

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2012

Present for the meeting was: Commissioners Skip Hurt, Lee Miller and Jordon Stoddard.

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Laura Singleton,

Commissioner Hurt called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

County Agent Lance Ellis

Mr. Ellis proposed to the commissioner changing their office hours during the winter months. They would like to close the office on Fridays during the months of November thru mid March. Mr. Ellis stated that during the winter the office is very slow on Fridays. Monday is typically their busy day. Mr. Ellis stated they will get their 40 hours in Monday thru Thursday. Commissioner Miller stated that he would like to have a set date that we could tell the public that these will be the winter hours. The Commissioners also stated the office hours need to stay consistent from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. These hours will be in effect November 1st through March 15th. The Commissioners agreed that this would be fine but to make sure the hours are posted so the public knows. Mr. Ellis stated that he will have his cell number available so people can still reach him on Fridays if they need to.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion on the levies. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

There was brief discussion on the proposed levies.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to accept the levies as proposed. Commissioner Miller seconded motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Treasurer J'Lene Cherry RE: Service Landfill Fee

Ms. Cherry discussed with the commissioners about charging landfill fees for the Buffalo Campground and the Forest Service Station in Island Park. The commissioners agreed to charge landfill fees for the Buffalo Campground which will amount to \$4,027.22. For the Forest Service Station they will charge \$109 for each duplex and for each home. For each bunkhouse they will charge \$33. They will charge a small business fee for the Ranger Station.

Parks and Recreation Director Tamra Cikaitoga

Mr. Newkirk discussed purchasing the 4-wheelers from the Weed Department. He stated the reasons that Parks and Recreation have for purchasing the 4-wheelers. The 4-wheelers have really been more efficient and cost effective for putting up signs for the winter season. Also they have used the 4-wheelers when putting out the boat docks.

There was discussion on the restroom at the Fun Farm Bridge. Ms. Cikaitoga stated that they will need to fix the problem there. The restroom was not placed in an appropriate spot. The restroom will need to be raised in order to keep water out during the spring.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to amend the agenda to include the opening of bids for the canal bridges jobs. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Opening Bids for Canal Bridges

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to accept the low bids on the canal bridges upon Marla Vik's review. Bridge #1 was awarded to Cannon Builders for the amount of \$92,170.50. Bridge #2 was awarded to DL Beck for the amount of \$69,068.45. Bridge #3 was awarded to DL Beck for the amount of \$64,564.04. Commissioner Stoddard seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor. Commissioners did not award Bridge #4 there was not enough funding to complete this bridge.

Conference Call with HDR Engineers and Marla Vik RE: Ora Bridge

HDR Engineers talked with the commissioners about the concerns the commissioners have over the costs involved with the Ora Bridge. He presented some other options to consider for this project that would be considerably less than what were predicted. One option that was presented was a three pier structure that would cost about \$3.4 million which would be within the amount budgeted for this project. No approach costs were figured into this amount. To fix the existing bridge it would cost about \$1 million but that amount could go up quickly if the bridge's condition is worse than expected. Typically on rehab projects the costs tend to go up because you just don't know what you will end up doing on these. Sometimes you end up putting a lot more money into it than originally planned. The time life for new bridges is about 75 years. If you fix an already existing bridge the time life is not nearly as long. It may only last 20 to 25 years. HDR Engineers stated that they may be able to complete this project at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million.

He also stated that this bridge will need to be closed for about a year and a half to finish the job if they choose to rebuild in the same spot.

There is some concern with putting two piers in the water. To rebuild the existing bridge there would have to be two piers in the water also. Commissioner Miller would like to find out what the environmental issues will be. He also would like to find out if we can get some additional funding to help pay for this project.

Marla Vik stated that she would like to pursue the option of building a new bridge in the new location. She will find out what Fish and Game and Army Corp. opinion is on putting two piers in the water.

Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli RE: Department Report

Mr. Loosli stated they are still trying to get the Old Osbourne Recreational Bridge painted and sealed. He stated that he has given direction to Mark Seeley and Terry Martindale to get the bridge painted. Mr. Loosli feels that the employees have the time to do it now. The Snowmobile Agreement with the Forest Service is still an ongoing issue that needs to be resolved. Mr. Loosli reported that people are still continuing to golf at the golf course. He also stated his office has been busy issuing building permits. There is a meeting with Planning and Zoning tonight. They are working on a contract with the City of Island Park so the county can do their building inspections. There was discussion on doing skype interviews with applicants for the Planning and Building Administrator job next Wednesday, October 24th.

Social Services – Debbie Adams Re: Indigent Claims

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 3, title 9, Idaho Code at 11:30 p.m. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Stoddard voting "Aye", Commissioner Miller voting "Aye", and Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye". Commissioner Hurt declared the meeting open at 11:33 a.m. Commissioner Miller made a motion to deny case #M2012-45. Commissioner Stoddard seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all in favor.

Work Meeting on Partial Vacation of 244 North in Wilford

Present for the meeting were: Commissioners Skip Hurt, Lee Miller, and Jordon Stoddard.

Also present were: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Abbie Mace, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Public Works Director Marla Vik, and Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli.

A proposal was made to narrow the road from 99 feet to 60 feet. Marla Vik stated that in 1989 it was stated that roads should be 60 feet wide. Commissioner Hurt asked Marla Vik if we have narrowed any other roads in the Wilford town site. It was stated that one other road on the Meservy property was also narrowed to about 50 feet. It was also stated that that road does not have any traffic on it.

Commissioner Hurt asked Ms. Vik if she foresees any traffic hazards by narrowing the road. Ms. Vik stated that she does not.

Commissioner Hurt asked Ms. Vik if there would be any disruptions to the plowing pattern. Ms. Vik stated there should not be any plowing problems.

There was a little discussion on the speed limit of the road. Ms. Vik was not sure of the speed limit on the road. In the hearing, it was stated that the speed limit is 35 mph.

The commissioners questioned if the road was narrowed and the right of way given to the property owner, would there be utility easement issues? The utilities are buried along the road but there are also power poles located along the road.

If the road is going to be narrowed, the best option would be to go out 30 feet from the centerline of the road on both sides.

Attorney Joette Lookabaugh stated that if you leave the road as it is the county may have potential liability issues from a third party. If you narrow the road, the county gets rid of the liability issues.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion that they leave the road as is. Commissioner Miller seconded. Commissioner Hurt voted no to leave the road as is. The motion passed by a 2/3 vote.

Work meeting closed at 1:38.

Work Meeting on the County Highway Map

Present for the meeting were: Commissioners Skip Hurt, Lee Miller, and Jordon Stoddard

Also present were: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Laura Singleton, Public Works Director Marla Vik, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Greg Newkirk, and Debbie Davis.

Commissioners discussed the public comment on the proposed County Highway Map.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to keep the road in the Ashton Hill Estates private, to leave the RS2477 road on Ty and Tuk Nedrow's property open and to close the road that runs East-West, to change the road on John Nedrow's property from public to private, to make the road on the Fullmer's property private, to keep the road that JT Beech discussed public, and to keep the Cold Springs Road public. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Work meeting was closed at 2:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve minutes for September 26th and September 28th. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the claims for October 15, 2012 as presented. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve minutes from September 24th and also the public hearing minutes on September 27th with corrections. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to sign the contracts with the Bank of Idaho renewing the contract on the zipper and the grader. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners in favor.

Skip Hurt, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk