ICRMP member at large. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hurt. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor to accept the nomination.

HR Director Cindy Skoy - Personnel

HR Director Cindy Skoy presented the Board several documents for signature. She has added the new company that will be conducting the background checks on the employee application. She has been elected to the local chapter of the Society of Human Resources. The Board questioned Ms. Skoy the status of the policy manual. She stated that she has approximately a third left to complete.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve and sign the acceptance letter to hire the on-call, part time position at the St. Anthony Landfill. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trupp. A full voice was heard with all voting in favor.

There were three other positions that were presented to the Board from the Sheriff's Department. They would like the approval of Sheriff Elect Len Humphries as well. Commissioner Hurt made a motion that as soon as approval is received from Sheriff Elect Len Humphries, Commissioner Romrell may sign the acceptance letters for these hires. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Romrell. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

IT Administrator Lisa Turner RE: Copy Machines

IT Administrator Lisa Turner presented a handout of the leases on copy machines, including an inventory list. Commissioner Hurt feels as though we could possibly save monies if the IT Department was in charge of administering the lease contracts and inventory. Ms. Turner felt that it would be beneficial to have guidelines for purchase or lease of copy machines. There are some machines that may not be necessary. Discussion was held. It was felt that a policy needs to be written on these leases and purchases. The board would like to have IT be in charge of these. They will come up with a policy and will present it at a later date to the Commissioners.

Juvenile Probation Supervisor Darin Burrell – Quarterly Report / Update

Darin Burrell presented a report of his caseload. There have been no real trends that can be identified, but there has been some increase in juvenile sexual offenses. He did report that Trial Court Administrator Burt Butler stated that the drug court position may be funded through the state. There has been more driving involved with this position. Discussion was held. He has compiled his annual report that goes to the state. He presented a letter from George Mason University asking him to continue participation in their focus group. He asked for the Commissioners approval to attend their conference in Myrtle Beach, SC in February. Approval was given. Last month he

attended a Commissioners meeting in Clark County. Mr. Burrell presented a handout regarding RSVP program, as he thought they may be interested. Brief overview was given. He also presented law books from his great great grandfather who was the first judge of Fremont County (James George Wood). The board thanked him for the contribution.

Shop with a Cop Presentation – Collin Erickson, Rexburg Police Department / Sue Bagley with the Madison County Sheriff's Office

A brief overview was given of the Shop with a Cop program along with a DVD presentation. They have been doing this program for approximately 12 years. There are approximately 8-9 families from Fremont County that will benefit from this program.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to donate \$1500 to the Shop with a Cop program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hurt. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor of making this donation. They would like to challenge Madison and Jefferson Counties to match their donation.

Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert – Final Plat for Hares Ear Reserve Subdivision for Keith Kraus

Kurt Hibbert presented the final plat for Hares Ear Preserve Subdivision for Keith Kraus. It is a five lot subdivision with all roads being private. The developer will make a cash donation that will go toward the purchase of gravel. Brief discussion was held.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the final plat for the Hares Ear Preserve Subdivision and the development agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trupp. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

They have tested the alarm system in the Annex Building. They were impressed with the response. The city and county officers responded almost simultaneously. There were several findings to be discussed at a later date.

Discussion was held regarding the public hearing to be held on the Comp Plan on December 17th. The latest version of the Comp Plan will be the one that will be presented to the public for comment.

Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey – Adoption of Hazard Plan

Keith Richey presented the Board with a copy of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan for Fremont County. This plan has been approved by FEMA.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the All Hazard Mitigation Plan for Fremont County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trupp. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Gary Marsden – RE: Proposed change of location of road across property.

Mr. Marsden presented the petition to remove the road across his property with all requirements within the statute being met. Discussion was held. Clerk Abbie Mace will now need to schedule a public hearing to receive any public input. A decision can be made by the Commissioners immediately after the public hearing. The public hearing will be held January 5th at 2:00 p.m.

Public Works Director Marla Vik

Marla Vik presented a proposal from American Geotechnics to perform a site investigation on the Fish Creek road that is to be rebuilt. She feels that they are truly offering the county a great deal. They could save us ten times more than what they are charging us. Brief discussion was held.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve the contract with American Geotechnics in the amount of \$11,125.83 to perform the site investigation on the Fish Creek road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hurt. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

The Board asked for updates concerning the Ashton Shop, junk along 200 North, pipeline along 3100 East (Schwendiman property), and railroad right of ways. Different options were discussed for further clean up options for the Ashton Shop. Discussion was held regarding junk along 100 North 2750 East. Marla will attempt to get a verbal agreement to clean it up. Discussion was held regarding railroad right of ways and noxious weeds along railways in the Egin area. Several community members would like to be present when the railroad representative comes before the board. Discussion was held regarding the pipeline along 3100 East. A phone call will be made to Mr. Schwendiman inviting him to meet with the Commissioners on December 8th.

Ms. Vik questioned the Board if it would be possible to have a Christmas dinner for Road & Bridge and Landfill employees as most times they are not able to attend luncheons for the other employees. The Commissioners stated this will be fine and that she can take the costs from somewhere within her budget.

The Board questioned if Ms. Vik has heard whether the cost of road oil will be going down as gas costs are down. She stated that she has not heard, but she will look into it further.

Discussion was held regarding several bridges along the Salem highway.

IAC Sharon Burke – RE: Secure Rural School Funding & PILT via conference call.

Discussion was held regarding SRS Funding and PILT monies and the most beneficial way to distribute these funds. Sharon Burke with IAC also participated in the discussion via conference call.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the signing of the FY2009 Financial and Operation Plan (U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Caribou-Targhee National Forest). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hurt. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

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

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk