

January 25, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 25th day of January 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

Donna Atwood, Clerk, called roll call: Kirk Chandler, present; Lyndon Haines, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

Nate Marvin opened the meeting and Kirk Chandler led the Pledge of Allegiance. Lyndon Haines gave the invocation.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS AND REPORTS)

Correspondence received by the Board was reviewed and disseminated as required. Haines reported he attended an orientation at Southwest District Health last week and will attend the Board meeting on January 26, 2021.

The group discussed correspondence with the legislature regarding unfunded mandates and proposed rules from the Public Defense Commission.

The Board discussed an email from Nicholas Partin regarding county road standards and work performed on right-of-ways.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the Social Services Assignment between Washington County and the Catastrophic Health Care Program on Case No. W-2021-00006. Motion carried.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the ballot order for the Payette Joint School District for the March 2021 Supplemental Levy Election. Motion carried.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve the appointment of Lyndon Haines and Keri Smith to the Southwest District Board of Health. Motion carried.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler, to approve Retail Alcoholic Beverage License No. 29 for the Homestead Café, LLC, doing business at 813 State Street, Weiser, Idaho. Motion carried.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve a demand warrant in the amount of \$75.00 for postage. Motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of January 19, 2021 were approved as written.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

The claims, audited by the Auditor, were presented and reviewed by the Board. All credit card claims were reviewed.

The Auditor was authorized to issue warrants totaling \$122,396.71 for general expenses by a motion of Kirk Chandler, seconded by Lyndon Haines. Motion carried.

The Auditor was authorized to issue warrants totaling \$1,047.96 for social services expenses by a motion of Lyndon Haines, seconded by Kirk Chandler. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF OPERATIONS IN FUNDS/STATEMENT OF TREASURER'S CASH)

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve the Operations in Funds/Statement of Treasurer's Cash for the month of December 2020 in the amount of \$10,197,491.32. Motion carried

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the Operations in Funds/Statement of Treasurer's Cash for the period of October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$10,197,491.32. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF)

Matt Thomas, Washington County Sheriff, met with the Board. Thomas reported he had received the bid specs for plumbing at the jail.

There was discussion of the process to follow when requesting bids.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to allow Sheriff Thomas to submit a request for bids on the project. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF AIRPLANES)

Lance and Dawnette Hoch, met with the Board. Also present was Planning and Zoning Administrator, Bonnie Brent; Sheriff, Matt Thomas and Robert Patrick. Lance Hoch discussed a verbal complaint that was received regarding flying his personal airplane in and out of his property.

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Marvin stated having an airport on A1 farm ground is in violation of County Code without a Special Use Permit. Marvin discussed a letter sent to Hoch from Planning and Zoning Administrator, Bonnie Brent, which contained the sections of County Code that addresses the violation.

Chandler inquired if the complaint was anonymous. It was not.

Hoch discussed his cattle operation and stated he is wintering cattle on the property. Hoch flies his airplane to the property to feed. Hoch informed the Board that the complaining party is three miles away and owns ten acres. Hoch stated Rob Roberts and BLM (Bureau of Land Management) own property that borders his property. Hoch discussed the condition of the road and stated it has not been bladed. Hoch further stated that the airstrip is just an “alleged airstrip”. Hock plans to retire on the property. Hoch informed the Board that he will be moving rock and has authorization to build ponds that will be filled by a well.

Marvin read from the code where an airstrip is allowed with the approval by a Special Use Permit issued by the Planning and Zoning Commission and approved by the Board.

Haines read the definition of an airport from County Code which reads: “Any runway, land area or other facility designed or used either publicly or privately by any person for the landing and taking off of aircraft, including all necessary taxiways, aircraft storage and tie down areas, hangars and other necessary buildings.”

Hoch informed the Board that his interpretation of the code is that landing an airplane is part of his agricultural operation and no different than driving a tractor on the property.

Chandler stated the AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association) states there are no rules regarding private airports.

Hoch informed the Board that he wants his property designated as an airfield.

Haines stated that there are county citizens who have already gone through the Special Use process in order to be able to land an airplane on their property. The County needs to be uniform.

Hoch informed the Board that if a special use permit were required, he would want his property listed as an airfield and have it registered.

Haines stated the Special Use Permit is protection for Hoch as well as the County.

Bonnie stated Washington County Prosecuting Attorney, Delton Walker, has all the information on the matter.

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Marvin stated Hoch would need to file the appropriate paperwork with the Planning and Zoning Office and follow the process.

Hoch informed the Board that he plans to clear rock on the property to make better pasture. Hoch stated that he anticipates the Board will receive complaints when he moves rock on the property.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Washington County Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. Walker informed the Board that there was not enough members of the Planning and Zoning Commission present at last week's meeting for a quorum. Walker suggested that the Board reach out to Planning and Zoning members and request they attend the monthly meetings.

Marvin inquired about the definition of an airfield as stated in County Code.

Walker stated it would be best if Hoch followed the Special Use process. Walker will review the code and report to the Board.

Chandler stated Hoch would like to designate his entire ranch as an airfield.

Bonnie Brent stated it is included in the definition of an airport as any land area either publicly or privately used for the landing or taking off for aircraft. The special use refers to landing fields.

Walker inquired for input regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission. Marvin will meet with Planning and Zoning Administrator, Bonnie Brent. They will reach out to the Planning and Zoning Commission members regarding attendance to monthly meetings.

Haines inquired if the Board could request what items to be addressed first. Walker suggested that the Board consult with Planning and Zoning Administrator, Bonnie Brent, as to what items the Commission addresses first.

IN THE MATTER OF AMBULANCE)

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to recess as the Board of Washington County Commissioners and convene as the Board of the Weiser Ambulance District. Motion carried unanimous.

Debbie Warren, Deputy Clerk, called roll call: Kirk Chandler, present; Lyndon Haines, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

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Luke Smith, Ambulance District Director, met with the Board. Also present was Ambulance District Administrative Advisor, Tim Atwood.

Luke Smith reported that the Ambulance District had twenty-one calls for service that included six transfers, and five public assists last week.

Smith informed the Board that he had researched security camera systems for the Ambulance Hall and exterior of the living quarters. A twelve-camera Lenox system would cost approximately \$1,200.00 - \$1,500.00.

Smith stated the new billing service with Systems Design West would be in place this weekend.

Smith reported he is conducting an internal HR audit reviewing personnel files and payroll records.

Smith stated that Dr. Donohue will be presenting an in-service training for ten staff members on January 30, 2021.

The District is working on the CARES block grant. If the District does not receive the grant funding, payment of \$2,000.00 - \$4,000.00 will be due to the grant writer.

Marvin stated the Board has given permission to Weiser Memorial Hospital to use the area behind the Ambulance Hall as a staging area for construction.

Lyndon Haines questioned why the account reports are behind the actual payables each week. Haines inquired if Shelley Foster would be willing to meet with the Board.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to go into executive session at 10:45 a.m. in accordance with I.C. 74-206(1) (a & b) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office, (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. Motion carried. Kirk Chandler, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Nate Marvin stated they were out of executive session at 11:30 a.m.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to recess as the Board of the Weiser Ambulance District and reconvene as Board of Washington County Commissioners. Motion carried.

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Debbie Warren, Deputy Clerk, called roll call: Kirk Chandler, present; Lyndon Haines, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD & BRIDGE/SOLID WASTE)

Jerod Odoms, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the Board.

The Road & Bridge Guidelines discussion was postponed until next week.

Odoms presented an Application and Permit to Use Right-of-Way Utilities with the City of Weiser for property located near Airport Road to the Board for review. The Board recommended that a survey be completed to ensure utilities are placed in the right-of-way.

Nate Marvin moved seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the Application and Permit to Use Surveyed Right-of-Way Utilities with the City of Weiser. Motion carried.

Odoms reported he is completing paperwork for the Office of Emergency Management/FEMA for the State payback portion for payroll reimbursement from the 2017 snow event.

Odoms informed the Board that he has seen a 10% increase in cost in the past week for metal and parts.

The group discussed Unity Bridge. Odoms stated he had a maintenance inspection report from 2019 with recommendations from the engineer showing an estimated maintenance and improvements cost of \$2,343,000.00. Odoms stated none of the recommended work has been done. Some of the items can be completed by Road and Bridge personnel, but some items require contractor work. Odoms reported there was an additional inspection conducted in 2020.

The Board requested that Odoms draft documentation to submit an order to request an engineer to begin work on Unity Bridge.

The Board discussed the condition of Cove Road near the end of the County road. Odoms stated general maintenance stops at cattle guard #27.

Marvin inquired on the status of accepting credit cards at Solid Waste. For now, they are billing patrons who cannot pay at the site.

IN THE MATTER OF TAX CANCELLATION)

Washington County Treasurer, Sabrina Young, met with the Board. Young presented a Request for Tax and/or Fee Cancellation to the Board. Young stated there was an error on January 25, 2021

the assessment roll in 2020 due to a split on the property. The subject property was originally assessed at market value of \$17,271.00 and should have been assessed at the agricultural value of \$225.00.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to cancel taxes in the amount of \$142.03 for the 2020 year on parcel number PR11N02W060010. Motion carried.

Motion by Nate Marvin, seconded by Lyndon Haines and unanimously carried to recess at 12:17 p.m. until February 1, 2021 at 8:45 a.m.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk

A full audio recording of the Commissioner Meeting is available at the Clerk's Office upon request.