

Fremont County Commissioners Meeting
Minutes
January 9, 2006

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

Elected Officials: Meeting with the commissioners on the regularly scheduled monthly meeting were the elected officials: Prosecuting Attorney Karl Lewies, Treasurer Patricia McCoy, Sheriff Ralph Davis, Clerk Abbie Mace,

Commissioner Trupp declared the meeting open.

Commissioner Trupp asked who they should put on the Committee of Six. Commissioners will ask Lacey for suggestions. Commissioner Trupp gave an update of the last FEAC meeting.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to nominate Paul Romrell as Chairman of the Commission Board. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Commissioner Trupp voting I, Commissioner Hess voting I, and Commissioner Romrell voting I.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of potential litigation. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Commissioner Trupp voting I, Commissioner Hess voting I, and Commissioner Romrell voting I.

Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open.

Commissioner Romrell stated that we wanted to express his appreciation to Commissioner Trupp for his service as chairman. Commissioner Hess also expressed his appreciation for his service as chairman also. Commissioner Trupp expressed his appreciation for the support of the commissioners.

Sheriff Ralph Davis met with the commissioners he stated that Deputy Jailer Jim Miller is getting a heart transplant as we speak. He also reported that there are currently 25 inmates in county custody. He reported on the jail inspection that was just conducted. He reported on some concerns with the Snowmobile Trails not going to area businesses in Island Park. He also reported that there seems to be a high compliance rate with snowmobile registration on the trails. He has concerns that Highway 20 is categorized at a level 2 highway. Sheriff Davis will check into this further. Sheriff Davis presented the commissioners some statistics on the jail history.

Treasurer Patricia McCoy had nothing to report.

Prosecuting Attorney Karl Lewies met with the commissioners he updated the commissioners on the Dirk Parkinson hearing. He updated the commissioners on the

Grube case. He updated the commissioners on the burglaries in Ashton. He stated the windows have been replaced in the Prosecuting Attorneys Office. He would like blinds on the winds. He got a bid of approximately \$1,100.00 from Showcase Interior. Commissioners would like to have two other bids before making a decision. Commissioner Hess had questions on the Rasmussen cattle guard issue. Karl has received documents from the newly created homeowners association. He is in communication with their legal counsel.

Clerk Abbie Mace met with the commissioner. She asked the commissioners for more information to prepare for the special work meeting on January 20, 2006. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous commissioners meeting. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to sign a grant application to the Idaho Highway Safety Grant for Five County Detention. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Fremont/Clark Economic Development Specialist Lacey Ekberg met with the commissioners to discuss the possible acquisition of property in Island Park from the Forest Service. She has a meeting planned with Larry Craig's office and the new forest supervisor for our area. She suggested the commission go for new land that the county needs. Ambulance Coordinator Mary Lou Davis stated that she would need a minimum of 1 acre up to 5 acres in the Mack's Inn area for ambulance needs. Commissioner Romrell would like to see a possible location for the Ambulance, Library and Sheriff's Holding Cell. There are concerns with the expansion of the landfill and spray fields for the sewer systems. The commissioners agreed that we would need a minimum of 5 acres up to 10 acres, it was suggested the best location for property would be in the Mack's Inn area near the entrance to Coffee Pot campground, or possibly in the Elk Creek area. Commissioners asked Lacey about her recommendation for a Committee of Six, Linda Foster from Island Park. She is on the City Council and a business owner. Lacey also suggested Jim Griffith from the Warm River area. Commissioner Hess made a motion to appoint Linda Foster on the committee of six. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Mesa Falls Scenic Byway Advisory Committee Members Jerry Funke and Linda Janssen and Mayor Teddy Stronks met with the commissioners to request a letter of support for the Mesa Falls Corridor Management Plan. They explained the proposed corridor, with several sites, including the City of Ashton, Hugginsville Corner Overlook, Cave Falls, Warm River, Teton Overlook, Bear Gulch, Lower Mesa Falls, Upper Mesa Falls, Harriman State Park and City of Island Park. They showed what the signs will look like. They presented a draft of the corridor management plan. The final plan will be finished this week. They also asked for a resolution of support by the commissioners. Commissioner Hess made a motion to support the Scenic Byway Advisory Committee by Resolution 2006-03. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor. They will also send a letter of support for this project.

County Appreciation Committee members J'Lene Cherry, Blake Bowman, Dana Miller, and Cathy Stegelmeier met with the commissioners. They wanted to reaffirm that they will have the money budgeted for this committee. Commissioners agreed.

Juvenile Probation Officer Darin Burrell met with the commissioners to request the purchase of a vehicle for his department. Commissioners asked Darin to get them at least two bids to present to them. Darin presented the commissioners a report entitled Broken Windows Probation. This is his philosophy of Juvenile Probation. He also reported that he has visited with the sheriff to improve drug awareness.

Judge Keith Walker reviewed with the commissioners the year's statistics of court ordered fines and infractions for 2005.

Roy and Kathy Stegelmeier met with the commissioners to discuss the counties Planning & Zoning Comprehensive Plan; Mr. Stegelmeier presented a written statement voicing his concerns. Commissioner Romrell stated that we all want to see a new comp plan. In December the commissions decided to hire a full time professional planner, and are in that process. The commission hopes to have a plan completed before the end of 2006.

Commissioners interviewed potential candidates for the part time custodian position.

Planning & Building Administrator Karen Lords and Building Inspector Jon Laux met with the commissioners to request the purchase of a used vehicle for the Planning & Building department. Karen presented estimates for a used vehicle:

- St. Anthony Motors 2005 Trailblazer for \$17,300 with a trade in.
- St. Anthony Motors 2003 Trailblazer for \$11,300 with trade in.
- Cole Chevrolet 2005 Trailblazer for \$17,995 with trade in.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to purchase the 2005 Trailblazer from St. Anthony Motors with trade in for \$17,300. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Karen Lords informed the commission that the annual Contractors Meeting will be held on March 3, 2006 at Fall River Electric in Ashton. Commissioners agreed to have the Planning & Building Department hold this meeting.

Social Services Director Debbie Adams asked to meet with the commissioners in executive session for the purpose of indigent claims. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of indigent claims. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Trupp voting I, Commissioner Hess voting I, and Commissioner Romrell voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open. Commissioners signed four new liens, one release of lien, one facts findings and conclusion of law, one order of dismissal and one Order of Reimbursement. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve case #G2006-25,

approve case #G2006-27, approve case #G2006-30, approve case #G2006-31, approve case #M2006-21, deny case #M2006-12, deny case #M2006-13, deny case #M2006-14, and deny case #M2006-16. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

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Board of Equalization
Assessed Missed Roll
January 9, 2006
2:40 p.m.

Commissioner Romrell declared the Board of Equalization open.

Commissioner Romrell asked if there were any requests to come before the board. Hearing none the Board of Equalization for the Missed Roll was closed.

Commissioner Romrell declared commissioners meeting open.

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

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk