

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2023

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

Also attended by: Deputy Clerk Kim Fletcher and Civil Attorney Blake Hall

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

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

Treasurer Lori Beard RE: Tax Cancellations - action item

Ms. Beard presented the tax cancellations for the month of July 2023 in the amount of \$710.23.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the tax cancellations for the month of July 2023 in the amount of \$710.23.

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

Linda Bruington RE: Bears, Trash Island Park Area

Ms. Bruington cancelled her appointment.

Juvenile Probation Supervisor Darin Burrell RE: Department Update/Quarterly Report

Mr. Burrell reported the juvenile department is busy. In October he will come back and report the annual numbers with more details.

Commissioner Kamachi noted we are still moving forward with the diversion program.

Mr. Burrell stated we are, and most cases are successful. There are a few that need to go through the whole judicial process, but if we can put as many as we can through the diversion program and give them therapy and treatment, it saves us a lot of time in the courts. Most of these cases are low risk and we have about a 90% success rate. He expressed his appreciation with our law enforcement, and our prosecutor's office.

Commissioner Kamachi expressed his appreciation for the diversion program and the attempt to help these lower risk kids and provide them opportunities for a successful future.

Mr. Burrell discussed the changes happening in his office as well, as they are absorbing the adult misdemeanor probation department. We are in good shape because James Hymas is already in place, trained and certified. He feels a year from now will provide more information and give us the ability to see if there are changes that need to be made. He went to post this last week for adult misdemeanor probation. He won't be certified as a misdemeanor probation officer but he will be over the department. Idaho is unique in the way we handle both our juvenile and adult misdemeanor probation programs. He asks for patience while he learns and makes those adjustments in his office, and welcomes questions and advice. Corryn Bennion will continue her position;

30 hours a week will be done with juvenile probation and the other 10 hours she will help James in adult misdemeanor probation.

School is starting next Monday and they will be doing a 4-day week schedule. We usually let the schools get started before we try to organize any meetings, so he will keep in touch with Commissioner Dance about the next RACE meeting.

Mr. Burrell discussed the fentanyl issue. Kids are taking another drug to enhance and elongate the high of the fentanyl. Fentanyl side effects are already bad, but the enhancement makes it much worse. Narcan continues to be the best solution as far as quick rescue in the event of an overdose.

Payroll Clerk TaGenn Armstrong: Timesheets - action item

Commissioners reviewed the timesheets.

Ms. Armstrong discussed minor malfunctions this morning with computer arts. There are issues with the submitting and approval processes, and individuals are having trouble accessing their portals. Any department that has a second approver is having issues, but it really isn't department specific either, as it's happening to individuals but not everyone. She and Clerk Mace submitted a ticket to Computer Arts on Friday, but the issues are still not corrected and Computer Arts doesn't know why it isn't working properly either.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the claims for August 14, 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 August 7, 2023 as presented.

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 Eastern Idaho Fall 2023-Spring 2024 academic year for Abby Dixon and Nancy Gould, and the application for the College of Southern Idaho Fall 2023-Spring 2024 academic year for Joshua Edgington.

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

Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Retail Alcoholic Beverage License for:

- #4 511 Main Fountain & Pizzeria
- #5 Dave's Jubilee
- #6 Sam Patch Co Grocer & Sundries
- #7 The Corner Bar
- #8 Dusty's Pit Stop
- #9 Ashton Quick Stop
- #10 Imperial Club

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

Commissioners discussed the Notice of Intent to Renew with Zions Bank for the building of the jail. This is done annually to renew our loan.
Commissioner Hill made a motion to sign the Notice of Intent to Renew with Zions Bank.
Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners discussed the annual Group Application for Employee Benefits with USABLE Life, formerly known as LifeMap. Nothing has changed since last year with the exception of their company name.
Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the group application for employee benefits with USABLE Life, policy number 50055412.
Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners discussed the FY2024 Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Agreement. We received an extra \$5000 this year, to make our total award \$40,000.
Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the Fremont county FY2024 Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Agreement.
Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Kamachi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.
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: _____
Kimberly Fletcher, Deputy Clerk