

Fremont County Commissioners Meeting
Minutes
March 31, 2008

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

Also present were Prosecuting Attorney Karl Lewies, Clerk Abbie Mace and Deputy Clerk Suzanne Bagley was present to take minutes.

Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-05 declaring April as Fair Housing Month. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Social Services Director Debbie Adams asked to meet with the commissioners in executive session. 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 8, Idaho Code; at 12:55 p.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Trupp voting I, Commissioner Romrell voting I, and Commissioner Hurt voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 1:06 p.m. Commissioner signed on new lien. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve case #M2008-17. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Items to Discuss:

Commissioners Clerk and Commissioners conference will be held on June 10-12.

Clerk Mace talked about the NACO Prescription Drug Program. There is no reimbursement and both pharmacies in Fremont County are already participating members of Care Mark which administers the program. She gave commissioners an agreement to look over and stated that no one in Southeast Idaho is participating. This program is for the uninsured and the underinsured. There is no cost or benefit to the County, other than for indigent purposes.

Commissioners would like to talk to the two pharmacies and see what their feelings are about this before making a decision.

Clerk Mace stated that they are looking at a 10 week wait once you are signed up for the program. Clerk Mace will visit with both pharmacists in the county and report back to commissioners.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2008. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell read a liquor license application for Lazy Trout Lodge. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the liquor license for Lazy Trout Lodge.

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

Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler met with the commissioners and asked permission to purchase a radio for one of his new trucks. Bryce will contact Keith Richey to see what kind of radio will work. Commissioners granted his request.

Bryce Fowler invited a commissioner to look at Bonneville County's weed shop to see what we need to do to comply with the state if we build or remodel a shop. Commissioner Trupp will go and take a look at this.

Bryce Fowler would like to hire an assistant supervisor to help with the weed crew this summer. He indicated that most of his time would be focusing on the Milfoil grant. Chance Eckman who has been on the summer crew for a few years is who Bryce would like to have supervise the summer crew while he is working with training, milfoil and any other problems. Commissioners suggested a \$1.00 raise for the summer supervisor would be sufficient. Bryce Fowler stated that he would also like a raise. Compared to other counties and an increased work load, he would like to see his wages be somewhat comparable. Commissioners would like to look at this again next week.

Fairboard Member Sid Keller gave commissioners some suggestions for Fair Board Members. Commissioners were given the names of the following individuals: Bill Angel, Jamie Hymas, Lee Edlefsen, Laura Ellis, and Emmy Hill, and asked that they all be approved. Members already on the Board are Sylvia Vollweiler, and Sid Keller. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve the following names to serve on the fair board: Bill Angel, Jamie Hymas, Lee Edlefsen, Laura Ellis, and Emmy Hill. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Sid Keller will find addresses for Clerk Mace.

Fairboard Member Sid Keller and Search and Rescue Commander Brett Mackert came before the commissioners to discuss the county audit report. Commissioners asked that the same cash procedures be followed by the Fairboard and the Search and Rescue as follows: all checking accounts reconciliation statements will be done on a monthly basis with a copy of this turned over to the Fremont County Treasurer. No one had a problem with this, and both members in attendance stated that this will be done.

Search and Rescue would like to take a drive with commissioners and see what county properties might be available to build a search and rescue building on. Commissioners stated that they would be happy to do this at any point.

Human Resource Director Cindy Niebruegge came before the commissioners to discuss some of her duties and responsibilities.

When asked by commissioners what some of her goals were, she indicated that she would like to work on the Personnel Policy, files, and getting to know the employee's and departments.

Commissioners would also like her to review budgets with departments and consistencies to the payroll. Commissioner Romrell would like to see merit raises given to those employees who deserve them and not just a cost of living to everyone regardless.

Job descriptions have been done. They have not been updated for quite awhile, but they are available.

Commissioners would like to see this done within two years. Each week commissioners would like Cindy to come to them with questions and they will give her direction or answer them.

Commissioners discussed organizational charts to better help her with names and positions.

Commissioners approved SHERM membership for Cindy under Fremont County. This is specifically for new laws for HR people. Clerk Mace and Cindy will develop a budget that they can present to the commissioners next week.

Commissioners would like a copy of what was discussed in the audit for next week when department heads and elected officials meet.

Attorney Lewies asked for some short term goals. A list of things for the new HR person will be done and introduced next week.

Public Works Director Marla Vik would like the new HR person to address the exempt and nonexempt employees, and would like to see it addressed sooner then later.

Commissioner Romrell stated they have placed Planning and Building Administrator Jeff Patlovich on Administrative leave with pay and that Molly Knox is acting as Administrator.

Public Works Director Marla Vik came before the commissioners to discuss the proposed Roadway Standards Ordinance. Commissioners would like to take a copy home to review. Commissioners will agenda this item on April 7, 2008.

She also reported that DEQ has set aside grants for counties in the amount of \$2,000 to help pay for disposal costs for household hazardous waste (leftover products such as paints, cleaners, oils and pesticides.) Bonneville County is holding a Household Hazardous Waste collection event on May 9th and May 10th. Madison County plans to hold one this fall. Several other counties in the area are coordinating with Bonneville County for this event. A contractor from the Salt Lake area will take and properly dispose of the collected HHW. She suggested working with Madison County in the fall, but DEQ does need to know if Fremont County wants to participate.

Commissioners would like to see how this works for Bonneville County and then go with Madison in the fall to participate.

Mr. Dan Davis had made an appointment to meet with the commissioners but did not show up.

Assessor Kathy Thompson and Commissioners discussed the possibility of forgiving taxes for those buildings that have been damaged by the heavy snow load this year. It was decided that they will deal with this on a case by case basis, and they will each have to fill out a casualty loss form. These applications will be reviewed in the monthly Board of Equalization.

Commissioners discussed the hardship application on parcel RPA0002054011A A. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to forgive taxes in the amount of \$516.38 and

late charge and interest of \$5.16. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners discussed the ECIPDA/City of St. Anthony building and Attorney Karl Lewies and Assessor Kathy Thompson will look over this issue. Commissioners have not yet made a decision on this. Commissioners will review this next week.

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

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace Clerk