

Fremont County Commissioners Meeting  
Minutes  
May 1, 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, Deputy Treasurer J'Lene Cherry, Assessor Ivel Burrell, and Deputy Clerk Suzanne L. Bagley was present to take minutes.

Also in attendance were Island Park Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter, Weed Supervisors Dave Rydalch and Bryce Fowler, Road & Bridge Supervisor Weldon Reynolds and Russ Ader, Landfill Supervisor Butch Nagle, Information Technology Administrator Lisa Turner, Planning and Building Administrator Karen Lords, Parks and Recreation Director Tamara Cikaitoga, EMS Director Mary Lou Davis, GIS Administrator Bonnie Moore.

**Assessor Ivel Burrell** stated that her office is getting ready to send out assessment notices.

**Island Park Sewer System Supervisor Dan Lostutter** stated we are still working on the sewer ordinance rewrite. He asked if the commissioners want to continue with the sewer advisory board due to David Hunter's resignation.

**Landfill Supervisor Butch Nagle** reported that DEQ has some concern with the landfill. Commissioner Trupp stated that Mr. Tom Jerrigen has backed out of putting up the mini race car track at the Fairgrounds. Butch Nagle stated that he would refer any calls about junk cars to the County Attorneys Office.

**Russ Ader Road & Bridge Forman** talked about the problem we are having with individuals scraping the road embankment along the side of the 400 North county road. The County Attorney will look into this further.

Russ Ader reported that the Red Road is open today.

**Road and Bridge Supervisor Weldon Reynolds** reported that the culvert on the reclamation road is causing some flooding. They are watching water levels closely. The Road & Bridge crew has opened Willow Creek Road in Island Park, and they are also watching water levels, because we are having some minor flooding on county roads.

Weldon Reynolds has a list of those who would like Strawberry Lane approach closed, but will need to do a plat vacation according to Planning & Building.

Weldon Reynolds reported on several roads that are still not open, but hope to be by early next week.

IT Administrator Lisa Turner explained to the commission that we are having problems with our nightly back up of the computer system. She asked the commissioners to ask employees to clean up personal photos or files they have saved to the system. Commissioners will send an e-mail to all employees asking them to take these personal

items off the computer, before it is done for them. This is to be done by the end of the week.

**Commissioner Romrell** took the time to thank all those who helped in the process of gathering the information that was used in his trip to Washington DC. Commissioner Romrell reported on some of the issues that were brought up at his trip to DC.

Commissioner Romrell stated that he received a letter from West Yellowstone in a joint effort to receive grant monies. This letter stated that they are looking forward to some joint efforts in the future.

**Clerk Abbie Mace** reported that at the IAC Board of Directors meeting she attended last week. She stated that the Safe Schools monies and that the Title III money needs to be designated by September 30, 2006.

Clerk Mace reported that there will be increase in fees for IAC meetings to be attended in the upcoming year.

Clerk Mace has a list of service available through NACO. Clerk Mace will distribute a list to all Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Clerk Mace talked on HB 718 Electronic Requests of Public Record that will effect Fremont County.

**Noxious Weed Supervisor Dave Rydalch** stated that Bryce Fowler is in the process of hiring his weed crew for the summer.

Dave Rydalch reported that the county surplus sale made \$1,433.17 plus the sale of three vehicles to the City of St. Anthony.

**Planning & Building Administrator Karen Lords** stated to commissioners that 84 building permits have been issued so far this year and 4 stop work orders on buildings; she stated that this is the same as last year.

Karen Lords stated that she has been in contact with Mr. Patlovich who has requested the comprehensive plan, and a copy of the budget to better acquaint himself.

Karen Lords stated that she has hired the seasonal rural addressing person for the summer.

**EMS Coordinator Mary Lou Davis** reported that the First Responder Course has started.

Mary Lou Davis asked for permission to buy a deliberator for the Court House. Commissioners would consider this in the next budget year.

**Park and Recreation Director Tamara Cikaitoga** reported to the commissioners that the parking at the Ashton Reservoir has been expanded in efforts to get ready for fishing season.

The Stone Bridge property has had lots of work done it.

**Attorney Karl Lewies** reported that has been working on the Stevens Ranch issue to negotiate a large scale study.

Karl Lewies stated that Wednesday is the next sewer ordinance rewrite meeting. Attorney Karl Lewies sent a press release to the Standard Journal regarding the junk cars.

Karl Lewies stated that some residents from Grandview Estates have retained council on a dispute with a road in their subdivision.

**Commissioner John Hess** reported that FEAC Board has appointed a board to represent the Hess Museum to apply for some grants. He also stated that Susan Baker was elected as the Chairman of the FEAC Committee.

**Commissioner Donald Trupp** stated that Mr. Jerrigen has withdrawn from the idea for the mini track at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Trupp contacted Mr. Todd Brower about serving on the fair board. He is not interested, but will recommend someone to serve.

Commissioner Romrell commented on the increase on energy costs and the affects that it is having on the County.

Commissioners Trupp made a motion to approve one liquor license for Spurs and Saloon. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Planning & Building Administrator Karen Lords** came before the commissioners discuss the agreement with Forsgren & Associates for a large scale study on the Stephens Ranch Development. Attorney Karl Lewies stated that they were comfortable with the agreement. Attorney Karl Lewies felt that the Planning & Zoning Commission should review this also. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve the Stephens Ranch Large Scale Development Study agreement with the ability to amend the agreement by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Island Park Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter** came before the commissioners to discuss wages for the county sewer operators. Dan Lostutter stated that wages in Fremont County are not competitive for the amount of training that is required. Dan Lostutter submitted a proposed a salary schedule increase. Dan Lostutter would like this scale to be in effect immediately. Commissioner Hess made a motion to approve the proposed salary increases immediately. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Road and Bridge Supervisor Weldon Reynolds** came before the commissioners to review the State/ Local Agreement for Construction Key #06277 and #05687 LTACH Agreement on the Salem Road and Bridge replacement project. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to sign the Agreement and payment of \$170,000.00 payable to the Idaho Transportation Department for the Salem Road & Bridge Project. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners authorized Weldon Reynolds to be able to approve change orders on the Salem Road and Bridge Project.

Weldon gave the commissioners an agreement on the Forest Service Schedule A roads which are joint jurisdiction. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the schedule "A" road agreement with the Forest Service. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Weldon Reynolds commented on the Overhansley Gravel Pit that he would be interested in purchasing from the state.

**Parks and Recreation Director Tamara Cikaitoga** came before the commissioners to ask that they amend Ordinance 2005-06 with Ordinance 2006-03 that will include Stone Bridge fishing access as day use only. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve ordinance #2006-03. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Tamara Cikaitoga asked commissioners take a drive to Frome Park. She proposed eliminating some of the camp sites to be used as for parking access.

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

**Craig McClure from Yellowstone Nation Park** talked with commissioners via phone about the High Country RC&D Grant to be used to identify noxious weeds in the county. Dave Rydalch stated that there may be a problem with having enough GPS units to do this project.

Clerk Mace asked how funds would be handled with this grant. Mr. McClure stated that funds would go through High Country RC&D and Fremont County would act as the employer. This individual would work from mid May to August. Clerk Mace will need to check on some of the logistics into this. Mr. McClure expressed appreciation for the commissioner's support.

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

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Paul Romrell, Chairman

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Abbie Mace, Clerk