

**FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 24, 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. Deputy Clerk Laura Singleton offered the prayer. Treasurer J'Lene Cherry led the pledge.

**Elected Officials**

Assessor Kathy Thompson stated that today is the last day for protests on property values and also the last day to return their packets in order to be scheduled for the Board of Equalization Hearings. Ms. Thompson stated that she has received a letter and contract with Idaho Department of Transportation that the commissioners need to sign regarding background checks on new employees. This contract states that ITD will pay for and do the background checks on new employees hired in the Motor Vehicle Department. The Sheriff stated that they received a similar contract which they are not going to sign. He does not feel good about it. The commissioners stated that they would like to look the contract over some more before they sign it.

Treasurer J'Lene Cherry reported the cancellations for the month of May in the amount of \$3185. She reported that as of today, they have collected just over three million dollars in taxes. She feels good about this amount. Ms. Cherry reported that she has 26 parcels that will be advertised to be tax deeded for the next year. She also discussed a business in St. Anthony that she is having difficulty contacting in order to collect their taxes. Ms. Cherry stated there are actually several businesses that have not paid their taxes that may be tax deeded next year. There are six properties that will be tax deeded this year. Ms. Cherry also reported that she took off half of the RV fees for Sawtelle Resort to bring them in line with other RV Parks.

Sheriff Len Humphries reported on an accident involving a motorcycle in Ashton last Friday. He also reported that both of their boats are up and running in Island Park. There was a near drowning last week involving a three year old. The parents were able to perform CPR so there was a good outcome. He was eventually life-flighted and is now doing well. Sheriff Humphries stated that the telephone company has offered to run a fiber optic cable for them into dispatch for the 911 system. They will use this as their primary source for radio communications and the microwave as a backup. This will cost \$250 per month. The telephone company would like a three year commitment, but the Sheriff has told them that we cannot do that. He thinks that they will agree to a two year commitment. He also stated that they have been having some trouble getting the 911 workstation running again. He would like to update the system. He will proceed with the process for this with some grant money. This new 911 system also has the new phone system built into it. Mr. Humphries discussed a road that is closed that limits their access to the river in that area. He stated that they need access to that road in case of emergency calls to the area. Commissioner Miller stated he will contact Liz Davey with the Forest Service and discuss this with her. Mr. Humphries also discussed not being able to access the river near the Bear Gulch area. He also received a modification of mutual aid grant agreement that was sent to him from the Forest Service. He wants the commissioners and Emergency Management Director Keith Richey to look over this document before we sign it. Sheriff Humphries reported that there are four inmates in custody today.

Clerk Abbie Mace reported on an individual who fell on the steps in the courthouse. Ms. Mace was told that he has a brain tumor and has problems with his balance. He was complaining of hip pain and was taken by ambulance to the hospital. Ms. Mace also reported that she has been working on budget. Computer Arts will be coming to do a demonstration on how to do the time sheets online. Fremont County has been chosen to test this new system out.

Commissioner Bill Baxter reported that he visited the Art Lab last week. He also attended the Sustainable Fire Meeting where they visited the Yale Creek Subdivision. He commented that this would be a terrible place to be if a fire occurred. There are about twenty families that live there year round. Mr. Baxter also stated that he will be attending a golf meeting tonight.

Commissioner Jordon Stoddard stated that he also visited the Art Lab. He reported on the Sustainable Fire Tour that he attended. He feels that the roads are a big problem in this area and that they really need to be pressured into fixing the roads by making them wider. He also stated that they traveled with Brandon Harris to Island Park to check on the condition of the Willow Creek Cut-Off Road.

Commissioner Lee Miller also visited the homes in the Yale Creek Subdivision and stated that the roads are not good. He also went with Brandon Harris and viewed the Willow Creek Cut-off Road. He stated that maybe next year we can budget to work on that road. He doesn't know if we are going to plow it in the winter yet.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office; at 10:09 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 10:25 a.m.

#### **Carlos Aponte/Black Ink Solutions RE: Monthly Insurance Report**

Mr. Aponte reviewed the claims reports for the month of May.

#### **Five County Detention Administrator Nicky Chavez RE: Budget**

Mr. Chavez discussed the budget request for next year.

#### **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 1:19 p.m.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve case #G2013-55, deny case #M2013-9, deny case #M2013-18B, and deny case #M2013-32. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

#### **Public Works Director Brandon Harris RE: Department Report**

Road and Bridge – Mr. Harris reported that there have been a lot of complaints on the dust where they are working on the road in Parker. He stated that they have tried really hard to keep it watered down. Mr. Harris would like to go ahead and get the Parker road chip sealed as soon as they can

so they can get it done. Mr. Harris also stated that there is still another week waiting period before work can be started on Stonebridge.

Landfill – Mr. Harris stated that he attended a meeting with DEQ last week regarding the Transfer Station.

Sewer – Mr. Harris reported that they should be starting construction soon on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project in Island Park.

Vehicles – Mr. Harris stated that they would like to purchase an extended cab pickup for the Island Park area. It would cost between \$25,000 and \$26,000 to buy one. The commissioners would like to see the quotes for the vehicles. Mr. Harris will bring in the quotes next week.

Commissioner Miller discussed purchasing a new loader for the Island Park Landfill. Mr. Harris stated that that would be purchased with the Landfill budget.

### **Planning and Building Administrator Tom Cluff RE: Department Report & Miller's Short Plat**

Mr. Cluff presented the Miller's Short Plat for the commissioners to sign. One lot was created to build a house on.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the Miller's Short Plat Subdivision and to sign and approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Mr. Cluff reported that of the fifty building permits that were issued in May, ten of them were for homes. He also stated that the Golf Course Committee is meeting tonight and Ms. Cikaitoga will discuss the trees that need to be cut down with them so they can take care of that problem.

There was discussion on cabin rentals in the Island Park area. Mr. Cluff discussed the ordinances and policies that the county has set in place in regards to cabin rentals.

### **Tracy Garcia/Executive Session IC 67-2345(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 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Stoddard voting "Aye" and Commissioner Miller voting "Aye" and Commissioner Baxter voting "Aye". Commissioner Miller declared the meeting open at 4:05 p.m.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss signing an acceptance of a grant that was received for boat launches. 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 late property taxes for Prestwich's. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor. Commissioner Baxter was absent from the vote.

The commissioners agreed to meet with the Prestwich's via phone call next Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, to discuss the late charges and interest that has accrued on their property taxes.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Baxter made a motion to approve the claims for June 24, 2013 as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to sign the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to Addendum A for Access Idaho involving electronic transactions. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all in favor.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the minutes from June 3, 2013, June 17, 2013, and June 20, 2013. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to sign the agreements with Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to receive \$10,000 for the Buttermilk Boat Launch and \$2,500 for Jump Off Canyon. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor. Commissioner Baxter was absent from the vote.

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

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LeRoy Miller, Chairman  
Fremont County Commission

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