

Fremont County Special Commissioners Meeting
Minutes
April 30, 2007

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

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

Sheriff Davis reported that there are 20 inmates in county custody.

Clerk Mace and Commissioners addressed the stipend pay issue for the deputy sheriff's that live in Island Park. Commissioners directed Clerk Mace to work with the Sheriff to resolve this matter.

Extension Office Secretary Dana Miller, Extension Agent Janice Stimpson and Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler asked commissioners for permission to hire a person to help for three months. Janice Stimpson was hoping that they would not have to advertise, since it will be for part time summer help only. Commissioners suggested that they follow the advertising process. They will advertise this position for two weeks.

Public Works Director Marla Vik updated the commissioners on the Salem Road project. They are hoping to start on Thursday of this week.

Subcontractor on this project Gale Lim will need to have an agreement written up for the gravel source, just as soon as the tests of the gravel pit come back.

Commissioner Romrell asked about the west side of the Salem Bridge that has historically been a sportsman's access; if it will be considered after the bridge is replaced. Marla Vik stated that it was not included in the plans and would need to be address after the completion of the project.

Commissioner Romrell suggested that for the Salem Bridge replacement; they detour the large vehicles and trailers to the south St. Anthony exit in stead of the second exit because of poor visibility when entering Bridge Street. They would like Marla Vik to look at the possibility.

Marla Vik was not able to make contact with anyone from Jefferson County to talk about the Jefferson County property.

Planning & Building Administrator Jeff Patlovich came before the commissioners to discuss changing the Planning & Zoning Commission. Jeff Patlovich was asked if he had any suggestions. Commissioners would like to have a commission that would work exclusively with the comprehensive plan. Jeff Patlovich stated that the comprehensive plan should be looked at continually to make changes and update the plan. It was stated that 2002 was the last time that most major changes to the comprehensive plan were done.

Commissioner Romrell asked if the planning and zoning commissions are addressed in the comprehensive plan. It was stated that at this time it was not, but it could be done through the proper procedure.

Commissioners stated that the code allows up to nine members on the Planning Commission and currently there are ten. This would mean that one member would need to be removed in order to stay in compliance.

Commissioner Romrell talked about a county owned property that a county resident would like to purchase from the County. This is located near the Bitch Creek. Commissioners made no decision on this property.

Commissioners talked about the 29 acre parcel on the Fall River that they would also like to sell. The commissioners feel that this would be better served to the county to be on the tax rolls. Commissioners will need to advertise for two weeks. Commissioners would also like to have a title search done on this parcel. Clerk Mace will contact Alliance Title to see if this can be completed by Monday May 7, 2007. Jeff Patlovich will check with Marla Vik to see about the property has any wetland issues and report back to the commissioners.

Commissioners talked about the request to expand the impact area with the City of St. Anthony. This would be to renegotiate the Area of Impact. Commissioner Romrell stated that he is not interested in negotiations at this time and neither is Commissioner Hurt.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to inform the City of St. Anthony that they are not interested in negotiating boundary changes to the area of impact and to include the proposed Little Rivers Subdivision at this time. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor. Attorney Karl Lewies will draft the letter for the commissioner's signature.

Commissioners visited with Marla Vik via telephone about road oil prices going up this year, Road and Bridge will only be able to chip seal approximately 40 miles of road compared to 57 from last year. Marla asked the commissioners if they could possibly find additional funds to purchase more oil. She needs to let Idaho Asphalt know how much oil they are going to need for the season this week. Road Foreman Blair Jones talked a little about the location of the gravel and the material thorough out the county. Marla Vik stated they are obligated to purchase 75% of what they order without incurring a penalty. Commissioners authorized Marla Vik to increase the order by 20% for this season. This purchase is based on a piggy back bid from Bingham County.

Commissioners reviewed the grant application to the Idaho Department of Commerce for funding of the Economic Development Specialist. There were a few minor changes. Cathy Koon will make the changes and submit the application later this week.

Commissioners discussed the contract for printing with the Standard Journal. Commissioners would like Clerk Mace to contact Elizabeth Laden from the Island Park News to see if she would be interested in submitting a bid. Commissioners will table this until next week.

Clerk Mace submitted a request from Judge Walker requesting \$50.00 a month towards his cell phone bill that is used for county business. Commissioners agreed that this would be acceptable.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to have IT Administrator Lisa Turner look into cell contracts for the entire county. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Abbie Mace received a letter from Julie Cottrell at the State Of Idaho Supreme Court asking if the Fremont County Court would be interested in participating in accepting credit card payments through the courts. Commissioners were fine with adding this service to the courts. Treasurer Patricia Mc Coy stated that all departments that are interested in setting up or using a credit card must go through her office.

Clerk Mace informed the commissioners about a PacificCorp litigation settlement. Treasurer McCoy will contact PacificCorp to negotiate interest on the settlement.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to authorized Sylvia Vollweiler and Aroher Lopez to sign on the Fair Board checking account. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve a liquor license for El Jaliciense II. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to direct Planning & Building Administrator Jeff Patlovich start the process to amend the development code to change the make up of the current Planning and Zoning Commission to two separate boards a Planning Commission and a Zoning Commission and allow up to twelve members on each commission. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (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 school student at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. Commissioners took a roll call vote with Commissioner Romrell voting I and Commissioner Hurt voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 12:02 p.m.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 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 12:03 p.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting I and Commissioner Hurt voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 12:36 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