

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2013

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace and Deputy Clerk Laura Singleton

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Jeff Hamilton/Ashton Urban Renewal Agency

Mr. Hamilton informed the commissioners of their plans to extend the boundaries of the Ashton Urban Renewal District. He stated there about eight years left on this. Mr. Hamilton explained what a renewal district does and how money is spent within the district. He presented a map that shows where the first district was created in 1996. The funds from this have been used mainly right along Main Street in Ashton. They would like to amend the plan in order to create some areas that money could be used for. One area they would like to include in the plan would be the old Ashton hospital. Another area would be the Community Center. They are thinking about demolishing the buildings because it isn't feasible to try to remodel and fix them up. They also want to be able to acquire other buildings as a way to spend their money on other projects. They have discussed possibly building a park, putting in a parking lot, or building some type of museum within the extended boundaries of the renewal district. Another area they would like to include, would be the property where the old opera house sits.

Mr. Hamilton also talked about the creation of a new district which would include the area of the old high school and includes property along Highway 20 which would include the old gas station that has had problems with underground leakage. It is a total of 22 acres. This new district would run for 20 years. They envision in the future building a recreation center and possibly a grocery store.

Ryan Dustin RE: Yale Creek Subdivision Fire Mitigation

Keith Richey stated that the county can clear trees and brush within the county's right of way. The road in the Yale Creek Subdivision is thirty feet wide and the county owns that right of way. Mr. Cluff stated that he has learned there are actually many roads throughout the county, especially in subdivisions, that the county has the obligation to maintain. Mr. Richey stated that money from the grants could be used to clear away the brush and trees along the roads in the Yale Creek Subdivision. There has been question of where the actual road sits. Mr. Cluff suggested having a surveyor go and check the pins in the ground against the corrected map that Mr. Newkirk made. Mr. Cluff believes that the pins will match very closely to our map. Once we find where the legal easements are we can go in and clean up the road sides. Mr. Richey stated that the grant money can be used anywhere in Island Park, however the Yale Creek area is where they are focusing on right now. There are other subdivisions in the same situation. Mr. Richey also stated that he should be able to apply for grants that will help pay for clearing other areas as well. Travis Eva stated that he doesn't feel that the homeowners want the county to take over maintaining the roads in this subdivision. They just want to make sure this project moves forward to clear the brush and trees from the roadsides and widening the roads. Commissioner Miller directed Mr. Richey, Mr. Harris and Travis Eva to work together and start moving forward with finding the pins that mark the road so we can start clearing the trees. Mr. Cluff stated he will send Greg Newkirk up with Travis Eva to find the pins in the road.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to do part of the executive session IC67-2345(c) at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

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 9:56 a.m. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Miller voting "Aye", Commissioner Baxter voting "Aye", and Commissioner Stoddard voting "Aye". Commissioner Miller declared the meeting open at 10:13 a.m.

Tax Deed Sale

Commissioner Baxter made a motion to approve the sale of 2 properties in the following amounts. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Parcel 1 – No Sale

Parcel 2 – Sold to Lee Mortensen for \$17,500

Parcel 3 – Sold to Zane Abegglen for \$620.38

Parcel 4 and Parcel 5 were redeemed by the property owner prior to the sale and therefore were not auctioned.

Planning and Building Administrator Tom Cluff RE: Department Report

Mr. Cluff stated the overnight camping ordinance needs to be advertised and placed on the agenda. There is an issue regarding an individual who is camping at one of these locations. We need to proceed with the ordinance in order to resolve this. The public hearing for this will be held on Monday, October 7th, at 10:10 a.m. The invasive species stickers are currently being sold at the Weeds Building and C & C Supply. Mr. Cluff stated he would like to be able to sell them at the Courthouse or at the Annex Building. When people register their boat, they also have to purchase the invasive species sticker, which pays for the invasive species program. Commissioner Miller suggested selling them at the Annex Building. Clerk Abbie stated that since they are here getting their boat registration, it would be easy for them to purchase the other sticker here as well.

Mr. Cluff stated that Parks and Recreation Director, Tamra Cikaitoga, is having some concerns about the Stonebridge construction site. She feels that the construction equipment seems to be taking up a lot of space and keeps expanding. Mr. Cluff stated that we are likely to start getting some complaints on this. Commissioner Miller doesn't believe this will be an issue. The large equipment is going to be leaving soon.

Mr. Cluff also stated that there will be a Planning and Zoning meeting tonight. A permit for a cell tower modification and two short plats will be presented.

Mr. Cluff also reported that the revenues are down at the golf course this year. Also, the pump went out at the golf course and will need to be replaced.

Clerk Abbie Mace discussed with the commissioners the need to transfer money within the budget to cover some costs. There was more money spent due to litigation fees that needed to come out of the commissioner's budget. Also, more money was spent on the employee appreciation party than anticipated.

Commissioner Baxter made a motion to move \$5700 from the Emergency Reserve Fund to the Commissioners Consulting Line and move \$1800 from the Emergency Reserve Fund to the Employee Appreciation Line for FY2013. Commissioner Stoddard 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 stated that the road and bridge crews are still in Island Park working on roads. Because work has started out at the landfill for the Transfer Station, he may have to bring a couple of the guys to help out with work that needs to be done there. Mr. Harris also reported that they have striped the roads. They hope to be able to fix up the bridgework that has been done and also work on the approaches to the roads that they worked on during the summer. Stonebridge will be having their next pour on the north side of the bridge on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

Landfill – They are excavating right now where the Transfer Station is going to be built and they will probably be blasting rock in the next few days.

Sewer – They are still working on the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Island Park. Mr. Harris stated that the construction company will be asking for a little more money to cover the extra hauling at the site. There was more sand in the area than was previously thought that needs to be hauled out.

Laura Sommers RE: Candy Machines in the Courthouse

Ms. Sommers came to request permission to put quarter turn candy machines in the courthouse. These would be available to the employees and people who would come to the courthouse. Commissioner Miller stated that he doesn't want to be bothered with people who might possibly lose their money in these machines. The commissioners stated that they do not want to put these in at this time.

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 1:05 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 1:11 p.m.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to deny case #M2013-46, deny case #M2013-47, deny case #M2013-49, and deny case #M2013-50. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners signed one new lien and one lien release.

Monte Albertson RE: Purchasing Property from County

Mr. Albertson is interested in purchasing the property that used to be owned by Randy Toone. This property has been tax deeded to the county. Ms. Cherry stated that the property tax on this parcel of ground is \$370.12. This amount excludes the late charges and interest that has accrued. Mr. Albertson stated that this property originally belonged to them years ago, but was lost during a court battle. Commissioner Miller stated that we would probably sell the property to him for the amount of what the delinquent taxes were which amounts to \$370.12.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss a letter regarding House Bill 1526. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to sign a letter to Congressman Hastings and Congressman DeFazio regarding House Bill 1526. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

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 1:46 p.m. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Stoddard voting "Aye", Commissioner Baxter voting "Aye", and Commissioner Miller voting "Aye". Commissioner Miller declared the meeting open at 1:55 a.m.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the claims for September 16, 2013 as presented. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to enter into a contract with Ada County to do our autopsies. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Baxter made a motion to pay \$125 to the Upper Valley Board of Guardians. 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 applications for Ashleigh Harris and Daniel Huber to the College of Southern Idaho. 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 license #25 to Dusty's Pit Stop, #26 to Angler's Lodge, #27 to BJ's Corner, #28 to Phillips Lodge, and #29 to Ott's Place. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting 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