

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 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 Work Director Marla Vik, Chief Deputy Treasurer J'lene Cherry, and Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh

Commissioner Hurt called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Commissioner Miller offered the prayer and Deputy Clerk Jeanie Chavez led the pledge

Elected Officials

Assessor Kathy Thompson reported her office has been busy with calls as well as people coming in regarding Circuit Breaker.

Chief Deputy Treasurer J'lene Cherry reported Tax Cancellation amount at \$5,022.57 for the month of February. There are currently 95 parcels with 2008 unpaid taxes; she indicated the Treasurer's office will start working on the tax deeding process this week of these parcels. There was a discussion held regarding the tax deeding process and the amount of information that would be published in the newspaper. This could be a lot of wording and get costly.

Sheriff Len Humphries reported he has an internal opening for a sergeant. There was a discussion held regarding radio communication. He stated he knows of a VHF Radio System available for purchase. This is the radio equipment that EMS needs. He will discuss this issue with Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh is working on a response to the appeal on the Draper Case, and waiting for a decision in the Huber case. Her office has been busy with misdemeanors and there have been some delays on a few felonies. She has proceeded with the case regarding misuse of funds and mistreating a vulnerable adult. Ms. Lookabaugh attended deposition with Deputy Holjeson. She was very impressed with how well it went. She reported people have come to her office for direction with small claims cases. She stated she was impressed with the Caucus held last week. Ms. Lookabaugh reported a lot of harassment going on with face book.

Clerk Abbie Mace reported her office very busy. She reported an update of candidates who are running and stated it's the most she has seen. There will also be 2 tax levies and a school bond on the ballot. This will be a very large ballot. The Presidential candidates will not be on the Primary Ballot in May. Her office will mail out Absentee Ballots 45 days before the election. She reported the senate bill S1371 will allow us to put the non partisan issues and candidates on the Republican and Democrat ballots. She is working on getting the ballots ordered. There is a huge interest this year. Next month she will start sending out budget requests for FY2013.

Commissioner Miller reported he also enjoyed the Caucus. He thought it was a great event and went well. He gave an update on the Waste Energy Plant in Dubois. He plans to attend the public meeting tomorrow regarding the Ora Bridge Project. That will be very interesting. He gave results from the East Idaho Public

Health District quarterly report and inspection results. There are 348 clients from Fremont County who qualify for programs our East Idaho Public Health District Facility offers.

Commissioner Stoddard reported a chimney liner being installed this morning. He attended the Waste Energy Plant Meeting in Dubois.

Commissioner Hurt reported Dynamus has the best technologies for Waste Energy Plants. We will move forward with transfer station. Commissioner Hurt attended a St. Anthony City Council Meeting. There was a discussion held regarding plowing snow at the airport. The city is requesting the county to do the plowing. Liability issues will have to be assessed before a decision is made. The City is requesting help from the county with their chip sealing of roads this year. The county will provide the equipment and labor and the city will pay for the oil and chips. There was a discussion about electrical work being updated at the airport. He reported Public Works Director Marla Vik has filed to run for Commissioner in Bannock County.

EMS Director Bob Foster RE: Radio Narrow Banding

EMS Director Bob Foster reported EMS is in need of an upgrade Radio Narrow Banding System. He presented the bid from Teton Communications. They discussed the total costs for a new repeater could be around \$18,000 to \$20,000 for each department to do the replacement. Sheriff Humphries will speak with Teton Communications to compromise the dollar amount of monthly costs. Mr. Foster spoke about the 700 System, and radios used by Road & Bridge. There was a discussion held regarding types of radios, upgrades, and the cost of them. Bob Foster reported costs of transporting patients from the sand dunes. This issue will be discussed next week at a meeting with BLM.

Carlos Aponte RE: Quarterly Insurance Update

Carlos presented the Large Claim Report YTD; this is from October 2011 through January 2012. This report does not show run outs. He reported some problems with Chiropractor visits. Those issues are now resolved. Carlos reports Pacific Source is doing a great job. They respond back quickly and employees are satisfied with the coverage and costs. He presented the total on medical cost as well as RX cost.

Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler RE: Boat Wash Agreement/ Department Report

Mr. Fowler discussed boat washes and presented the MOU between ISDA and Fremont County.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between The Idaho State Department of Agriculture and Fremont County. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Mr. Fowler reported he attended MPDS training last week. He requested to increase his part time secretary into a full time position to deal with the increased reporting to comply with the new Federal Regulations. Commissioners want him to report back with more information on this. He stated a few things do not meet code at the shop. The containment of the chemicals is an issue. Code requires the ability to contain at least 600 gallons and not be located next to the restroom. They discussed upgrades that could be made to the building. Mr. Fowler will meet with Ms. Wanda Adams to discuss possible grants. There was a discussion held regarding Boat Inspection.

Damon Ridley RE: Gem State Paper & Supply

Mr. Ridley thanked the commissioners for their time. He spoke about IPA Program. Gem State is not associated with, or authorized to be part of the IPA pricing. The prices Gem State offers are actually cheaper than the IPA price. There was a discussion regarding janitorial supplies we use. Gem State offers an inventory system that could be very beneficial to keep track of supplies. Mr. Ridley stated the minimum order amount is only \$50.00. He is in St. Anthony every Wednesday for delivery. Commissioners stated they would like to continue to order with Gem State.

Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: Landfill Fees for JCC

There was a discussion regarding the landfill fees for JCC and the number of beds they actually have. They also discussed fees that other detention facilities pay in Fremont County. They discussed the percentage increase of landfill fees. This amount is based on the size of business and the amount of beds in their facility. They discussed the number of beds at 5C, JCC, and Work Camp.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to Standardize the Annual Rates based on a fee \$36.34 per bed beginning next year. Work Camp has 240 beds which equals \$8,721.60. JCC is a 128 bed facility plus single family resident fee which totals \$4,761.52 and 5C is a 56 bed facility for an annual fee of \$2,035.04. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Social Services – Debbie Adams Re: Indigent Claims

Commissioner 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 1:06 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 1:10 p.m.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve case #M2012-7. 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 to discuss a Plotter/Scanner Machine with IT Department for the annex building. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

I.T. Department Josh Warnke RE: Plotter/Scanner for the Annex Building

There was a discussion held regarding purchasing a new Plotter/Scanner for the annex building. Mr. Warnke presented the bid information to commissioners.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to allow the I.T. Department to purchase a Plotter/Scanner for the annex building in the amount of \$7,698.00. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to include 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 Hurt made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement; at 1:23 p.m. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor. Commissioner Hurt declared the meeting open at 1:47 p.m.

Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli RE: Department Report

Mr. Loosli reported he met with Ron Larson regarding HVAC inspections. We do not do our own inspections; we have been using the State. The liability issue about a private contractor doing the inspections is the county would be an issue. The state currently holds the liability because they issue the permits. Mr. Loosli will report back to commissioners with information he gathers regarding this.

Chad Bauer RE: Late Taxes

Mr. Bauer stated he owes 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 taxes. He stated he has not been able to receive financing to take care of this debt. He owns 14 different parcels in Island Park. He stated he would have some funding available in about 2 weeks. He sold a business in Utah that he will be receiving payment from. If he is able to pay the \$122,000 for 2008, this will keep his property from being Tax Deeded. There was a discussion held regarding the date this must be paid. Mr. Bauer agreed to pay the 2008 taxes by March 26th 2012. He will be assessed the cost that has been incurred for the tax deeding process to that date. Mr. Bauer is also concerned with an issue in Island Park regarding the garbage. He stated that people leave a lot of garbage behind when camping. Mr. Bauer requested for Fremont County to place garbage containers at the RV Dumping Station at Mack Inn during the summer season. The guests are leaving their trash in business owned dumpsters instead of taking it to the Landfill.

Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: Department Reports

Road and Bridge: Ms. Vik reported the gravel crushing quote of \$45,100 was less than anticipated and is a good unit price. She requested to crush another \$5,500 worth of rock while they are there.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to add \$5,500 to the \$45,100 to crush rock with a spec that is richer in clay to use in road stabilization. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

There was a discussion held about supporting the Federal proposed legislation of the Casey-Blunt Off-System Bridge. Ms. Vik stated she received the final drawing and legals for the Right Of Way Acquisition on the Stone Bridge Project. There will be a public comment meeting tomorrow from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Ashton Community Center for the Ora Bridge Design. There was a discussion held regarding changing a job from being a full time truck driver to being a part-time mechanic/part-time truck driver in St. Anthony Shop and moving the full-time mechanic to the Ashton shop. Commissioners agreed to go ahead with this change when we have a position open. Ms. Vik will advertise the position, and the location, sometime next month. They discussed a Rip Rap Application.

Sewer System: No new issues at this time

Landfill: Ms. Vik will discuss the RFP Draft to design the St. Anthony Transfer Station with commissioners at a later date.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Mace presented a letter to commissioners from Clark County Economic Development Specialist. Commissioners stated they are in support of the Tiger Grant, and will return a letter to Clark County.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the minutes for March 5, 2012 with noted changes. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to pay claims as submitted. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from St. Anthony Police Department regarding a proposed Dog Kennel in close proximity to the courthouse. Commissioner Hurt stated they do not have a problem with the request.

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

Skip Hurt, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk