

**FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, June 20 , 2023**

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

**Also attended by:** Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Kim Fletcher, and Civil Attorney Blake Hall

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

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

**Treasurer J'lene Cherry RE: Tax Cancellations - action item**

Ms. Cherry presented the tax cancellations for the month of May 2023 in the amount of \$463.36.

Commissioner Kamachi made a motion to approve the tax cancellations for the month of May 2023 in the amount of \$463.36. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Commissioners RE: Interview for potential Treasurer Replacement - action item**

The Commissioners interviewed Chief Deputy Treasurer Lori Beard as a potential replacement for Treasurer Cherry, who is retiring at the end of this month.

The Republican Party has already interviewed her and support her appointment into the position.

She has served as Chief Deputy Treasurer for the last year and a half, but she has worked for the county for 19 years as a Deputy Clerk in both the Clerk's office and Treasurer's Office. She is up for the challenge and open to learning new things.

Commissioner Dance asked if there are any goals or changes she would like to make to the department.

Ms. Beard feels there is always room for change, but change is inevitable. Laws are changing all the time, but as far as the office goes, everything has been running smoothly so she doesn't see the need to change things other than what the Legislature dictates.

Commissioner Hill stated he feels Ms. Beard is very well qualified for the position, considering how long she has worked for the County, and he appreciates her service and willingness to step up and take on the responsibility.

Commissioner Dance expressed his thanks to Ms. Beard for her willingness to stay with the County for so long, and feels because of her experience, this will help provide for a more seamless transition rather than trying to hire someone that may not know the job as well as she does. He is grateful we have this opportunity and for her willingness to take it on.

Commissioner Kamachi also expressed his thanks for her years of service and all of the hard work she has done already. He feels Treasurer Cherry is pleased and comfortable with this option to be able to appoint Ms. Beard into the position as well.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the application of Lori Beard for the Treasurer's position in place of J'lene Cherry effective July 1, 2023. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Sheriff Len Humphries RE: Employee ID cards - action item; Contract with BLM for law enforcement - action item**

Mr. Humphries presented an extension to our annual agreement the County has with BLM for our Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement for all BLM property in the County, including the Sand Hills, in the amount of \$29,000.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the contract with BLM of Idaho and Fremont County in the amount of \$29,000. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Sheriff Humphries discussed issuing ID cards for Fremont County Employees as part of the new security procedures the County is implementing. The department heads had their meeting a month ago and one of the discussions was ID cards that also function as key fobs for the door. He would like to start creating the cards but doesn't know the cost of the equipment necessary to do it.

IT Director Josh Warnke stated Keith Richey has equipment in his office to be able to create the ID cards.

We also need to decide what system we want to use, as our system for the Courthouse and Sheriff's office is out of date. It will only cost \$2 per card to create them, so they should be easy to budget for.

Clerk Mace stated we also need to decide how far down the line we go with IDs, and if we need to include the EMT's, and the part time and seasonal employees in the program.

Mr. Humphries feels if you are a county employee, you should have a card. At \$2 a card, the budget can handle it.

Commissioner Dance feels we need to have another meeting to discuss these kinds of questions. He also wonders how the key fobs would work for every employee to access the buildings.

Clerk Mace doesn't feel access to the buildings would change. 5C has their own system, as does the Landfill, Annex, Courthouse and Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Warnke stated the program could be phased in according to the building and the necessary access to make sure everyone in each building has what they need.

Mr. Humphries would like to set up another meeting for Thursday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m. He will notify the department heads of the location for the meeting.

**Sewer Department Rob Christman RE: Repair of Inoperable Land Application Pivot Lines Last Chance Wastewater Plant - action item; Liner Storage Agreement at Stud Mill - action item**

Mr. Christman discussed repairing pivot lines at Last Chance that have stopped working. We have 2 projects in this location, but this is outside the scope of the Sewer Project. These pivots are 31 years old and really can't be patched up any more than they have been for several years. He has reached out to Rain for Rent to replace 2 pivots and their systems and concrete pads, in the amount of \$49,797.75 each.

Commissioner Kamachi made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 Pivot Lines, items M-NPN 347' Reinke E 2065 Pivot with barricades and A/R arms (LC #1) at the unit price of \$49,797.75 each. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Public Works Director Brandon Harris discussed an agreement for the Regional Landfill liner storage at the Stud Mill. DEQ gave us money for the Regional Landfill, but we need to cover costs for the pipes and the liner now, and find a way to store them. The liner is being shipped to us within the next 2 weeks on 21 trucks, but we need a place to store it because it can't get wet. Pipe is also coming but it can be outside. He feels one of the sheds at the Stud Mill would be the best place to store the liner since other options fell through. There are trailers and other items in the shed that will need to be moved. He is trying to help protect us from liability and has asked Regional Landfill Attorney Stephanie Bonnie draw up an agreement that holds us harmless for any damages. The agreement isn't drawn up but he would like it to be approved because the liner will be here so soon. The agreement could then be sent to Blake Hall for review and signed by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hill made a motion that we sign the agreement for the Regional Waste District, upon Blake Hall's approval, to store the liner at our Stud Mill property. Commissioner Kamachi seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Mr. Harris discussed how we are currently accommodating Madison County in our landfill for 3 weeks while they install a new scale and repair the crane in their transfer station. They are hauling with their own trucks and we have permission from DEQ to dump on the hill if we get overloaded.

**Assessor Carol Blanchard RE: Executive Session IC 74-206(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 10:29 a.m. Commissioner Dance 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 10:43 a.m.

**Payroll Clerk TaGenn Armstrong: Timesheets - action item**

Commissioners reviewed the timesheets.

**Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the claims for June 20, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from June 12, 2023 as amended. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the Junior College Application for the College of Southern Idaho for the Fall 2023 academic year for Brock Briggs. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to ratify the signing of Idaho Liquor License Permit #1072 for Teton House Restaurant, who catered an event for the Henry's Fork Foundation on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Kamachi seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Mace presented Resolution 2023-09 to approve the selling price of county property to Jeff Patlovich. It was approved last week but we didn't have it written out yet. Civil Attorney Blake Hall created the document for them and it just needed to be signed today. Once it is signed, she can post the sale in the newspaper for a week, and then the public has 15 days to oppose the sale of the parcel in writing.

Commissioner Kamachi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Dance 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.

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L. Scott Kamachi, Chairman  
Fremont County Commissioner

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Abbie Mace, Clerk