

Fremont County Commissioners Meeting
Minutes
January 7, 2008

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

Also present were Prosecuting Attorney Karl Lewies, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Treasurer Patricia McCoy, Sheriff Ralph Davis, and Deputy Clerk Suzanne Bagley was present to take minutes.

Also in attendance 5-C Detention Administrator Trent John, Planning & Building Administrator Jeff Patlovich, Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler, EMS Director Mary Lou Davis, Extension Office Representative Dana Miller, Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey, IT Administrator Lisa Turner, Public Works Director Marla Vik, and Island Park Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter.

Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open.

Commissioner Romrell offered the opening prayer.

Commissioner Trupp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheriff Ralph Davis reported that there are currently 20 inmates in custody.

He reported that the Sheriff's Office is approximately three weeks away from having the Bullberry program up and running. The Sheriff's Office will also be asking for a server sometime in the near future and stated that this should be taken out of the 911 funds.

Sheriff Davis reported that there were several tickets issued this weekend in the Island Park area. They no longer have the "fix it program" and they will just be writing citations on snowmobile registration violations.

Jim Miller who has worked in the jail has retired and they will be ordering a plaque. Sheriff Davis reported that Bud Holjeson has been offered a job in Bear Lake County. They have offered him \$20.00 per hour and the Sheriff could not compete.

E-Force should be up and running in about three to four weeks. The data is being transferred as we speak.

Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey talked about the fire plan that was submitted by the county. Jeff Patlovich wrote the plan and they sent a letter stating that this was a top notch plan and they would like to use it state wide as a model plan.

Keith Richey talked about a plan for chemical spills in the event of an emergency. He will be offering training through the year and will keep commissioners updated.

Public Works Director Marla Vik stated that if all goes well the Salem Bridge will open January 17, 2008.

Stone Bridge estimates will be coming any time.

Inspection reports on the bridges came and she recommends that the Ora Bridge be repaired and that some funding be applied to the Fun Farm Bridge.

Parks and Recreation talked about snow machines in the wrong places, and that several citations were given this weekend.

Keller and Associates have promised the water quality study by the end of the week.

Marla Vik has some ideas for recycling programs at the landfill and would like to go into the schools.

Dan Lostutter stated that they have elected not to run the snowmaking systems last week, but they will be looking at running it this week. Dan Lostutter stated that the cloud seeding program has been working and as of this morning they had 16" of new snow.

Commissioner Hurt commended the Road and Bridge crews for the work well done on the roads, especially when they had to run on Christmas Day. The public has been pleased and they have had a lot of good positive comments and asked that Marla thank the Road & Bridge crew for a job well done.

Marla Vik will bring names for those who have agreed to serve on the Sewer Advisory Board.

Planning & Building Administrator Jeff Patlovich stated that the commissioners will be meeting with the Planning & Zoning commission tonight from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Jeff Patlovich stated that there are a number of buildings through out the County that have not gone through the process of obtaining a permit of any kind. They hope to work with Attorney Lewies to correct this problem.

Jeff Patlovich stated that there are a lot of flyers that are advertising bogus subdivisions from out of state real estate agencies, and they are working to find out how other counties are dealing with this problem.

Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler had commissioners sign a grant application. This grant is for purchasing herbicides only so they can make it affordable for land owners to spray. This will cost the land owners ½ the price for the herbicide plus the labor. The amount of the grant was \$81,039.00. There will be no additional costs to the counties.

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

The county surplus sale will be held in April and department heads should be looking for surplus to have to Bryce as soon as possible.

Assessor Kathy Thompson stated that the circuit breaker program is underway and the deadline is April 15, 2008. They will be going to the Senior Citizens Centers and other public places to help those who may qualify.

She stated the nation has seen sales slow down, but they have not seen many changes here in Fremont County.

Motor Vehicles has not seen a slow down. They have also seen about 3-6 registration done on line each day and hope to see an increase. There was a lot of

discussion about the registration and fuel tax monies. Commissioners feel that this is something that they could look into closer.

EMS Director Mary Lou Davis stated that the ambulance that was damaged had a hole in the brake line and it is going to have to go in for some repairs. They thought that they were in good condition, but now they are down one ambulance at the Ashton Unit.

Dispatch has done a wonderful job, there have been a lot of calls this week and they are glad for all the help.

Mary Lou Davis would like to have some shelves built at the EMS Building. She did not feel that this would cost a lot of money.

Sheriff Ralph Davis would like a place to house the Sand Rail. The Stud Mill would be a good secure location for the Sand Rail. This would help Mary Lou Davis with some storage space. This would be stored at the Stud Mill.

Commissioners gave permission for Mary Lou Davis to build the shelves. Commissioners would like to make it a goal to look for space.

Extension Office Representative Dana Miller let commissioners know that she will be in the schools in the month of January doing 4-H presentations.

Treasurer Patricia McCoy stated that they are going to go with Access Idaho for all accounts and credit payments in the Assessor's, Sheriff's and Treasurer's Office. They have a new Sewer LID billing system through Cassel. People are not happy with the sewer system monthly billing, but there has been a lot of money invested in the program and therefore we are going to work with Cassel to make this go.

IT Administrator Lisa Turner had nothing to report at this time.

5-County Detention Administrator Trent John has hired a new therapist Therrell Owens. There are 32 juveniles in the detention center at this time. This number is down for now.

There will be a state audit in two weeks; his department will be busy with that.

Prosecuting Attorney Karl Lewies had nothing to report.

Commissioner Romrell received a letter from Judge Walker recognizing the efforts of Darrin Burrell and Kent Dummer, also a letter to Commissioner Hurt thanking him for the help in remodeling the courtroom stating it should be one of the nicest in the State.

Commissioner Romrell thanked each of the employees for a job well done and for all the work that the employees have done. A special thanks to the Road & Bridge Department for a job well done for making the roads on Christmas Day so good. Each of the individuals in Road and Bridge were entitled to a day off just like any other employee, but they got the job done.

Commissioner Trupp had nothing to report other than he appreciates the roads being plowed and those who work had to keep it clean.

Commissioner Hurt had nothing to report.

Steve Taylor owner of Taylor Storage in St. Anthony came before the board. He does not understand why he has to be charged for small items that he brings to the landfill. He is asking why commissioners charge for this.

Commissioners explained that about a month ago these fees were dropped and they no longer charge the \$5.00 fee.

Items to discuss:

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the casualty loss form for Bruce and Patti Crapo for two months. This was due to a fire. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Gene Williams sent commissioner an Application for Tax Exemption. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to deny this application due to the fact that he has not demonstrated any financial hardship. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Linda Deamicis also has a previous application with the County Commissioners. Attorney Karl Lewies stated that he and Linda Deamicis Attorney are working on the issue.

Commissioner Romrell read a liquor catering permit for Island Park Lodge. This catering permit will be for January 11, 2007. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the catering permit. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve one junior college application. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to sign the joint powers agreement for the law library for the courts. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Public Works Director Marla Vik came before the commissioners to give her weekly department reports.

Road & Bridge:

Marla Vik would like to discuss an upgrade to the fuel system card/key an updated system. Mary Lou Davis would kick in an additional \$6,000.00 to update the system. Commissioners would like Marla Vik to come back with a recommendation.

The Salem Road Project is coming along nicely. The Bridge should be open January 17, 2008. The final concrete pour is happening today.

Commissioners signed a letter to ITD about transferring the \$300,000 from the Salem Bridge project that came in under budget to the Mesa Falls Project.

They are in the process of putting together criteria that could be used to make decisions about adding mileage to the snowplow routes.

Marla Vik gave commissioners the results from the 2007 bridge inspections. The sufficiency rating of the Ora Bridge has dropped to 38.4. She recommends we apply for funding for replacement in the meantime there are some interim repairs that should be completed. She would like to engage a structural engineer to help draw up a plan to complete those repairs. As far as the Fun Farm Bridge, Marla has contacted three companies to give proposals for the sonic testing, but have heard back from only one company so far. Hopefully she will hear from others this week. There are two other small bridges she recommends we replace this spring with precast concrete bridges. There are 12 additional small bridges with sufficiency ratings ranging from 49.3 to 58.9 that Marla will be reviewing to see what repairs and maintenance needs to be accomplished. Marla Vik was given permission to go ahead with the letter for funding for the Ora Bridge.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the Snowmobile By Laws Resolution #2008-04. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session by Idaho Code 67-2345 paragraph (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 agent at 1:38 p.m. to discuss a Road and Bridge Personnel issue. 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 1:45 p.m.

Planning & Building Administrator Jeff Patlovich came before the commissioners to discuss approximately 5,000 acres of land that would be affected by the Loosli Amendment. Mr. Patlovich requested that he be able to have Lisa Benson for one month. Mr. Patlovich is currently sharing secretary duties with Economic Development Specialist Cathy Koon and just informed the Board of Commissioners of this decision.

Public Hearing to Adopt the 2006 International Building Code and Fee Schedule January 7, 2008

Commissioner Romrell read Ordinance No. 2008-01 An Ordinance of the County of Fremont, A political Subdivision of the State of Idaho; adopting the latest version of the International Building Code including appendices C and I; adopting the latest version of the international residential code including, parts I-VI, IX and appendices H; adopting the latest version of the international energy conservation code; adopting the latest version of the international mechanical code and the international fuel gas code; providing exceptions and amendments thereto; providing for fees; providing for severability; repealing conflicting ordinances; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Romrell explained the purpose of this.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve Ordinance #2008-01. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners reviewed Resolution #2008-02. This is a resolution amending the fees for administration of the Fremont County building code, setting forth the fees of the administration of the Fremont County Building code, setting forth the time that certain fees are due and payable, and establishing an effective date hereof.

This has been advertised and they have gone through the proper process. Commissioners have the uniform fee schedule.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-02. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell closed the hearing.

Vern Harris came before the commissioners to ask commissioners if they would be interested in a property exchange. This property is located in Island Park. Commissioner Romrell would like to know if there is an urgency. Commissioners would like to make sure that the snow is gone, before they make any decisions or commit to anything. Mr. Harris is not in any hurry, but would like to know if this is something they would be interested in.

Commissioners will have Attorney Karl Lewies write up a letter of intent and have it ready for commissioners to sign at the next meeting.

Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey asked commissioners for permission to buy a surplus vehicle from the BLM. The vehicle that he currently is driving is not even in a condition to be given away. The cost of the vehicle would be \$10,750.00 for a 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to allow the purchase authorization a vehicle from the BLM. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the following members for the Snowmobile Advisory Board:

Margine Eastman
Kevin Phillips
Kevin Schultz
Ryan Funke
Kent Fisher
Bill Smith

These individuals will serve for a three year term. Commissioner Hurt would like Park & Recreation Director Tamra Cikaitoga to write up some sort of letter notifying these

members of their term. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the agreement for E-Force for the Cities of Ashton and St. Anthony. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Board of Equalization for the Missed Roll
January 7, 2008

In attendance for this meeting were Commissioner Paul Romrell, Commissioner Donald Trupp, and Commissioner Skip Hurt.

Assessor Kathy Thompson and Deputy Clerk Suzanne Bagley were also in attendance.

Commissioner Romrell declared the Board of Equalization for the Missed Rolls open.

Assessor Kathy Thompson stated that no one had made any appointments.

No one was in attendance for this meeting.

Commissioner Romrell closed the Board of Equalization.

Commissioners will no longer meet on the second Monday of each Month.
Commissioners will try this for a while and see how this works.

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

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Suzanne Bagley, Deputy Clerk

