

Fremont County Commissioners Meeting
Minutes
April 2, 2007

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

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

Department Heads in attendance were Island Park Sewer Foreman Dan Lostutter, Economic Development Specialist Cathy Koon, Public Works Director Marla Vik, Road & Bridge Foreman Blair Jones, Ambulance Coordinator Mary Lou Davis, GIS Administrator Bonnie Moore, IT Administrator Lisa Turner, Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler, Juvenile Probation Officer Darin Burrell, Park & Recreation Tamra Cikaitoga, and Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey.

Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open.

Sheriff Ralph Davis offered the prayer.

Assessor Kathy Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Abbie Mace read the editorial from the Island Park News. Commissioner Romrell commented on the article and stated that with everyone working together and pulling together as a team, that the decisions that are going to be made in Fremont County will be monumental.

Sheriff Ralph Davis reported that there are 20 inmates currently in custody. Sheriff Ralph Davis reported that 80% of those in the jail are drug related. He stated that the 911 GPS is working on Altel cell phones and will have more on board soon. He also reported that several of his deputies have been attending bomb training in New Mexico.

GIS Administrator Bonnie Moore reported on the GIS conference in Vegas, Nevada and she has been working with Road & Bridge. April 14, 2007 Bonnie will be leaving to New Orleans to for a conference on GIS and public safety and is being paid through a grant from Homeland Security.

Bonnie Moore reported that the biggest thing she came away with from the conference in Vegas was that addressing is critical. She asked the commissioners where they want to go with this, and that we will need to work together as a County.

Juvenile Probation Darin Burrell talked to commissioners about the Montana Meth project and never has there been this much money set aside for use of drug awareness and for treating the problem. Darrin Burrell stated that Idaho is keeping up with the national statistics for juvenile suicides.

Public Works Director Marla Vik stated that she has received a letter from LTACH to start the Mesa Falls project. Marla Vik will work with Sheriff Davis for road closures, and other safety ideas.

Marla Vik asked the commissioners to adopt the Concept Report for the Mesa Falls Seal Coat project which is being paid for by a grant.

Commissioners will look at the capital improvement plan for the coming years. Marla Vik asked commissioners about some employee classification questions. Commissioners will discuss this at the April 19, 2007 commissioners work meeting.

Parks and Recreation has a lot of clean up at the Golf Course and they will the work with Darin Burrell for some community service hours.

Economic Development Specialist Cathy Koon attended a meeting with Marla Vik at ITD to discuss funding issues.

Cathy Koon attended an RDA funding meeting and stated that they are getting \$100,000 for possible funding.

The 12th west project has been recommended for funding.

Cathy Koon reported on the town meetings that have been taking place.

April 19, 2007 at the Annex Building is the next FEAC Meeting.

Cathy Koon stated that her office is in Summit Magazine and has generated some good publicity.

Cathy Koon let commissioners know that she has invited the Governor Butch Otter and his wife to the Relay for Life ceremony to be held in St. Anthony this summer.

Island Park Sewer Foreman Dan Lostutter reported that he and Marla Vik have met a couple of times to go over several issues.

Dan Lostutter has advertised for part time help in the summer, and for someone to clean the rest room during the summer.

Dan Lostutter reported that he and John Nelson had gone back to Kansas City to look at the Smith and Loveless factory and to look at above ground pumps.

Dan Lostutter gave commissioners the annual report for the year.

Dan Lostutter reported that they are not making snow at this time.

Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler reported that the date for the surplus sale will be April 20 and 21 at the Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bryce Fowler is working with Lisa Turner to get a web site for the Weed Department.

Bryce Fowler asked about how the revised comp plan will deal with weed control in new developments. Jeff Patlovich or Joshua Chase would be the ones to address these questions to.

Assessor Kathy Thompson asked Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler if the County did independent spraying. Bryce Fowler reported that they do for the cost of the chemicals.

Kathy Thompson stated that April 15, 2007 is the deadline for circuit breaker and homeowner exemption.

Park & Recreation Tamra Cikaitoga reported that there is low water in the Ashton reservoir, but there is water at Henrys Lake.

There has not been much of a snow grooming season, but the Golf Course is open.

There will be an increase in the snow mobile registration fees of about \$10.00. She is concerned this will be detrimental to our county and people may not register there snowmobiles, and will also cause problems for Law Enforcement.

Tamra Cikaitoga would like to know if the commissioners would like a meeting Mike Titus on the North American Trail. Commissioners will discuss this further.

Tamra Cikaitoga would like commissioners to write the Governor a letter regarding boating regulations and not to forget the drift boats. She will draft a letter for commissioners to review.

The groomers are going to look at trying a rubber track on one of the groomers next year.

Tamra Cikaitoga has talked with West Yellowstone for a contract for grooming for the next year.

IT Administrator Lisa Turner reported that there are few problems with the phones, and they are working on this.

Clerk Abbie Mace received a letter from the City of St. Anthony regarding their Area of Impact. Clerk Mace will look into this matter further.

Clerk Mace talked about PRIMA training. PRIMA will have one day training on May 3, 2007 in Idaho Falls all are invited to attend. This is for Risk Management training.

The grant application for funding for Cathy Koon position is due in May and Clerk Mace wanted to make sure that this application was not over looked.

Clerk Mace reported on her trip to Boise and the closed Primary Elections.

Commissioners would like to meet with the Forest Service and BLM at their next work meeting to discuss several issues.

Clerk Mace will be sending out budget requests at the end of the month.

Attorney Karl Lewies asked how the recording system is coming along for hearings.

Attorney Karl Lewies reported to the commissioners that he has been working on the Stephens Ranch decision.

The Woodlands hearing will be held Tuesday April 10, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex Building.

Attorney Karl Lewies stated that at some point they will have to respond to the City of St. Anthony's request for the area of impact, and whether the County would like to renegotiate those boundaries.

Attorney Karl Lewies talked about the letter that was sent to the Planning & Zoning Board to remand the moratorium back to the board.

The Facts Findings and Conclusion of Law for the Appeal of Gunbarrel at Shotgun Subdivision will be ready for final review on April 16, 2007.

Attorney Karl Lewies reported on the criminal side of things. Virgil Barg is on probation and has been given a letter as to the junk car ordinance.

Chad Ball has been charged with three counts of mining without a permit. This is located out in the Fort Henry Estates.

Attorney Karl Lewies is working with Sheriff Davis on a noise ordinance for fireworks mainly to be used during the 4th of July and the 24th of July.

Attorney Karl Lewies asked commissioners if they would once again like Fremont County Residents to participate in the cleanup of junk cars in Fremont County. Previously residents were paid \$5.00 per vehicle. Marla Vik Public Works Director reported that free clean up week will be May 7-19 for the St. Anthony Landfill. Island Park's clean up week will be June 3-9.

Commissioner Hurt talked on the renovations in the Court Room that will be happening. This will require a public works licenses for anyone who would like to bid on the project. This will happen in June.

Marla Vik and Commissioner Hurt will meet with the BLM and the Sand Dunes and some of the issues. This year they are projecting approximately 400,000 users.

Commissioner Romrell asked about the nine properties that will be tax deeded on the 14th of April. Treasurer McCoy explained that they will be deeded to the county at that time. Then the Commissioners needs to decide if they want to auction the properties or hold them.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (b) at 10:52 a.m. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Commissioner Romrell voting I, Commissioner Trupp voting I, and Commissioner Hurt voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 10:57 a.m.

Attorney Karl Lewies asked about delinquent mobile home properties. Treasurer McCoy stated that she will not start this process till after the June collection.

Sheriff Ralph Davis came before the commissioners to discuss the Motorola Radio Study that they would like to do. The Sheriff would really like to see Teton Communications do the study. This would cost \$3,000.00. The idea is to have a regional plan in place to be inoperable. This will also include Wyoming and Montana.

Commissioner Hurt asked if this would be frequency management. Sheriff Ralph Davis stated that he would be willing to have someone give the commissioners a brief presentation.

Sheriff Davis stated that there is a lot of grant money available if we have a plan in place, but monies will not be available if you do not have a plan.

Clerk Abbie Mace has some budget concerns should they find that through this plan that this could cost thousands of dollars to implament the plan.

Sheriff Davis said this plan could be available in about a month and we are not committed to anything. Sheriff Davis will schedule someone to come up and give a brief presentation.

Public Works Director Marla Vik Public Works came before the commissioners to discuss the Salem Bridge. This has to go before the ITD board and then Salem Bridge is pretty much a go.

The Mesa Falls seal coat project needs a signature and cost estimate. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to sign a concept report for the Mesa Falls chip seal coat project. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Marla Vik has asked commissioners to look at revamping the Road Improvement Capital plan every five years. The Reclamation Road will still be the number one priority. Number two would be the Salem Parker Road.

Commissioners would like to see a cost estimate to replace the bridge on the Salem Highway that is located approximately ¼ mile from the county line also known as the Mortensen's Bridge. They would like this to be top priority.

Commissioners received an Idaho Public Works Standards Sheet. This has testing procedures, and diagrams and helps the builders and the county all be on the same page. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to direct Attorney Lewies to draft a resolution to accept the Idaho Public Works Standard most current edition. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Marla Vik is about through the draft the sewer ordinance. Attorney Karl Lewies suggested that all those involved meet before they present this to the commissioners.

Dan Lostutter received a letter from Thomas Brooks wanting to develop on both sides of Trout Hunters. This causes great concern for SDC charges and sewer issues. Dan Lostutter will look into this further.

Marla Vik would like to meet with Gary Campbell from Ponds Lodge and let him know of what is expected for sewer line inspection. Attorney Karl Lewies suggested that all correspondence be done in writing.

Landfill-

Blair Jones asked what hiring procedures the commissioners expect for the landfill and especially for summer help. This person has been budgeted for and commissioners will leave this up to Marla Vik to decide.

Commissioners discussed clean up rates during the free clean up weeks. White goods, tires, and dead animals are free unless, freezers, refrigerators then they are \$25.00 because the free-on needs to be removed.

Parks and Recreation –

Marla Vik stated that there needs to be extensive cleaning at the Golf Course and she will be working with Darin Burrell for help with this.

Tamra Cikaitoga received a grant for the Johnny Sack Cabin, and also for the Stone Bridge for the toilet.

Tamra Cikaitoga also is working for some boat dock monies. Marla Vik asked commissioners asked who would be the entity to contact for certifying asbestos inspector in mobile homes to be demolished. Commissioner Trupp stated that DEQ would be the contact person.

Commissioners would like a name of an individual that would be willing to go and inspect trailer homes.

Stephen Loosli came before the commissioners to discuss to transaction for a sale. Mr. Loosli would like to purchase approximately 58 acres and does not know the market value. Mr. Loosli is willing to enter into an agreement some conditions done by the state and others being his own request.

Mr. Loosli gave commissioners a purchase agreement summary to look over and review. Commissioner Romrell stated that this would be the kind of land that he would like to see developed.

Attorney Karl Lewies stated that this should be sold through the county at a public auction and that it should be appraised.

Mr. Loosli stated that he would like an option to purchase. They are interested because they would like some control over the neighborhood.

Attorney Karl Lewies advised the commission that it would be prudent to have an appraisal done with the public access and that would help commissioners determine and to have a much more of an accessible option. They would like to offer a 70 ft. wide easement. Jeff Patlovich Planning and Building Administrator stated that the 60 ft. easement is the only one that he is aware of. Marla Vik Public Works Director stated that the 70 ft. easement is done on the North end of the County.

Commissioner Trupp stated that he would like to get answers to a lot of unknowns here before any decision is made.

Commissioner Romrell stated that in his mind it does not change the value of the gravel pit.

Commissioners asked the question if they grant the easement or not.

Mr. Loosli stated that the only reason Clem Atchley is interested in the property is to keep Mr. Loosli from obtaining the property.

Commissioner Trupp agreed that he would like to see this used for tax revenue and commissioners will table this decision until later in the afternoon.

Commissioners continued discussion with Mr. Loosli.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to grant a private easement to Mr. Loosli and Commissioner Romrell will second the motion pending so conditions that will be addressed next week with Mr. Loosli. Commissioners tabled the vote for one week. Commissioners will have an appraisal done at the expense of the county.

Commissioners directed Assessor Kathy Thompson to have someone from her office to an appraisal on behalf of the County.

Commissioners suggested that Mr. Loosli have his own appraisal done so that they would have somewhat of a fair market value to look at.

Planning & Building Administrator Jeff Patlovich will not be presenting the Silverhawk II Final Plat. The taxes were not paid on the property yet.

Attorney Karl Lewies read commissioners the proposed Fremont County vehicle use policy. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve Resolution # 2007-06 the new Fremont County vehicle use policy. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Sheriff Ralph Davis talked to the commissioners about stipend pay for the reserve officers. Sheriff Davis would like to be able to pay the reserves at \$25.000 a shift for level one reserves, level two at \$20.00 and level three at \$15.00.

Commissioner Romrell asked if this was in the budget and Sheriff Davis stated that he would know more by tomorrow. Sheriff Davis indicated that there are approximately 10 reserves. Commissioner Romrell would like Sheriff Davis to come back next week and give them more of an idea on funding.

Treasurer McCoy and Assessor Kathy Thompson asked commissioners about the annual FILT payment. As per Commissioner Romrell the county agreed to go with the State values at 50% collection rate in comparison to the previous year.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC67-2345 (b) at 2:56 p.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting I, Commissioner Hurt voting I, Commissioner Trupp voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 3:16 p.m.

Commissioner Trupp made motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Hurt 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 pursuant to IC 67-2345 (b) at 3:17 p.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting I, Commissioner Trupp voting I, Commissioner Hurt voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 3:50 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