

**FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 3, 2012**

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

**Also attended by:** Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jeanie Chavez, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Sheriff Len Humphries, Public Works Director Marla Vik, and Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh

Commissioner Hurt called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Commissioner Hurt offered the prayer and Assessor Kathy Thompson led the pledge.

**Elected Officials**

Assessor Kathy Thompson reported her office is starting property reduction applications. No new issues at this time.

Sheriff Len Humphries reported there was some slide offs and 1 DUI occur over the weekend. He reported 13 male inmates in custody. There is 1 female being housed in Madison County. He is working with employees who have returned from the National Guard. Some officers are completing online training from the Sheriff's Academy. There was a discussion regarding the inmates paying restitution for jail time.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh reported courts will be very busy tomorrow. She received several calls from officers over the weekend. Ms. Lookabaugh reported 1 mental health issue and 1 domestic. Some civil issues will be attended to this week.

Clerk Abbie Mace stated she gave the information about the Safe Haven Institution in Pocatello to Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh. There was a discussion regarding facilities that hold involuntary mental health patients. They discussed alternatives to BHC. Ms. Mace stated declaration of candidacy forms are now available for people who want to run for office. The voting process is starting. Next week she will start her IAC legislative meetings that are held every two weeks. She will start holding tailgate meetings for ICRMP this week. She needs all attendance sheets turned in to her.

Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter reported there is about 2 feet of snow in Island Park. He reported some drain and valve issues. There was no damage done. He is hoping to hear from the Forest Service regarding 50 acres for weed spraying. There has been no main lines freeze. Dan has completed all the tailgate meetings for his staff. Commissioners thanked him for attending the meeting this morning.

Commissioner Lee Miller reported he will continue to work on the waste to energy plant. There was a discussion regarding the contract with Dynamis; he will give it to Ms. Lookabaugh for review. Commissioner Miller thanked Ms. Lookabaugh for working with the public resolving issues. He appreciates her talking with people to keep them out of court. He reported the deliveries for Christmas with EMS went well. The families were very appreciative of the gifts.

Commissioner Jordon Stoddard reported he enjoyed the holidays. He discussed the restroom project at the Senior Citizens Center in Ashton.

Commissioner Skip Hurt reported he attended lunch at the Senior Citizens Center and visited with folks. There was a discussion regarding Tri County Probation Drug Testing Lab. He stated Bonneville County is going to contract with a lab in California to run their drug tests. Commissioner Hurt would like to continue using our lab in Madison County. The Sheriff can have drug results back in 2 hours. We will try to get other facilities to use our lab. One to five panel drug screens are

performed, also ETG tests are ran which will detect alcohol in the last 48 hours. Our lab has been operating for about 5 years and is doing great. Commissioner Hurt received a call from Steve Pinther who stated there are some counties filing a Lawsuit regarding the redistricting. Idaho Association of Counties is not participating in this.

**Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli RE: Seeley Farms Short Plat**

Mr. Loosli presented the Seeley Farms Short Plat to commissioners. This will be a single building lot used for a heritage site. This will be a 3 acre building lot. This Plat has been coordinated, and is compliant with the Land Trust Committee.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to sign the Seeley Farms Short Plat. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli RE: Department Report**

Mr. Loosli reported Tom Howell has expressed he is interested in becoming a member of the Planning & Zoning Committee. Interviews with applicants will be scheduled for next week. Mr. Loosli reported he received a letter from an attorney representing Brigg Gardner. He owns land behind HK and Madison County Gravel Pits. Mr. Gardner is requesting to put a gravel pit on his property which is in City of Teton area of impact. Mr. Gardner would like to get the Gravel Application completed. The City of Teton does not currently allow gravel pits within their area of impact. There was a discussion regarding the areas of impacts. Mr. Loosli reported the USDA Grant has been submitted for solid waste technical service performed at the landfill. This will be granted on earth day in April 2012. Mr. Loosli stated GIS is requesting to purchase a license for software. There was a discussion regarding FEMA and flood areas. Mr. Loosli stated there are places that have had flooding, and the location is not on the Floodplain Map. Mr. Loosli stated he will be in Boise tomorrow to represent Fremont County at a P&Z Meeting. He requested an employee review with commissioners in executive session.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to sign the Consent to Assignment and Substitution of Parties in conjunction with owners of the Rivers Edge Subdivision. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve a Computer Software Purchase called 3D Analyst for GIS Department. This will come out of the I.T. Budget for \$2250.00. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the agenda for an executive session with Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Skip Hurt 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, or staff member of individual agent, or public school student; at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Lee Miller voting "Aye", and Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye". Commissioner Skip Hurt declared the meeting open at 11:45 a.m.

**Social Services – Debbie Adams Re: Indigent Claims**

Commissioner Skip Hurt 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 9, Idaho Code at 1:14 p.m. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Lee Miller voting "Aye", Commissioner Jordon Stoddard voting "Aye", and Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye". Commissioner Skip Hurt declared the meeting open at 1:27p.m.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve case #M2011-34. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners signed one lien release.

**Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: Department Reports**

Sewer System: Ms. Vik and Dan Lostutter reported Last Chance lift station No. 1 is having problems and needs upgraded. Mr. Lostutter stated he would like an above ground Smith & Loveless pump system. He will start doing the engineering and then accept the bids. This will be a summer project. There was a discussion held regarding different types of lift stations. Commissioners thanked Dan Lostutter for all his hard work, and knowledge of the sewer systems in Island Park.

Road and Bridge: There was a discussion and a comparison with Bonneville County salary increase charts. There was a discussion held regarding Subdivision Road Maintenance. Ms. Vik presented a spread sheet to commissioners to show what roads are being maintained by the county. Ms Vik requested to change the quarterly meeting with R&B Crew from January 9<sup>th</sup> to January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Landfill: Well Water tests for 2011 are completed. There were 4 tests at each of the 6 wells. This process will begin again in May 2012.

**Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Miller made a motion to pay claims as submitted for January 3, 2012. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners accepted a donation from the Fremont County Rotary Club for \$313.50 to be used for the food pantry.

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Skip Hurt, Chairman  
Fremont County Commission

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abbie Mace, Clerk