

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 2023

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

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.

Public Defense Commission Jared Ricks RE: Review of Financial Assistance Review and Transition to Idaho Public Defense System via phone - action item

Mr. Ricks discussed the training the State is still offering for Public Defenders and asked that we inform them of this training. He discussed the Indigent Defense and Annual Review reports that will need to be submitted within the next few months. He is willing to help prepare these reports and submit them to the State. Because the Indigent Defense fund has been cancelled, this will be the last year Public Defenders will need to submit reports of their expenditures and activities. The Public Defense Commission will still be valid until June 30, 2024. Fremont County looks really good with the exception of 1 minor issue he isn't really considering an issue. One of our Public Defenders had a very large case load and just needs to monitor how many he takes on in the future. He stated Fremont County should be getting a financial assistance award letter from PDC within the next month.

Clerk Mace asked how the transition is going.

The State is working on hiring a new public defender to oversee Public Defense statewide. The PDC rules will still remain in effect through FY2024 even if the PDC no longer exists next year.

Clerk Mace asked if we would still need to submit a report and who would we report to.

Mr. Ricks believes the reports will need to be submitted to the state public defender, but as of now he isn't sure.

4H Dana Miller RE: Archery Grant - action item; County Fair - action item

Ms. Miller presented a grant for our archery program in the amount of \$4000 for new archery equipment, repairs, and other items. It still needs a W9 and a determination letter to go with it.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the archery grant for 4H in the amount of \$4000.

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

Ms. Miller presented the commissioners with a schedule of the county fair and encouraged them to attend and participate in the activities. She feels unless people are there participating, they don't truly understand how much goes into the events and how the buildings are used or what kind of maintenance may be needed. She feels the

fairgrounds could be utilized for more than it is, but unless these things are seen, they aren't known or understood.

**GIS Greg Newkirk RE: Shoreline Subdivision - 2nd Amended Plat - action item ;
Riverbend - Div. No. 1 - action item**

Mr. Newkirk presented application #23-032 for Shoreline Subdivision - 2nd Amended Plat along with Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Decision.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve application #23-032 by Triple Creek Ranches for a minor plat amendment for a boundary line adjustment between lot 0A and Tract A of Shoreline Subdivision - 2nd Amended Plat along with Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Decision. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Mr. Newkirk presented application #22-110 for Riverbend - Div. No. 1 along with Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Decision.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve application #22-110 for Riverbend - Div. No. 1 short plat for James Morris along with Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Decision. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Valerie Waite RE: Delinquent Tax Fee via Phone - action item

Ms. Waite discussed a \$213 delinquent penalty and interest late fee that has been applied to her taxes. She knows she was 2 days late sending it in the mail, but we go by post marks. She asked if this fee could be forgiven.

Treasurer Lori Beard stated we saved her envelope and it was post marked 3 days after the payment was due. Taxes are actually due in December, but there is a 6 month grace period for taxes to be paid, thus the June 20 deadline.

Ms. Waite stated historically she has been on time and hopes they would take this into consideration. This is a second home, they live in Utah, and she wasn't aware of when the interest starts accruing.

Ms. Beard stated when the first notice goes out in November, this information is on the back of the notice, so when you miss the June deadline for the grace period, the penalty and interest goes back to 6 months. Ms. Waite is actually 6 months late with her payment, so the penalty and interest has accrued over that period of time.

Commissioner Kamachi stated according to Idaho law, the deadline is June 20th and it isn't an option to deviate from state statute to forgive the late fees and interest.

Commissioner Dance stated unfortunately even if historically the taxes are paid on time, we are unable to forgive a late fee or interest, even if this might be the first year they have been paid late.

Commissioner Hill agreed and stated our Civil Attorney Blake Hall has advised us to follow the state statute.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to deny the request for tax forgiveness for Valerie Waite on parcel number RP0002750030130 in the amount of \$213.00. Commissioner Hill 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 July 24, 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 July 17, 2023 as amended. 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 Idaho Liquor Catering Permit #1073 for Solairus Food Services LLC out of Idaho Falls to be used August 5, 2023 for the period of 1 night from 4pm to 11 pm at an event being held by Idaho Dunes RV. Commissioner Kamachi seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Dance discussed a \$7683.09 check we received from the Weed Department for surplus sales. \$7200 goes to the Sheriff's department for a vehicle they sold, \$260 goes back to the Weed Department for equipment sales, and \$223.09 goes to the Ashton Senior Citizens Center for a freezer sold on surplus.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 am. 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.

L. Scott Kamachi, Chairman
Fremont County Commissioner

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk