

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 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, Chief Deputy Sheriff Thad Garner, Deputy Sheriff Joe Powell, and Treasurer J'Lene Cherry

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Commissioner Miller offered the prayer. Deputy Sheriff Joe Powell led the pledge.

Elected Officials

Assessor Kathy Thompson stated things are going normal in the office. They are getting ready to send out notices. She said it has been really quiet in the office but things should start to pick up again after the notices go out. Ms. Thompson also stated house values seem to be staying about the same. BOE meetings will be scheduled on the first week of July.

Treasurer J'Lene Cherry reported tax cancellations for the month of April in the amount of \$4,865.17. There are still about 50 pieces of property that will be advertised in the newspaper for tax deeding. There is another refund that will need to be made to Pacific Corp for the year 2009 in the amount of \$21,981 plus interest.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Thad Garner reported three inmates in custody and one in Madison. Sheriff Humphries is gone to FBI Training Academy this week. Mr. Garner stated that SWAT Training last week went well. He also reported that a lot of the officers are at training right now. There was some discussion on the signs that have been vandalized and taken in the Ashton area.

Clerk Abbie Mace stated she received a call from Rick Jarvis from DEQ wanting to know about the status of the property owned by Bravehearts, LLC in Ashton. This is the property that had the underground gas contamination from leaking gas tanks. Mr. Jarvis is trying to work with Bravehearts to get the area cleaned up. If they will not cooperate, he would like to come in and visit with the commissioners about it. DEQ would like the county to help in getting this problem resolved as far as cleaning up the area. Ms. Mace stated she has the renewal rates for ICRMP and reported they went up about 5%. She reminded everyone of the Budget and Levy Training that will be held at EITC tomorrow morning. On Wednesday, there will be a webinar on the legislative review at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Mace will also be attending a county court meeting in Boise on Friday. The office has also had a few people in to absentee vote.

Commissioner Bill Baxter stated he attended a RACE meeting at 5-C last week and there was some discussion on the sign vandalism that has occurred in the county.

Commissioner Jordon Stoddard met with Bryce Fowler to discuss the addition to the Weed Building. Mr. Stoddard told them to go ahead with the final plan that was submitted. He also attended a meeting with Public Works Director Brandon Harris where they interviewed possible engineers for the Stone Bridge Replacement Project. They are hoping to make a final decision on that this week. Mr. Stoddard stated Sid Keller has been working on the new bleachers at the fairgrounds. They will start putting the frames together on the bleachers this week. He also reported on the meeting he attended with the Airport Board. The Airport Board would like to put in a taxi way. They are trying to get the property owners to allow them to use an extra 20 feet of property to put in the taxi way and they would like the county's help in building the taxi way. The commissioners talked to Brandon Harris and asked him to go look it over and see how much it would cost to do this project.

Commissioner Lee Miller stated he will be attending a public health meeting this week. There will also be a public meeting on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at the annex building where Mr. Harris will be discussing the road projects that will be going on this summer. Mr. Miller also reported on the status of the recreational vehicle registration issue. He reported that the state is going to allow some vendors to do recreational registrations.

Sheriff Humphries & Mayor Sutherin RE: Contract Patrol Services

Sheriff Humphries has been working with the mayor of the city of Teton on a contract for added patrol in that city. The mayor would like the sheriff's department to do an extra 10 hours a week patrol during the summer months June, July, and August. The Sheriff's department will charge \$45 per hour for those extra hours of patrol. They will help to enforce the kennel laws and monitor juveniles in the city of Teton.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to sign the agreement between the Sheriff's Department and the City of Teton with noted change to insert signature of the Fremont County Commission and upon review and approval by the County Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Dustin. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

EMS Director Bob Foster RE: Proclamation for National EMS Week

Mr. Foster stated that National EMS Week starts on Sunday, May 19th. They will be holding open houses at all the EMS Buildings from nine until one on Saturday, May 18th.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to sign the document declaring May 19th thru May 25th, 2013 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Mr. Foster also reported that they will be presenting a plaque to Gordon Zollinger, of Island Park, for his donation of property to Fremont County which helped in the expansion of the helicopter pad in Island Park. Mr. Foster reported that the equipment has been ordered that was approved by the commissioners last week. The 700 MHz radios have arrived and he will be getting together with IT Technician Josh Warnke and Sheriff Len Humphries in order to program them. Dr. Wells has approved training on the 12-Lead EKG Monitors for the county EMTs. Mr. Foster stated the run volume for the first part of May is exactly the same as last year. In April, they were up four runs from last year. Mr. Foster reported on an emergency that they responded to last week. Due to the family circumstances on this particular situation, Mr. Foster asked the commissioners if they could forgive the ambulance fees for this run.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to forgive the ambulance fees for a patient last week due to hardship circumstances. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler

Mr. Fowler brought in personnel action forms for the new employees that were hired as weed sprayers this summer. One of the boat wash employees will be paid through donations that were made to the county. Commissioner Miller made a motion to open the budget in order to access money that was donated to the department to hire an additional boat wash position. This money will be used to pay for an employee that will be working at the boat washes this summer. 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 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.

Mr. Fowler brought in the plans for the shop addition at the Weed Building for the commissioners to review. Clerk Mace directed Mr. Fowler to talk to Brandon Harris and see if he could do a cost estimate for this building. After we get a cost estimate, we can start the bidding process.

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 10:54 a.m. Commissioner Baxter 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 11:04 a.m.

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 1:04 p.m. Commissioner Baxter 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 1:23 p.m.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to deny case #G2013-50, deny case #M2013-25, deny case #M2013-28, and deny case # M2013-30. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners signed one new lien and three lien releases.

Public Works Director Brandon Harris RE: Department Reports

Road and Bridge - Mr. Harris stated he and Commissioner Stoddard will be meeting tomorrow to reselect an engineer for the Stone Bridge replacement project. He also reminded everyone about the public road meeting that will be held Wednesday night at the Annex Building. This meeting is to inform the public of the road work that will be going on throughout the county during the summer. He also updated the commissioners on the canal issue. A liner has been ordered and they are waiting for it to arrive so they can finish the work before water is let out in the canal.

Sewer – The opening of bids for the Island Park Sewer Expansion Project will be on the 28th of May.

Landfill – Mr. Harris stated he is still waiting on a letter from the Army Corp regarding the wetlands before we can proceed with the Transfer Station. He stated he would like to go ahead and start advertising for the construction.

Mr. Harris reported to the commissioners that he visited the airport in St. Anthony. He gave the commissioners an estimate of what he thought it would take to complete the work that the Airport Board is asking the county to do and how much it would cost. Mr. Miller stated that the Airport Board is asking for a 20 foot easement.

There have been some complaints about the restrictions on the Fun Farm Bridge. One individual would like the height retainers raised so he can drive his trucks across the bridge. Because of damage that has been done in the past due to large trucks going over the bridge, the county has

put some limits and restrictions on it. The commissioners have directed Mr. Harris to let this individual know that he can make an appointment to meet with the commissioners during one of their scheduled commissioners meetings to voice his concerns.

Mr. Harris also discussed the road in Webster's Subdivision that an individual would like the county to abandon. According to the Official County Road Map, this is a public county road. After further research, it was determined that this is a private road. Mr. Dustin stated that we would need to hold a public hearing to abandon the road or wait for a petition from the property owners. Until the road is abandoned, it is a misdemeanor to put a locked gate on the road. Clerk Mace stated that traditionally, we wait for the landowners to bring in a petition. The circumstances on this issue are a little bit different though. The commissioners will initiate the process for abandonment of the road.

Planning and Building Administrator Tom Cluff RE: Department Report

Mr. Cluff reminded everyone that next Monday, the Planning and Zoning Commission has invited the county commissioners to attend a public meeting. They will be reviewing the Comprehensive Plan. And they would like to know the commissioners opinion on several issues regarding the ordinances. Mr. Cluff also stated that one of his employees has had knee replacement surgery, so he will not be returning to work for a little bit longer. Terry Martindale has stated that he may have someone from Fish and Game help him when he starts to put the docks in.

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 2:56 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 4:47 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the claims for May 13, 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 30, 2013. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the minutes from May 6, 2013. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the junior college applications for Justin Purcell and Braiden Payne to College of Southern Idaho. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all in favor.

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

LeRoy Miller, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk