

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2023

Present for the meeting was: Commissioners Scott Kamachi, Blair Dance and Rick Hill

Also attended by: Deputy Clerk Kim Fletcher

Commissioner Hill led the pledge.
Commissioner Dance said the prayer.

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

Assessor Carol Blanchard RE: Executive Session IC74-206(1)(b) - action item

Commissioner Kamachi made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 74-206(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 9:03 a.m. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Kamachi voting “Aye” and Commissioner Dance voting “Aye”. Commissioner Hill voting “Aye” Commissioner Kamachi declared the meeting open at 9:31 a.m.

Commissioner Dance made a motion in regards to employee 2023-01 to deny obtaining extra hours from other employees.

Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Planning and Building Administrator Tom Cluff RE: Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(a); Appoint P&Z member - action item

Commissioner Kamachi made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general; at 9:33 a.m. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Kamachi voting “Aye” and Commissioner Dance voting “Aye”. Commissioner Hill voting “Aye” Commissioner Kamachi declared the meeting open at 9:47 a.m.

Commissioner Kamachi made a motion to table a decision until after the executive session at 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

5C Director Nicky Chavez RE: Medical Contract s - action item

Mr. Chavez presented 2 contracts for medical services. The first is for our agreement with Dr. Jamie Gudmunson who performs the medical services for the detention facility. Her rate hasn't changed, therefore the contract hasn't changed, though there is a provision that has been updated to cover hourly costs if she needs to return to the facility for emergencies. The other contract is for Kelly Palmer who performs psychiatric treatment and med management for kids at the facility. There is another doctor, Dr. Ashley, that comes in with him on occasion as well and the contract does cover her visits. His contract hasn't changed.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the 2 medical provider contracts for 5C for Jamie Gudmunson and Kelly Palmer as outlined.
Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Noxious Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler RE: Truck Bed Purchase - action item; Department Report

Mr. Fowler presented a bid from Holst Trailer Sales for a new 10-foot truck bed for \$4,550, and they have it in stock. The other bid is from Rock Bed Trailers for \$5500, and will need to be ordered.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the bid from Holst for \$4,550.
Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Mr. Fowler reported Stephanie collected some numbers comparing last years spraying compared to this year, and there is about 430 acres difference comparatively. We did spray more acres last year, however, we had one third of the crew this year, so per acre per person, we really sprayed more. The drones definitely help with this. If we are able to get a full crew this year our numbers will go up.

This week the Noxious Weed Council is meeting to go over all of the grant applications for the state. He will present our projects for Henry's Fork on Thursday.

Sheriff's Office RE: Purchasing a New Snow Machine - action item

Sheriff Humphries stated the search and rescue received a \$25,000 gift from Northwest Farm Credit to be able to purchase equipment and they would like to purchase a new snowmobile. They did get quotes from Golden Spike Power Sports and Rexburg Motor Sports. The difference between the 2 prices is only about \$35, so they would like to purchase from Golden Spike in order to keep business in the county.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve Search and Rescue's request to purchase a snowmobile from Golden Spike Power Sports, a Polaris 2023 in the amount of \$17,906.00.
Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

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Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve Jim Jorgensen to represent the Ashton Area on the P&Z Board.

Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve Tiffany Marez to represent the Egin/St. Anthony area on the P&Z Board.

Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Kamachi made a motion to approve Richard Roberson to represent the far southern Salem area.

There was no second and the motion died.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to nominate Kathy Koon for the board to represent the St. Anthony area.

Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Juvenile Probation Supervisor Darin Burrell RE: Bids for Vehicle Purchase Request - action item

Mr. Burrell presented bids to purchase a new vehicle for his department. He stated he tries to keep his fleet under 100,000 miles per vehicle and Kent is driving a 2016 that is at about 97,000 miles. Stone's currently has a 2023 Toyota Camry on the lot, it has 11,000 miles on it, but they said they would take our 2016 as a trade in, so it would only cost us \$16,652 for the balance. Teton Toyota could get us one in February but it would cost us \$27,339, and Edmark Toyota out of Boise would have to order us one and hope it would be here within 6 months at the cost of \$30,008. He feels the best option would be to go through Stone's if they will follow through with the price they have offered.

Commissioner Dance made a motion approve the purchase of a 2023 Toyota Camry from Stone's Toyota group with a net trade in purchase of \$16,652.00.

Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Shellie Blanchard RE: Ashton Senior Center Follow-up - action item

Ms. Blanchard discussed the convection oven at the Senior Citizen Center that needs to be replaced. The Duke Convection Oven Model E101-E, at a price of \$4,675 should be more than enough for what they need, she just needs to find out the specs and the voltage of the old one to make sure everything matches. She asked what we should do with the old one.

Commissioner Kamachi suggested trying to sell it on surplus.

Ms. Blanchard stated we received \$10,000 from ECAB for modernization during Covid. She is still checking to see if any of those funds are available to put towards the cost of the oven. They have also applied for another Rocky Mountain grant to help with funding.

Since the last time she was here, the door has been put back on its tracks, but Carey said it may need a new track in order for it to stay fixed. They have discovered the thermostat in the kitchen is faulty. It does need to be repaired, but may not need to be immediate. The kitchen staff doesn't like anyone to mess with it, but the light switch to the main room is also in the kitchen, so people tend to also want to adjust the thermostat, especially when it's cold. For now, the kitchen door is open so people can access the

light switch, and they hope people will be respectful of the thermostat when they turn the lights on and off.

It has been decided to not allow “for-profit” businesses to run out of the building. These businesses aren’t happy about it, but there are other places they can go. The board feels because the Senior Citizen Center is a non-profit building, it isn’t appropriate for them to profit while using it.

Ms. Blanchard discussed issues with the Meals on Wheels drivers. They are currently the county’s responsibility. They haven’t been using the van, and have been using their own private vehicles instead. She doesn’t know if this is a problem or not. She wonders if it might help to hire an assistant van driver at least part time.

Commissioner Dance suggested taking it back to the Board to bring the Commissioners names for more drivers, and an assistant if they feel one is needed.

Commissioners also felt it was necessary to repair the thermostat sooner rather than later.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to have James Reynolds to install a new thermostat in the Seniors Citizens Center in Ashton.

Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Social Services Debbie Biorn RE: Executive Session IC74-206(1)(d) - action item

Commissioner Kamachi made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(d) To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in [chapter 1, title 74](#), Idaho Code; at 1:50 p.m. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Kamachi voting “Aye” and Commissioner Hill voting “Aye”. Commissioner Kamachi declared the meeting open at 1:59 p.m.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to table the action on M2018-16.

Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the claims for January 23, 2023 as presented.

Commissioner Kamachi seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the minutes from January 9, 2022 as amended.

Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Kamachi made a motion to approve the Junior College Application for the College of Eastern Idaho Spring 2023 academic year for Corbin Cox, and the Spring 2023-Fall 2023 academic year for Terance Bagley, and the Junior College Application for

the College of Southern Idaho Fall 2022-Spring 2023 academic year for Brenna Wright, and the Spring 2023 academic year for Samantha Davis. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to ratify Commissioner Kamachi signing Idaho **Liquor Catering Permit No 1069 for Café Sabor Island Park which was used for the** period of 1 evening on the 20th of January, 2023 from 6pm to 11pm at Sawtelle Mountain Resort for the Out West Sled Fest event. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Deputy Clerk Kim Fletcher discussed the maintenance of the 2 county vehicles monitored by the Clerk's Office. Jordon had always taken care of the maintenance of these vehicles while he was Chairman. Now that he has left, the maintenance will need to be delegated to another commissioner. Commissioner Kamachi stated he will take responsibility for the 2 county vehicles.

Commissioners discussed a Waiver Request from Hawley Troxell. They currently represent the county in financing representation for the Jail Expansion, and have been asked to represent another client in an unrelated land use issue that could cause a conflict of interest. The waiver would allow Civil Attorney Blake Hall to continue to represent Fremont County in order to prevent such a conflict.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to sign the Conflict of Interest Waiver Request for Hawley Troxell. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:46 pm. Commissioner Hill 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.

L. Scott Kamachi, Chairman
Fremont County Commissioner

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk