

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE HAILEY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2008  
IN HAILEY CITY HALL MEETING ROOM**

The special meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Rick Davis. Present were Council members Don Keirn, Martha Burke, Carol Brown and Fritz Haemmerle. Staff present included City Attorney Ned Williamson, City Administrator Heather Dawson and City Clerk Mary Cone.

Mayor Davis opened the meeting at 5:05 pm by asking for a motion to go into Executive Session.

**Motion made by Burke to go into Executive Session regarding Pending & Imminently Likely Litigation (IC 67-2345.f/j), seconded by Keirn, motion passed with roll call vote. Burke, yes. Brown, yes. Keirn, yes.**

Haemmerle arrived just as council went into Executive Session

Council returned from Executive Session at 5:30 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Burke handed out a copy of an email to council from Tom Bowman to Richard Baird dated Tues. Nov. 18, 2008 regarding the new airport governance body. Burke opened the discussion and made sure all council members read the email. The Blaine County Commissioners believe that the current structure of the joint powers agreement with Hailey may not be appropriate for a county airport indicated Bowman in his email.

Len Harlig the Public Information Officer for Friedman Memorial Airport spoke to council. The airport is a resource for the city to answer any questions about the Airport Relocation effort.

Haemmerle believes there are more questions to be answered before he can support the suggestions in Bowman's email. Burke asked Haemmerle what he would need to feel comfortable. He replied that he had a brief discussion with Susan McBryant and she suggested a workshop to discuss these questions.

Harlig stated that it will be Five to Seven years before construction of the new airport will begin, so there is time to work through questions and concerns that the council has. We are in the first step of the process; we have plenty of time to collectively decide what the new governance board will look like.

Keirn stated how he views the board, consisting of elected officials from each of the municipalities in the valley.

Rick Baird spoke about the history of the county getting involved in Friedman Airport; in that the City of Hailey was not able to run it independently and asked for the County to be a joint owner. Baird addresses a comment made by Mayor Davis. Baird believes that the FAA believes we have made the decision to relocate because staying would mean acquiring 600 acres to expand the existing Friedman Airport.

Mayor Davis asked how we get answers to our questions. Lubovisky and Baird would be happy to be involved in any discussion to provide answers to the council, answered Baird.

Baird asked Brown what she saw as next steps after having a discussion with the FMAA. Brown replied, have a few workshops and then come to an educated decision.

All parties in the meeting are interested in conducting workshops. Rick Baird will be the contact to coordinate this workshop planning.

Harlig suggested that we should be moving forward to resolution and not extend this indefinitely. Harlig read two paragraphs in the joint powers agreement...the agreement that the board would entertain relocating the airport. Harlig read another sentence from the joint powers agreement – "...sole sponsor if it moves outside of the city."

Baird will attempt to plan a meeting within the month. Baird will try to get the presentation given by the FAA which provides a good overview.

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm.

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Rick Davis, Mayor

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Mary Cone, City Clerk