

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
April 30, 2013

Present for the meeting was: Commissioners Lee Miller, Jordon Stoddard and Bill Baxter.

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Laura Singleton, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Sheriff Len Humphries, and Treasurer J'Lene Cherry

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Clerk Abbie Mace offered the prayer. Deputy Clerk Laura Singleton led the pledge.

Elected Officials

Clerk Abbie Mace reported that she attended the IAC Board Meeting in Riggins last week. She stated that they discussed a lot of things having to do with the association. They are anticipating next year's legislation will discuss some more on personal property and Medicaid. The legislative review will be done by webinar on the 15th of May at 10:00 a.m. Things were quiet in the office last week. She also reminded everyone that tomorrow is the PRIMA Conference in Pocatello.

Treasurer J'Lene Cherry stated that she sent out close to one hundred certified letters to property owners about their 2009 late taxes. As of today, there are still about seventy that they have to collect on. She also updated the commissioners on the Red Z properties that they will be meeting on later this morning. Ms. Cherry stated that she would like to be more aware of what money is being spent, especially high amounts, so she can watch our accounts and make sure they do not get too low.

Assessor Kathy Thompson reported things are going good in her office. Her office is working hard to get everything accounted for as far as personal property, new buildings, etc. by May 15th. That is the deadline and after that they can no longer do anymore. They are trying to record every bit of personal property as they can because that is what they will base the amount of money we get for next year on. There was discussion on Home Owners Exemptions.

Sheriff Len Humphries stated the new radio console is working really well and communication between the three counties is working well. The wind yesterday caused some problems on Highway 32. Several roofs were blown off due to the strong winds. Commissioner Miller made a motion to sign the mutual aid agreement with the City of West Yellowstone. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor. Mr. Humphries reported five inmates in custody today. While Mr. Humphries was at the meetings in Riggins, he was able to tour the dispatch center in Lewiston and stated he was very impressed with the way it was set up.

Commissioner Bill Baxter stated he attended a couple of meetings last week. One was with Bryce Fowler regarding weed management. The other was an ECPDA (The Development Company) meeting which was held on Thursday. He reported that there are quite a few projects going on. He also reported on the visit he and Commissioner Miller made to the After School Program in Island Park. They were able to watch a tai kwon do program that the children participated in.

Commissioner Jordon Stoddard stated he has been working on the addition to the weed shop. They have been going over the plans for it and hope to have the final plans back soon. He has also been working on the electrical situation at the fairgrounds and reported that it is almost finished.

Commissioner Lee Miller stated he has had a busy two weeks. He enjoyed his trip but was glad to be back. He attended the meetings in Coeur d'Alene. He was able to sit on a jury last week also.

He expressed appreciation for the legal system that we have in place. He also reported on the trip he made to Island Park with Commissioner Baxter.

**Board of Equalization
April 30, 2013**

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Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Laura Singleton, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Chief Deputy Assessor Barbara Hirschi

Chief Deputy Assessor Barbara Hirschi presented the following properties for exemption on the 2013 tax role:

| 2012 Exempt Roll | | | |
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| Parcel # | Owner Name | Approve | Deny |
| RPA0002064001A | AMERICAN LEGION POST #89 | X | |
| RPA000200000A0 | ASHTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP | X | |
| RPA000200000BA | ASHTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP | X | |
| RPA00020550100 | ASHTON COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | X | |
| RPA0002055011A | ASHTON COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | X | |
| RPA0002056007B | ASHTON COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | X | |
| RPA00020680010 | ASHTON COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | X | |
| PPA0002042007B | ASHTON FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER | X | |
| RPA0002042004A | ASHTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INC | X | |
| RPA0002042007A | ASHTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INC | 80% | |
| PPA00090254050 | ASHTON MEMORIAL INC | X | |
| PPI13N4327360A | ASHTON MEMORIAL INC | X | |
| RPA00090254050 | ASHTON MEMORIAL INC | X | |
| RPI13N43273603 | ASHTON MEMORIAL INC | X | |
| RPA0002037012A | BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH | X | |
| RP00228000028A | BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY IDAHO | X | |
| RPS00000316150 | CHURCH OF CHRIST ST ANTHONY | X | |
| RP07N41E205101 | CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS | X | |
| RP07N39E116900 | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RP07N39E117050 | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RP09N43E306151 | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RP09N45E173900 | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RP09N45E175400 | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RP09N45E182250 | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPA0002085001B | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPA0007000006A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPC0028005001A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPI0066043199A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPI0066043201C | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPI00660451940 | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |

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| RPN0094020001A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPP0106019002A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173023001A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173023004A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173023007A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173023009A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173023011A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173023013A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173024011A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173035001C | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173035001D | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173035002B | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173035004B | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173035008B | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173035011A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173035016A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173035018A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173035018B | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0173035018D | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0177000000A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS0179007001A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPS01990000040 | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPT0200012003A | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPT0200012004H | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPT0200021001D | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPW02260440040 | CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPI00660441970 | CORP OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RPI0066044198A | CORP OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP | X | |
| RP07N39E145703 | EGIN CORP OF THE | X | |
| RPS0173036006C | INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE | X | |
| RP14N44E169001 | OLD FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN RANCH | X | |
| RPS0173005011A | PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | X | |
| RPI0066027145A | REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR | X | |
| RPI14N43351800 | REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR | X | |
| RP13N42E013150 | RICKS COLLEGE | X | |
| RP14N42E366450 | RICKS COLLEGE | X | |
| RPS0173057005A | ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE | X | |
| RPS0173057001X | ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BOISE | X | |
| RPS0188001002A | ST ANTHONY CONGREGATION OF | X | |
| RP12N44E170001 | TETON PEAKS COUNCIL | X | |
| RPS0173061001A | TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF | X | |
| RPS01800366461 | UPPER VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH INC | X | |
| RPS0173064006A | UPPER VALLEY COMMUNITY | X | |
| RPS0173064006B | UPPER VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES | X | |
| RPS0173059007A | YELLOWSTONE MT POST #9425 | X | |
| RPA0002041001A | ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH | X | |

Commissioners approved the exempt role as stated in the above table.

EMS Director Bob Foster RE: Department Report

Mr. Foster stated that there are currently 26 pages of EMS rule changes being proposed to the 2014 legislative session. Mr. Foster attended a lengthy presentation on these changes. He stated that Fremont County EMS is already in compliance with all of the recommended changes. Mr. Foster also reported that the average response time is just under 12 minutes which is excellent for our area. The highest call volume days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and the highest call volume hours are 1 to 9 p.m. First Quarter 2013 patient services billing revenue is \$50,119.25. He also stated that Island Park Sewer has offered to purchase the old St. Anthony ambulance. He reported that the Tait 700 MHz hand held radios have been working excellent. We have been using four of them as demos. Coverage and range appears to be excellent. Teton Communications anticipates that the bulk of the radios will arrive the week of May 1st. The new ambulance for Island Park arrived this morning and everyone was able to go out and take a look at it.

Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler RE: IDOT Agreement & Discuss Seasonal Wages

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to sign the Cooperative Agreement between High Country RC& D and Fremont County. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor. Commissioner Miller abstained from the vote because he sits on the High Country RC&D Board.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to sign the Agreement for Noxious Weed Control between Idaho Transportation Department and Fremont County Weed Control. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

There was discussion on the new pay scale for the seasonal weed workers. Mr. Fowler would like to be able to pay someone who has more responsibilities and supervision skills a little bit more.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to allow Bryce Fowler to hire and pay his employees at three different grades. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor. Mr. Fowler will update the job descriptions to allow this.

Mr. Fowler also stated that Henry's Fork Foundation is going to contribute \$2000 and also provide some interns to help with the boat wash stations this summer. The boat wash inspection training will be held on Tuesday, May 14th.

Sue Christensen & Jaime Smith via phone call RE: Late Taxes on Sand Hill Lots (Red Z)

Mr. Smith gave some history to the commissioners on the status on the properties that they purchased a while ago which are under the company name Red Z. He would like some forgiveness on the late charges and interest that has accrued on these properties. There are 9 lots that he is focusing on currently. They have a total of 24 lots that have accrued late tax charges. Ms. Cherry informed him that if these taxes are not paid up by January of 2014, all of these properties will be tax deeded over to the county. Mr. Smith stated that he will do his best to get these paid up.

Commissioner Miller stated that if he would be willing to pay the back taxes and interest on all of the properties, they would split the cost in half. Mr. Smith stated that with the way things are set up on all of the properties he does not have the ability to pay that. The total of the late charges and interest is \$1104.93. He will need to pay the taxes in full in addition to \$552.47, which is half of the late charges and interest that has accrued. He would need to pay this amount by May 6, 2013.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to forgive the late charges on the 9 lots in the amount of \$552.47 if paid by May 6, 2013. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Abbie Mace RE: Hardship Exemption – Warren Moon

Ms. Cherry updated the commissioners on the Hardship Exemption that has been filed for Warren Moon. Mr. Moon is asking for relief of his 2009 taxes, stating that they will take care of the 2010, 2011 and 2012 taxes. Ms. Cherry stated that she believes there is no way they could possibly pay the taxes for 2009. Commissioner Baxter made a motion to relieve the 2009 taxes in the amount of \$1052.06 for parcel RPA0002091007A. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Social Services – Debbie Adams Re: Indigent Claims

Commissioner Miller 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 1:14 p.m. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Stoddard voting "Aye", Commissioner Miller voting "Aye", and Commissioner Baxter voting "Aye". Commissioner Miller declared the meeting open at 1:31 p.m.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve case #G2013-45, approve case #G2013-46, deny case #G2013-48, approve case #G2013-49, approve case #M2013-23 and deny case #M2013-26. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners signed two new liens and one lien release.

Public Works Director Brandon Harris RE: Department Reports

Public Works Assistant Debbie Davis discussed Webster's Drive in the Henry's Lake area. There has been a controversy regarding two of the roads in the subdivision. Ms. Davis suggested we take the private road off the county road map and declare the other one as a public road. This should probably be done as a road abandonment. The commissioners would like to meet with the county deputy prosecutor before we proceed with anything.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to visit with Public Works Director Brandon Harris later this afternoon to go over more business.

Road and Bridge – JUB Engineers was selected for the Stone Bridge Project. Mr. Harris stated that he will attend the City of St. Anthony council meeting to inform people of the construction work that will be going on regarding the county roads.

The major road projects this year will be the north Parker road (from St. Anthony to Parker) and also the Golf Course Road (700 North). In the Ashton area they will work on Squirrel Creek to Kandler Corner (4500 E from 1000 N to 1100 N). They will also do work on 1300 N from 4150 E to 4190 E. In the Island Park area, they will work on the Old Shotgun Road. They will also be chip sealing roads in the cities of Teton, St. Anthony, and Ashton.

Mr. Harris stated that there has been a lot of sign vandalism. About 20 signs have been affected. He would like authorization to purchase some new stop signs. He also stated he would like to use wood posts instead of the metal posts. The commissioners directed Mr. Harris to go ahead and order the new signs.

Landfills - Mr. Harris stated that he is waiting for responses from Fish and Game for Threatened and Endangered Species and from the Army Corp of Engineers regarding wetlands before we can

proceed with the Transfer Station. He hopes to start advertising for the bid by the middle of May but may have to wait until we get DEQ approval which would not be until the end of May. He hopes to start construction on the Transfer Station in July.

Equipment – Mr. Harris discussed purchasing a crack seal machine for the county. He feels it would be a good investment. The price for one of these machines is \$39,000. He presented several options for purchasing one. The commissioners directed Mr. Harris to find out some more information on leasing and how much yearly payments would be and bring that information to the next meeting.

The Island Park Sewer Department would like to purchase the old ambulance for future video equipment. Mr. Harris also discussed getting a loader from the same place that the sheriff's office got the humvees. Chief Deputy Officer Thad Garner is going to check on that for them.

Miscellaneous – Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Keller Associates to perform the annual water quality testing in Island Park. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Planning and Building Administrator Tom Cluff RE: Department Report

Mr. Cluff reported 31 building permits were issued for the month of April. One permit was a commercial application to expand Chrissy's Chicken. Six permits were for new homes. The Planning and Zoning Commission would like the County Commissioners to attend their combined meeting May 20th at 6:00 p.m. They would like to discuss policies and priorities. Mr. Cluff reported on an article he read in a newspaper recently by Rocky Barker who talked about potential national monument recognition for Mesa Falls or the Yellowstone Caldera. Commissioner Baxter stated that he doesn't like the idea because he wants to see places like these stay locally controlled not nationally controlled. There was discussion on the potential impact this could have on our area. Commissioner Miller made a motion to sign the Professional Services Agreement with LBA Associates to do a Regional Recycling Study through the HUD Grant. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Juvenile Probation Administrator Darin Burrell RE: Department Report

Mr. Burrell presented caseload summaries for the month of April for the commissioners to review. There was discussion on how marijuana is impacting communities. Mr. Burrell stated that there are still people pushing to legalize marijuana and he believes this will be something we will be voting on in 2014.

4H Director Dana Miller

Ms. Miller stated she hired two seasonal employees. She also stated that she will be traveling with kids in the car now. Lance Ellis would like permission to be able to take his son with him in the car when he travels to 4H camp. They would like to use the Senior Citizens van to take the kids up to 4H camp. Justin Wickham has offered to drive the van. The kids pay \$5 each to ride the bus to the 4H camp in Alpine. The commissioners agreed to take the money from their budget to pay for the fuel to take the kids to 4H camp. There was discussion on ways to add more pens for animals at the fairgrounds. They are anticipating that they will need more pens to hold the pigs for the fair this year. There was also discussion on moving the scale to a different location.

Emergency Management Director Keith Richey RE: Wildland Fires and Training

Mr. Richey stated there will be a conference with Homeland Security on Wednesday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m. in his office. Liz Davy, from the Forest Service, is going to be there and he would like the commissioners to be there if they can. Mr. Richey has learned recently that when a fire starts in a particular area, it will be the Fire District's responsibility to pay for the costs. It is going to be the county and fire district's responsibility and they will share the costs. Mr. Richey would also like to schedule a training meeting with the elected officials again. He would like to set a time each month that he could meet with them. The commissioners felt that the third meeting of each month in the afternoon would probably work the best. Mr. Richey also stated they will be holding a functional exercise that will test resources to see what needs to be worked on. Mr. Richey will let us know when that date has been set. Fall River Electric will be holding their annual meeting on June 8th. They would like some help with traffic control at this location and Mr. Richey stated he would also like to display some of their equipment at this event.

There was also a discussion on using Mr. Richey's office for storing records. Mr. Richey will move into the outer main office and records will be stored in his old location.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to include an executive session IC67-2345(1)(b). Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Executive Session IC67-2345(1)(c)

Commissioner Miller made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345(1)(c) To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; at 3:05 p.m. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Miller voting "Aye", Commissioner Stoddard voting "Aye", and Commissioner Baxter voting "Aye". Commissioner Miller declared the meeting open at 3:27 p.m.

Executive Session IC67-2345(1)(b)

Commissioner Miller made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345(1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student; at 4:09 p.m. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Stoddard voting "Aye", Commissioner Miller voting "Aye" and Commissioner Baxter voting "Aye". Commissioner Miller declared the meeting open at 4:49 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the claims for April 30, 2013 as presented. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Baxter made a motion to approve the minutes from April 8, 2013. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor. Commissioner Stoddard was absent from the vote.

Commissioner Baxter made a motion to contribute \$4500 to Animal Damage Control District. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve liquor catering permit #1016 to Island Park Lodge to be used on May 16, 2013. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Baxter made a motion to approve the junior college application for Ana Palacios and Kersten Carlson to College of Southern Idaho. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Baxter made a motion to approve the junior college application for Ashleigh Harris to College of Western Idaho. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to authorize the use of county owned vehicles for commuting purposes on an annual basis to Jon Brown, Darin Burrell, Kent Dummer, Brandon Harris, Blair Jones, Dan Lostutter, John Nelson, Keith Richey, and Nick Rowbury and also to Bryce Fowler on a seasonal basis. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

The commissioners would like to do a trial schedule with the IT Department and see how it works out. Lisa Turner and Josh Warnke will work four 10 hour days Monday thru Thursday and have Fridays off.

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

LeRoy Miller, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk