

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2012

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Laura Singleton, Sheriff Len Humphries, and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Gilman Gardner

Commissioner Hurt called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Commissioner Lee Miller offered the prayer. Sheriff Len Humphries led the pledge.

Elected Officials & Department Heads

Sheriff Len Humphries reported that they have 20 inmates in custody as of today. He also stated that he spent the week out at the fair and it went well. He also stated there were a few accidents reported at the Sand Hills.

Treasurer J'Lene Cherry stated that she spent last week in Lewiston attending treasurer's conference. There was a large amount of training on tax deeding and public administrators. There was a death in one of the Island Park campgrounds last week and she is hoping the family of this person will be able to take care of. Ms. Cherry stated that there is a pickup owned by Mr. Joey Fletcher that the county is in possession of. She stated that we may be able to sell the tools that were in it to pay for some of the expenses that the county incurred from his death. Robin Rivas, is a new employee in the Treasurer's office and has started work today. Ms. Rivas is bilingual which will be great for her office. Ms. Cherry asked the commissioners if there will be an increase in the landfill fees this year. She also questioned the commissioners about campgrounds that may need to be added to the list for collecting landfill fees.

Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Gil Gardner reported that there is a hearing on the Proposed Sewer District Case at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow. He also stated that they are working on a couple cases of people smuggling tobacco into the jail and the work camp. Mr. Gardner stated that it is a felony if the tobacco being smuggled in weighs more than 3 oz. The people responsible for the theft and burglary cases in Island Park area are being prosecuted. The arraignment for these cases is tomorrow.

Clerk Abbie Mace reported that she has had a busy week. She has a new grandbaby girl and both the mom and they baby are doing well. She also reported that she is still working on budget and has submitted a paper for the commissioners to review regarding the budget. Ms. Mace has been working with Servpro on the flooding downstairs from last week. As they were tearing out some of the sheetrock, there was some mold found in the walls so they are taking care of that problem as well. Forms have been submitted to ICRMP informing them of the problem. Ms. Mace reported that we will gather some estimates for the repairs and then go from there. She also reported that the budget should be finalized this week so it can be published in the newspaper. Ms. Mace has been working with Deputy Prosecutor Blake Hall so they can be ready for the hearing on the proposed Sewer District. Ms. Mace also stated that the electrical work that needs to be done at the fairgrounds will need to be figured into the budget for next year.

Commissioner Lee Miller – Received a letter on the termination of Dynamis and a new franchise agreement on the new plant for the Eastern Idaho Solid Waste District. Commissioner Miller also spoke with Dustin Miller from Senator Risch's Office by conference call. Dustin Miller stated that the government is cutting back the amount of money used to reimburse ranchers for the loss of livestock due to wolves. He also reported that they have not had a lot of claims for the month of

August. Dustin Miller also stated that it is getting harder to distribute the money because it can only be used toward non-lethal means of getting rid of wolves and it is hard to find non-lethal ways. There is not a lot of money for the ranchers right now. Commissioner Miller also attended the fair and said it was great. However, the electrical inspection did not go well at the Fairgrounds. Electrical problems will need to be addressed before next year so that will be worked into the budget.

Commissioner Jordon Stoddard reported that the windows have been put in and the door has been put on at the Senior Citizens Center in Ashton. Mr. Stoddard attended the Island Park After Hours meeting at Harriman State Park and reported that it was interesting. Mr. Loosli was one of the speakers. Also Liz Davey from the Forest Service talked about getting grants to remove fire dangers in the area. Nancy Merrill from State Parks and Recreation talked about some of the issues regarding recreational vehicle registrations. She stated that the county should not lose any money that goes to grooming trails and upkeep, which is a major concern for us. Ms. Merrill is aware of the concerns of the county concerning vendors. Commissioner Stoddard reported that the flooding in the Assessor's office was caused by a hole in a waterline. He also stated that a portion of the roof on the jail is going to be replaced and also in the little garage area. Work on this will start around the first of September. Commissioner Stoddard also attended the fair and had a good time stating that there was a lot of participation.

Commissioner Skip Hurt did not have anything to report at this time.

Karl Lewies

Mr. Lewies expressed concern that the board's proposed budget for FY2013 will negatively affect the duties of the Prosecuting Attorney's office. For the past year, the office's budget has covered 5 full-time employees. For the next fiscal year, the office's proposed budget will cover 3 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee. Mr. Lewies requested that the commissioners provide the same amount of funding as the past fiscal year plus an additional \$7,000 in order to adequately staff the office. Commissioner Stoddard asked if Mr. Lewies would continue to have a private practice besides working for the county. Mr. Lewies stated that for financial security reasons, he would continue to have a private practice on the side. The commissioners told Mr. Lewies that they would take his proposal into consideration.

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

Budget

Commissioners reviewed the budget for FY2013.

Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli RE: Department Report

Mr. Loosli reported that they continue to watch and gather evidence regarding Yellowstone Retreat. He also reported there was an issue in the Wilford area regarding the violation of rules on automobiles. The property owner was told he needed to put up a 6 ft. security fence in order to be in compliance.

There have been some issues that have come up in the Planning and Zoning Department, therefore the meeting which was scheduled for August 20th has been postponed. Mr. Loosli stated that he will be in and out of the office this week. Mr. Loosli also reported that Greg Newkirk will now

be teaching a class at BYU-I on Tuesday evenings so he will adjust his schedule on those days in order to leave early so he can teach his class.

Mr. Loosli stated that the Island Park After Hours was a success. He also reported that Nancy Merrill was there. The Department of Parks and Recreation will still keep track of all out-of-state registrations while the Idaho Department of Transportation will keep track of the in-state registrations. The mayor of Island Park has offered to provide a DMV station in Island Park for people to register their machines and also their cars. If vendors were interested in selling registrations, they would need to purchase 25 at a time and then sell them at their store. Commissioner Miller stated that eventually this will all work out. People will realize this new method and get used to it. Mr. Loosli also talked with Nancy Merrill about ways to control costs to equipment and also about getting grant money for various project throughout the county. It was also suggested that fees for the golf course be raised because of the rising costs of fuel and fertilizer.

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 1:06 p.m. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Jordon Stoddard voting "Aye", Commissioner Lee Miller voting "Aye", and Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye". Commissioner Skip Hurt declared the meeting open at 1:23 p.m.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to deny case #M2012-37 and case #M2012-40. Commissioner Stoddard seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor. Commissioners signed 1 new lien.

Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: Department Reports

Road and Bridge – Ms. Vik stated that she has the agreement for the Forest Service to pay back the county for time and materials for fixing the seven guard posts at the South Big Springs Bridge. Our cost was about \$1203, including labor, equipment and materials. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the agreement with the Forest Service. Commissioner Miller seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

The St. Anthony Cemetery district has asked that we chip seal ½ mile of their roadway. They will pay the costs of the oil and chips. Depending on which oil we use, the oil will cost between \$4300 and \$4700 and the chips will be about \$400. The labor and equipment would be donated.

Commissioner Hurt asked Ms. Vik to put together an agreement between the county and the Riverview Cemetery District that can be signed.

Ms. Vik has agreed to present the results of the public meetings on the Official Highway Map at the next commissioner meeting on Monday, August 20th.

Sewer System – August 23, 2012 will be the due date for the proposals for the engineering for the Mack's Inn sewer expansion.

Landfill – Ms. Vik has received a proposal from our hydrogeologist, Tom Wood, from Idaho Falls to write the well drilling plan and supervise the drilling and development and testing of the two monitoring wells for the St. Anthony Landfill. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve Tom Wood's proposal for the well drilling plan for the amount of \$15,400.00. Commissioner Stoddard seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Dave Noel, from Forsgren Associates, gave updates on the Transfer Station design. He also presented information on 5 different Fire Compliance cost options for the St. Anthony Transfer Station.

The costs that were presented were on the assumption that the county would have the ability to lay the pipe. The county does not have people certified to do that kind of work therefore the costs that Mr. Noel presented will most likely go up. It seems that our best option would be to go with option #4 which would be going with a 12" waterline.

He also presented plans for the design of the building and the location for the Transfer Station.

Cortney Jones

Cortney Jones presented some new dental insurance information going through Healthy Choices.

Dan Coates RE: High Top Estates

Mr. Reynolds, representing the owners of the High Top Subdivision, asked the commissioners what steps they need to take in order to have a new bridge built for the entrance to their subdivision. The subdivision is located in Fremont County but the roads inside the subdivision are privately owned. High Top Estates has already had discussions with Stephen Loosli over this matter. Ms. Vik, Fremont County's Public Works Director, stated that we need to check on elevations in this area to make sure we can even do a bridge and be in compliance with regulations. The property owner to the south of the subdivision did not want a bridge to be put on their property. The commissioners stated that the county would not help pay for the project, but would be willing to help put the project together. The commissioners also told them to make sure there are enough people in the subdivision willing to pay for this project. This project would be considered a Local Improvement District (LID). When the project is complete, a bill would be sent out to these people throughout the years for them to pay. The commissioners told them that they(the subdivision owners) are the ones who will shop for a loan and contractor. Clerk Abbie Mace recommended that they contact Mr. Rick Skinner of Skinner Fauscett, who has done work for the county before, about what they need to do for this project. Mr. Reynolds would like to know if they could apply for a 5 year road improvement, where every 5 years the county would come in and develop a road according to county standards. This could only be done if the roads within the subdivision became county owned roads. Questions arose over the roads in the Salem Pines subdivision and why they were so nice. It was determined that the roads in that subdivision were dedicated to the public and not privately owned. Therefore, they are maintained by the county. These people will need to have a public hearing if they want their roads to be public or county owned because this is a privately owned subdivision.

The commissioners asked Ms. Vik to go look at the property and see if it will even be possible to build a bridge in this area according to legal specifications. The commissioners also gave further direction to Mr. Reynolds the subdivision owners to seek the help of Mr. Skinner in finding out what steps will need to be taken to get this problem fixed. Another concern the subdivision owners have is that the property they are proposing to build a new bridge on is for sale. They would like things to be in place for the bridge before the property is sold. Mr. Loosli stated that a contingency agreement could be written up for a right of way before the property is sold. There are definitely options that can be looked at in regards to that issue.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the minutes for August 6, 2012. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the Junior College application for Cheyenne Plank. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the claims for August 13, 2012 as presented. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

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

Skip Hurt, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk