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

Also present were Prosecuting Attorney Karl Lewies, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Sheriff Ralph Davis, and Deputy Clerk Suzanne Bagley was present to take minutes.

Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open.

Commissioner Romrell offered the opening prayer.

Commissioner Hurt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assessor Kathy Thompson had nothing to report. The appraisers are finishing up the Ashton area and things are looking good.

Sheriff Ralph Davis stated that 400 North no longer has a right of way and has some safety concerns. This is private property. Attorney Karl Lewies stated that this would have to go through Planning & Zoning.

Sheriff Davis stated that due to the power outage yesterday the generator was put to use, and it did not shut off. They asked permission to have someone look at it. Permission was granted. Sheriff Davis had some concerns as to who would pay for the maintenance. Clerk Mace would have to answer those questions when she came back.

The Sheriff’s Office was not able to get fuel due to the fact that there was no power. They discussed some backup generators in the Road & Bridge Shops at Ashton, St. Anthony, and Island Park areas when these emergency situations arise.

Sheriff Davis stated that there are currently 18 inmates in county custody.

Commissioners discussed delinquent credit cards and asked Sheriff Davis who gets payroll deductions. Sheriff Davis stated that due to illness in his office and other circumstances they were not aware that these payments were late. Commissioners suggested that Sheriff Davis meet with whoever in his office is responsible for this and get this taken care of.

Treasurer Patricia McCoy had to give her social security number to receive credit cards on behalf of the county, and this goes on her credit report. There is also a $35.00 late fee per card.

Attorney Karl Lewies reported that the Rivers Edge Appeal should be filed by the end of the week. There should be a decision by the end of April.

Woodlands at Bills Island will be filed next week and the only issue is the loop system and the 1000 ADT.

Treasure Patricia McCoy asked that commissioners not put the estimated tax values on the notice. The problem is that it confuses the public and there are a lot of specials and it just creates confusion.
Commissioner Hurt reported on his meetings that he attended for the 700 MHz radios, with firefighters and thought the meeting went well.

Commissioner Hurt attended a meeting up in Island Park for an EMS/City Building. There is a special use permit, and they were fine with that, they just want to make sure that their building inspectors are allowed to look at the plans and approve them. They just want to make sure that the building will take care of the snow load. They have been talking about this for about six months and now have been able to meet.

Commissioner Hurt discussed the building damages done to the courthouse buildings and they discussed where they will go from there.

Commissioner Romrell stated that they had a busy week and stated that they did not reach a decision on the cabin rentals, and they will have a third hearing this summer.

Thursday they had meetings, to hire the Human Resource Director and they will continue with that today.

Friday they had a meeting with the Search and Rescue for their annual banquet and thanked their people for their services. The Search and Rescue would like a building and they are working towards that.

Commissioner Trupp had nothing to report.

Attorney Karl Lewies has a draft ordinance for the purchase of School District Property. They would retain the property until May 30, 2008 as of June 1, 2008 the County would retain property. They make no claim to the building, and they make no warranty to the title. Commissioners will request that they warranty the title. Commissioners would like the title company to search this out.

Commissioners would like to give them until June 1, 2008 to salvage. This would have to go through the bidding process. Commissioner Hurt will put something together and have this ready to go.

Tony Haffla from Teton Communications came before the commissioners to give them a proposal for some radios.

Mr. Haffla now has been informed that Fremont County and Madison County have received a grant together for $40,000.00 to purchase some radios that would put Fremont County ready to run on these grants.

Funding has been an issue, but now that these grants have been received they can now talk about putting a committee together to see how these funds are going to used and make their decision.

There is a year from the award date to have it organized and spent.

Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey stated that they would like to see the match come from the 911 funds. He stated that they just do not have the funds from the other agencies.

Mr. Richey will chair the committee, we will need representatives from Fire, EMS, Sheriff, Search and Rescue, Cities, Karen Daw from the Schools and Commissioner Hurt will represent the Commissioners.
Commissioner Hurt made a motion to sign the P-25 Radio System Agreement. 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 11:00 a.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 11:05 a.m. Commissioners signed one new lien and one release of a lien. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to deny case #G2008-44, approve case # G2008-46, and deny case # M2008-12. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler came before the commissioners to discuss the inventory for the County and the need to hire a full time person for the weeds. He would like to hire Emmy Hill full time as a secretary for the Weed Department. Commissioners talked about the benefits and other things if she were to go full time and who she would be working for.

Mr. Fowler stated that he has been working hard on the Milfoil grants and it is looking promising.

Commissioners would like to have the surplus done by April.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Manley scheduled a presentation from Ed Lion and Dave Dahams from the State Parks and Recreation to talk about a boating safety grant. This grant is received annually from the State Parks and Recreation and they talked about funding sources given to the County and also gave a power point presentation.

Public Works Director Marla Vik came before the commissioners to give her report: Road & Bridge: The final version of the Roadway Standards is ready for the commissioners to adopt. These have been reviewed by Blair Jones, Russ Ader, Commissioner Hurt and Attorney Karl Lewies. When these were presented two weeks ago, there was a question of what procedure to use to adopt these standards as a stand alone ordinance or as a replacement to Appendix B of the Development Code. We have reviewed each portion of Appendix B to determine if these standards are equal to or more restrictive than the requirements of Appendix B. Chapter 1 Part G of the 2003 Development Code states” When future ordinances, or state or federal law, impose additional standards on activities governed by this ordinance, the most restrictive standard shall apply.” If adopted as a separate ordinance, these standards should supersede Appendix B requirements.

Last week Marla Vik and Commissioners discussed that of the 5 locations assessed with the snowplowing criteria sheet Morningview Subdivision with 85 points was the only one over 50 points. Attorney Karl Lewies and Mrs. Vik have reviewed the plat and the streets were dedicated to the public, so this will be a road that will be maintained in the future.
Sewer system: Forsgren Associates completed their annual review of the capitalization costs of the sewer system and determined that the current hook up fee of $4,250.00 is appropriate and does not need to be changed at this time. Commissioners agreed with this recommend at this time, and they will make no changes.

**Extension Agent Janice Stimpson** came before the commissioners to see what positions need to be replaced in the extension office. Commissioners would like an Agriculture person to hire.

The selection process will be taken care of by Janice Stimpson. This position will be funded by the University of Idaho, but they will invite a commissioner in on the hiring process, and anyone else that would like to attend. The Home Economic Specialist will be shared with Clark County. The Extension Office is looking for a full time secretary to help with the work load. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to allow Emmy Hill to move from a part time position to a full time position when the extension positions are filled. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Juvenile Probation Supervisor Darrin Burrell** came before the commissioners to give his quarterly report. He gave commissioners a report on the case load. As of tomorrow they will add 10 to the list. On a local level they are seeing a lot of changes on the funding of treatment. Now treatment is covered by the state, but they do not think that this will last a long time. He stated that they feel they are very efficient and for dollars spent they are doing very well. He talked about prescription drugs and how minors have become high off these over the counter and medicine cabinet drugs. (Commissioners would like to see businesses and individuals take initiatives to see what would make business aware of this rather then have an ordinance to mandate this.)

**Board of Equalization**
**March 3, 2008**

Commissioner Romrell opened the Board of Equalization at 3:40 p.m. in attendance were Commissioner Romrell, Commissioner Trupp, and Commissioner Hurt, Assessor Kathy Thompson, and Deputy Clerk Suzanne Bagley was present to take minutes.

Commissioner Romrell asked Mrs. Bagley if proper notice had been posted.

Mrs. Bagley stated that it had been posted with the agenda.

No one was in attendance and no appointments had been made.

Hearing closed at 3:41 p.m.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC67-2345(a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. This paragraph doe not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office at 3:58 p.m.
Commissioners took a roll call vote with Commissioner Romrell voting I, Commissioner Trupp voting I, and Commissioner Trupp voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 3:25 p.m.


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

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Attest: _____________________________
Suzanne Bagley, Deputy Clerk