

Fremont County Commissioners Meeting
Minutes
January 28, 2008

Present for the meeting were Commissioners Paul Romrell, Don Trupp, and Skip Hurt

Also present were Prosecuting Attorney Karl Lewies, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Chief Deputy Treasurer J'Lene Cherry, Sheriff Ralph Davis, Clerk Abbie Mace, and Deputy Clerk Suzanne Bagley was present to take minutes.

Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open.

Sheriff Davis offered the opening prayer.

Assessor Kathy Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assessor Kathy Thompson reported that there are 83 Fremont County residents that have vehicles registered in Madison County. This would help Fremont County with fuel tax monies that Fremont County should be getting that are going to Madison.

It seems to be a software issue that should be coming out next year, and they would like to see them work something into the program.

Sheriff Ralph Davis stated that there are currently 17 inmates in county custody.

The maintenance contract for the 911 system will be brought before the commissioners later today.

Snow planes have been a big issue in the reclamation area and they are illegal. There have been several reports of alcohol involved with these incidents.

He reported that they are seeing a decline in meth use and a rise in cocaine use and it is really becoming a drug of choice, and is less severe on the body. It is pretty much that way up and down the valley and over the last four months there has been an increase.

Commissioner Romrell said that in Island Park last week there was a lot of complaining on US Hwy 20, and they have been feeling some heat. Sheriff Davis stated that he met with the press and ITD to see that US Hwy 20 be kept up. The equipment and the time seem to be an issue.

Commissioner Romrell stated the Mayor of Island Park stated that they would be willing to give the county their fine money from traffic tickets. This would be about \$750.00 dollars in revenue for the Sheriff's Office.

Chief Deputy Treasurer J'Lene Cherry gave cancellations in the amount of \$25,440.42 for the month of December. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to cancel taxes and fees in the amount of \$25,440.42 for the month of December on the recommendation of the Treasurers Office. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

She asked the Sheriff if they would be interested in Access Idaho for credit card payments. This was something that they felt would be useful to the public. He indicated it is.

Clerk Abbie Mace reported that she will be on a conference call for some PILT monies.

She advised Commissioners and Elected Officials to look at the legislative bulletins from IAC.

Commissioners have asked Elected Officials to review the Human Resource applications that were received and to recommend the top three. This will be done Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioner's room.

Clerk Abbie Mace presented the commissioners with the refinance agreement on the 5-County Detention Center with Wells Fargo, from Skinner Fawcett. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to have Commissioner Romrell sign the papers to Skinner and Fawcett. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Attorney Karl Lewies will be working on the Rivers Edge Brief.

He stated that the leak in the roof of the prosecutor's office kept them down for a couple of days. The building did destroy about two hundred dollars in supplies and needs some attention as soon as possible. He stated Roger Thompson a contractor stated that this should not have a metal roof and it is need of a membrane roof but there is nothing that can be done until it is warmer. Commissioner Hurt will contact Roger Thompson to see if he would be interested in coming to fix it.

Commissioner Romrell asked Elected Officials and Department Heads to be mindful of Executive Sessions.

Board of Equalization January 28, 2008

Present for the Board of Equalization were Commissioner Trupp, Commissioner Hurt and Commissioner Romrell.

Also in attendance were Assessor Kathy Thompson, Sheriff Ralph Davis, Chief Deputy Assessor J'Lene Cherry, Clerk Abbie Mace, and Deputy Clerk Suzanne Bagley was present to take minutes.

Commissioner Romrell opened the meeting. He asked if anyone had made an appointment for Board of Equalization for the missed roll.

Clerk Mace indicated that no one had made an appointment.

There being no appointments he closed Board of Equalization for the missed roll.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session by IC 67-2345 (f) to consider and advise its legal representatives to pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation at 9:54 a.m. Commissioner Trupp

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 10:18 a.m.

Rich Greenwood gave commissioners a map serve presentation via phone conference. Assessors, Clerks, GIS, and the Planning & Building records were in on this presentation. Mr. Greenwood went over the layers and gave explanations.

Attorney Lewies asked what if a private individual wished to have their information remain off the list.

Mr. Greenwood stated that there is nothing at this time to allow that in the software. This decision will need to be made by the commissioners. He stated that this is a very flexible system and they are willing to work with them. Commissioners would need to set the policy if people wish to opt out. The only exception is the documents from the Clerk's office.

Jeff Patlovich voiced a concern that if these people need to be notified for a hearing and the information is not available, there may be a chance that they would be left out by error. Not intentionally, but just over looked.

Mr. Greenwood state that if there is something that they feel needs to be changed or is an error let those in custody of that information know so that it can be fixed. He stated that this is an awesome tool and the best one so far. Thanks to all the people who have helped in Fremont County to make this program so successful due to everyone's co-operation. There are still some loose ends and basically would like to move forward.

Commissioners asked if anyone was opposed to putting this on. Clerk Mace asked the commissioners to put together some criteria if individuals would like to opt out there is a standard.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to put the information on the county website. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor. Commissioners would like GIS, Data Processing and others to get together to work on some standards for those individuals who wish to have their information removed from the website.

Planning & Building Employee Molly Knox came before the commissioners to ask that the commissioners pay a bill in the amount of \$8,383.43 for excess copies on the Planning & Building copy machine. This copy machine is now used by several departments since they have moved to the annex building. They do not have the money to cover this in their budget, and feel that they should not have to pay this bill out of their budget.

Commissioners would like to see what it would cost to opt out of the current contract. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to pay the bill of \$ 8,383.43 out of general emergency reserve. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Items to discuss:

Clerk Mace presented two Junior College applications to the board. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve the two applications. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the Ikon Contract for the Clerk's Office to digitize the old recording books. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Abbie Mace presented the joint quarterly financial report for the commissioners to review.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to change the commissioner meeting schedule; to not hold the 4th Monday commissioners meeting starting in March and going forward. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to allow Commissioner Romrell to sign the grant application for Parks & Recreation for the Sheriff's Office for recreation grants. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners reviewed the resignation letter from Fairboard member Tammy Orton. They directed the Fairboard to give them recommendations of a replacement.

Commissioners reviewed the letter from Eastern Idaho Public Health District concerning Ard's Landfill.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the minutes from the following commissioners meeting. December 5, 2007, December 19, 2007, January 7, 2008, and January 14, 2008. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Social Services Director Debbie Adams asked to meet with commissioners in executive session. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 3, title 9, Idaho Code at 12:56 p.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Hurt voting I, and Commissioner Romrell voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 1:01 p.m. Commissioners signed four new liens. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve case #M2008-07 and deny case #M2008-10. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Josh Alford gave commissioners a presentation on open spaces bond. TPL's Conservation Finance Services would like to offer their services to Fremont County.

Chan Atchley wanted to present commissioners with the information and would like the County to sign a technical assistance agreement with TPL. Then the County can decide to move forward or not.

Commissioner Romrell asked if they ever work with Smart Growth rather than the county. They are a non profit group and do not like to use lobby owners.

Planning & Building Administrator Jeff Patlovich asked if the majority of the owners have ever been absentee voters.

Mr. Alford stated that feels those pass at a higher rate and usually do better.

Mr. Patlovich asked for statistics on the success rate of the bond.

Commissioner Romrell stated that he favors open space and put land in a trust and it is up to the voters and would like to have more time to think about this. He stated that he would like Smart Growth to take the ball and run with this idea. They are not for growth one way or the other. If it were to pass by a vote of the people Commissioner Romrell would certainly vote for it. This would not obligate the county in any way should they sign the agreement.

Planning & Building Administrator Jeff Patlovich stated there are about 15 landowners which include 9500 acres that have filed applications for development since he last reported.

Public Works Director Marla Vik met with commissioners to discuss the list put together for a 5-year Capital Equipment Plan for Road and Bridge showing anticipated purchases for the next 5 years, including estimated prices and finance costs. The plan also indicates future years for purchases of graders, trucks and loaders but no prices are included beyond 5 years. She indicated the purchase of a new roller is included in the budget for 2008. We have a piggyback bid from the Burley Highway District for an Ingersol- Rand steel roller. Blair and Russ both agree that the roller meets their specs. We are requesting the commissioners approve piggybacking on the Burley bid of \$109,862.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve the purchase of the Ingersol-Rand steel roller for \$109,862. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

St. Anthony City Clerk Taci Stoddard identified Main Street from Bridge Street to 12th West to repair and rebuild this section of street would cost approximately \$3,000,000. She asked if the commissioners would be willing to participate financially on this project with the city. If they received the grant the project would begin in about 5 years. The city is asking if the county could put in \$ 25,000.00 over a five year period.

Commissioner Romrell stated that the county has an obligation to help. Commissioners did not have a problem with this and thought that they could see where the county could put away three to five thousand a year for the next 5 years to work on this project.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to have the County participate in the amount of \$5,000.00-\$25,000.00 and Commissioner Romrell authority to sign the letter stating that. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Marla Vik gave commissioner a Fremont County snowplowing criteria rating sheet. This sheet was put together showing some possible values and weights for criteria for snowplowing. What was talked about at the last meeting was to include:

No. of year-round residents

No. of homes per 0.10 of a mile

Proximity to a plowed route

Type of roadway, i.e. gravel, paved, dirt, drainage

Type of terrain- this would have to be reviewed on a case by case basis.

The commissioner would like to have her bring in some examples of how roads would qualify to be added to the plowing routes.

Commissioners would like to purchase a used CAT. Commissioners would like to put this on the same contract as the roller while they are looking to get a low interest rate.

Willie Tuescher from DEQ came before the commissioners to discuss the Keller Water Quality Study and would like him to define a few things.

DEQ and EPA have limits for e-coli. Typically 400 is something they start to look at and at the Boat Club the highest was 4. Less than 1 for the fecal chloroform and there is always some in the water. There is a higher number in the summer due to the heat. It is temperature dependent and could have something to do with population. This is not something for alarm. In Island Park all surface water there were not alarming high numbers for e-coli. In McCrea's and East Buffalo have high levels. Elk Creek Station has also typically had high areas.

Commissioners asked why they would continue to monitor when they are testing the well. It is more important that they test on those areas that are higher than the others.

If an individual has a test done they are not required to submit the test results.

Commissioners would like to cut back on the testing next year, and might want to concentrate on the ground water testing.

Clerk Mace asked what the cost for the water test would run. Willie stated that these tests would be about \$12 to \$13 per test, and focus more on ground water.

Commissioner Romrell stated that they would like to look at cutting some of those costs.

Mr. Atchley asked if it would be good to test some of the little rivers that run into these big streams.

Mr. Tuescher recommends that they do ground water testing on those sites that have shown some high levels.

Sheriff Ralph Davis presented a 911 maintenance contract for the 2008 year.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Sheriff Davis talked about the snow planes and read the statue. The issue is that they are drinking while doing that and that becomes a safety issue.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC67-2345 (f) to consider and advise its legal representatives to pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation at 4:16 p.m. Commissioner

Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting I, and Commissioner Hurt voting I. Commissioner Trupp was absent due to the weather. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 4:34 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