

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, and Deputy Clerk Kim Fletcher

Commissioner Kamachi led the pledge.
Commissioner Hill offered the prayer.

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

Tim Solomon Rocky Mountain Power RE: General Quarterly Update

Mr. Solomon updated the Commissioners about the nuclear power plant in Kemmerer, Wyoming. The market is demanding they walk away from coal, hydro, and natural gas, so the only other option with a base load is nuclear. PacifiCorp is planning to build 5 more nuclear sites in abandoned coal plants, though they don't yet know where those plants will be built. He discussed the transition to electric cars and how they believe they'll be able to handle the amount of power that will be needed to supply all of them, but there isn't a way to anticipate how many people will buy them, the availability of chargers for those vehicles, or how long the lines will be backed up waiting for those chargers. A lot will also depend on how fast laws take effect.

Mr. Solomon stated he has a \$1000 donation he would like to give the county to help fill a need the community can benefit from. He asked us to get back to him when we can find something for the money to go towards.

Sheriff Len Humphries RE: Boat grant signatures - action item; Agreement with Fremont County School District and Fremont County - action item

Sheriff Humphries presented the Idaho Parks and Recreation annual agreement for patrol on the county waterways. This year we have allocated \$19,017.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to accept the grant from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation for 2023 in the amount of \$19,017 for Recreation and Boating Safety. Commissioner Kamachi seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

Sheriff Humphries presented our agreement between the County and the Fremont County School District for their resource officers at North and South Fremont schools. This is the first time we have formally made an agreement. Civil Attorney Blake Hall reviewed the document and made a few changes, which the School District approved and changed.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to enter into the agreement with the Fremont County School District to provide service for the schools for the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 school years. Commissioner Kamachi seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

Public Works Brandon Harris, Debbie Davis & Curt Miller RE: Landfill - action item

Ms. Davis discussed issues with the credit card system at the landfill. They are using Access Idaho, but they would like to switch to Square. When running debit and credit cards, they often repeatedly get errors which slows the whole system down and creates more problems for customers coming into and exiting the landfill. Access Idaho won't fix the issue with the errors because they claim the errors aren't their problem.

IT Manager Josh Warnke feels Square is a much better, more reliable system and the fees are lower and can be passed to the customer, but will still save them money. Square's fee is only 2.6% plus 10 cents. Access Idaho's fee is 3% plus \$1, which is one of the most expensive systems running. Access Idaho is also very buggy, especially out at the landfill.

Treasurer J'lene Cherry stated she doesn't have a problem with the switch as long as the deposits go into the existing Landfill Credit Card account.

Commissioner Kamachi made a motion to approve transferring from Access Idaho to Square Credit Card Processing contingent upon 2 standards. 1. The money can go from the Landfill Credit Card sales into the Landfill Credit Card Account, and 2. We can get the technicalities worked out to where it is going to be feasible. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the claims for February 21, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Kamachi seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from February 13, 2023 as amended. Commissioner Kamachi seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

Commissioners discussed an invoice for our annual assistance for the Yellowstone Soil Conservation District in the amount of \$5,000.00. We make this donation annually and it is in the budget.

Commissioner Hill made a motion that we pay the annual assistance of \$5000 to the Yellowstone Soil Conservation District for 2023. Commissioner Kamachi seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. Commissioner Kamachi seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

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

L. Scott Kamachi, Chairman
Fremont County Commissioner

Attest: _____
Kimberly Fletcher, Deputy Clerk