

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2008

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

Also present: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jody Flores, Commissioner Elect LeRoy Miller, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Sheriff Ralph Davis, and Treasurer Patricia McCoy

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

Sheriff Ralph Davis offered the opening prayer. Clerk Abbie Mace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected Officials

Assessor Kathy Thompson has visited with the appraisers and they have completed their work in Island Park and will begin in Ashton this week. Her office has been quiet.

Sherriff Ralph Davis reported 29 inmates in custody with three being housed outside of the county. He attended the Directors meeting in Boise last week. As of last week, they were five positions short, but are now only three positions. He informed the Board that there had been a suicide in the county on Friday. Commissioner Romrell informed Sherriff Davis that if any of the families that applied for Shop with a Cop would qualify for assistance with Social Services Director Debbie Adams to please pass on that information to her. They could receive assistance with food, rent, and utilities. Deputy Jailer Blaine Reed will graduate from Post academy on Friday. There was another county vehicle that was damaged during a high speed chase that occurred last week.

Clerk Abbie Mace attended the NACO Board Meeting in Arizona last week. There are many counties that are concerned that the states will try to balance their budgets on the backs of the counties. There are the same economic concerns for everyone across the nation. Auditors are here – this will be their second week with us. Monies were received from Hossner's on the tax deeded property that was sold. She will be traveling to Boise on Thursday for an election consolidation meeting.

Commissioner Hurt reported that the contractor should begin on the windows sometime today.

Commissioner Romrell reported that he signed the grant acceptance form that was sent by Judge Walker. He has also visited with the auditors. Discussion was held regarding PILT funds and how to place the surplus of funds that we are currently receiving to plan for shortfalls in the future. Different options were reviewed.

The open house for outgoing elected officials will be held Wednesday, January 7th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the lobby of the courthouse.

Commissioner Romrell questioned Clerk Mace on possible ramifications on shortfalls in tax revenues. She will present those numbers to the Board next week. Brief discussion was held.

Commissioner Trupp had nothing to report. Discussion was held regarding his position on the Wolf Deprivation Committee. Clerk Mace will contact the commissioner from Lemhi County and let him know of the upcoming vacancy. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to appoint Commissioner Elect

LeRoy Miller to the vacancy left by Commissioner Trupp on the Wolf Deprivation Committee. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Public Works Director Marla Vik / Department Reports & Electronic Waste

Road and Bridge:

Discussion was held regarding tractors. The crews felt that even though the John Deere tractors were more expensive, it would be a better tractor for the money spent. Resale values are higher than the other makes. Ms. Vik recommends the purchase of a John Deere tractor.

The following bids were submitted and reviewed.

- Madison County Implement / John Deere 7230 STD OOS Cab Tractor / \$48,752.02
- Pioneer Equipment Co. / Case Maxxum 115 Tractor / \$47,311.00

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to purchase the John Deere tractor in the amount of \$48,757.02. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Ms. Vik presented proposals to install new lighting in the two shops in Ashton. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to replace the lighting for the amount of \$4,500. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Ms. Vik has been looking at all the bridges within the county. She will be bringing an overall replacement plan for Fremont County bridges next week. Brief discussion was held.

Landfill:

They have been recycling electronic waste (computers, printers, monitors, etc.) for the past few months. Recently the company that was collecting this e-waste went out of business. Another company has approached the Eastern Idaho Solid Waste Committee with a proposal to collect and recycle. There would be a cost to the counties with this new company. She feels that the cost would be approximately \$5000 annually. She asked if the commission would make a preliminary commitment for this. The board gave their preliminary agreement to go forward with this proposal.

Miscellaneous:

Ms. Vik gave them information on an arrangement Scott Machinery has presented on the purchase of a Bobcat skid steer with snowplow attachments at government rate. They will then replace it every year thereafter. The commissioners did not make any decisions on this matter.

Brief discussion was held on a land swap near Stonebridge. Ms. Vik will contact the property owner and present more information at a later date.

Treasurer Patricia McCoy / PILT Investment, Bank Presentation, and Auditors

Hal Peterson and Sawndy Withers with the Bank of Idaho gave a review of the stability of the Bank of Idaho which the county uses. Commissioners reviewed the past performance of the bank with county invested money. Mr. Peterson gave an overview of the management of county funds. They have two proposals for the county. The first proposal would be a money market fund in short term with the US Treasury. He stated that this fund has interest fluctuation and would be the safest place. The second proposal is an Ultra Short Duration Fund that has a higher interest rate, but is not long term. Discussion was held.

A phone call with Sharon Burke of IAC was made regarding the Secure Rural School Funding and the different allocation options to the Title 2 & Title 3 funds and reimbursement from those funds. She felt that movement from Title 3 funds for Search & Rescue to purchase a building from Road & Bridge does meet the criteria of this act. Discussion was held on different options and scenarios. The Board has until December 12th to make a decision on the allocation of these funds. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to change their resolution to allocate 80% to Title 1, distributing 20% to Title 2 with no funds to Title 3 and authorizing Commissioner Romrell to sign that resolution. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to give Treasurer Patricia McCoy authorization to look into an Ultra Short Duration Fund. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was made with all voting in favor.

Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler / Cost Share Grants & New Building

Bryce Fowler gave an update on the Cost Share Grants. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to give authority to Commissioner Romrell to sign the CWMA grant application. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding purchase of a building with more bays and a small office.

Mike Angell & Tom Blake / Old Fun Farm Bridge & Miscellaneous Items

Mike Angell and Tom Blake came before the Commissioners to discuss complaints with road and bridges in Fremont County, especially along Hog Hollow Road. They also voiced concerns with the way that things are being run in our county. Brief discussion was held.

Social Service Director Debbie Adams / Indigent Claims

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 3, title 9, Idaho Code at 1:01 p.m.. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "I", Commissioner Trupp voting "I", and Commissioner Hurt voting "I". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 1:16 p.m.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve case #G2009-11, approve case #G2009-14, and approve case #G2009-19 deny case #M2009-02, deny case #M2009-03, deny case #M2009-04, deny case #M2009-05, and deny case #M2009-06. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Closed Session / Indigent Medical Assistance Appeal Hearing Case #M2008-35

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code at 1:20 p.m.. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "I", Commissioner Trupp Voting "I", and Commissioner Hurt voting "I". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 1:27 p.m.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to deny the Indigent Medical Assistance Appeal Case #M2008-35. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Executive Sessions

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, or public school student at 1:31 p.m.. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "I", Commissioner Hurt voting "I", and Commissioner Trupp Voting "I". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 1:43 p.m.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, or public school student at 1:46 p.m.. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "I", Commissioner Hurt voting "I", and Commissioner Trupp Voting "I". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 2:10 p.m..

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated, but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement at 2:16 p.m.. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "I", Commissioner Hurt voting "I", and Commissioner Trupp voting "I". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 2:32 p.m.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, or public school student at 3:29 p.m.. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "I", Commissioner Hurt voting "I", and Commissioner Trupp Voting "I". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 4:16 p.m..

Board of Equalization / Sub Rolls

Commissioner Romrell opened the Board of Equalization at 2:45 p.m. There were no appointments made for Board of Equalization. Commissioner Romrell closed the Board of Equalization at 2:46 p.m.

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

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk