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The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 28th day of February 2022.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

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

Nate Marvin opened the meeting and Donna Atwood 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.

Lyndon Haines reported he attended last week's Southwest District Health Board meeting.

Kirk Chandler reported on an email he received regarding the drought proclamation from 2021 and a request to join the Prayer & Fasting on March 6, 2022.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the Operation in Funds, Statement of Treasurer's Cash for January 2022 in the amount of \$15,928,253.17. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve a Certificate of Residency for Joshua Negrete. Motion carried unanimous.

Haines stated there would be a job posting for a seasonal Building and Grounds employee submitted in-house and to the paper. The posting will also be on the County website.

Chandler stated that Emergency Manager Tony Buthman reported the current snow pack is at 81% in the Weiser drainage.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of February 22, 2022 were approved as written.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to amend February 14, 2022 minutes correcting House Bill 389 to House Bill 562. Motion carried unanimous.

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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 \$146,109.88 for general expenses by a motion of Lyndon Haines, seconded by Kirk Chandler. Motion carried.

The Auditor was authorized to issue warrants totaling \$1,818.45 for social services expenses by a motion of Kirk Chandler, seconded by Lyndon Haines. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

Those present for the hearing were Dave Elwood and Mark Fahey with Pacific Fibre Products and Kristen Nieskens with Snake River Economic Development Alliance (SREDA).

Nate Marvin opened the hearing at 9:00 a.m.

Lyndon Haines read the Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Grant Activities on the record.

The County of Washington is submitting a proposal to the Idaho Department of Commerce for a Rural Community Investment Fund (RCIF) in the amount of \$190,421.00 plus administration. The proposed project is to upgrade the Idaho Power grid supply necessary to meet the power demands of the manufacturing facilities, current and future. The upgrades consist of expanding the power transmission infrastructure from an Idaho Power substation to the facility. This will involve installing a capacitor bank, recloser and two regular banks.

Kristen Nieskens with Snake River Economic Development Alliance stated she had made some corrections to the Application.

No written comment was received.

Mark Fahey, Chief Financial Officer with Pacific Fibre Products, thanked the Board for consideration of the proposal.

Nieskens stated letters of support would be submitted with the application. Nieskens thanked the Board for their support on the project.

Fahey thanked the Board for support of the tax incentive that was previously granted to Pacific Fibre. Fahey informed the Board that Pacific Fibre has hired the 10 employees as

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stated in the tax incentive application. Fahey stated there is intention of hiring additional employees at the facility.

Dave Elwood, Plant Manager for Pacific Fibre, reported they intend to add a second shift, which would add additional 6 to 10 employees. Elwood informed the Board that there are plans to add a dirt mixing facility and bag plant to the operation. Elwood encouraged the Board to visit the facility.

No public comment was received.

Marvin asked how long it would take for the power upgrades to be completed.

Elwood stated it would depend on the availability of supplies for the project.

Marvin closed the hearing at 9:07 a.m.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve the Proposed Grant Activities Application to assist in the Rural Community Investment Fund Grant to upgrade power at the Pacific Fibre Products plant. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF U.S. MARSHALL PER DIEM CONTRACT)

Washington County Sheriff, Matt Thomas, met with the Board. Also present was Jail Commander Johnny Biddinger.

Sheriff Thomas informed the Board they had met with an attorney from Washington DC who negotiate contracts with the US Marshalls for Per Diem for Intergovernmental Services. Thomas told the Board the fee on US Marshall holds has not increased since 2008. Thomas told the Board the county currently receives \$57.00 per day, per inmate. Attorney Summerill projected the fee could be increase to \$70.00 or more per day, per inmate. Thomas told the Board the increased fee would be approximately a \$95,000.00 increase to the County per year.

Haines asked if the current fee was covering the cost to the County.

Thomas stated it is not.

Biddinger stated per the Idaho Sheriff's Association formula, the current inmate cost per day is \$85-\$86 per day.

Thomas informed the Board that there would be a cost to the County for negotiating the contract. Summerill has agreed to accept payment from the 2023 budget to allow the county to budget for the cost. Thomas stated it would be a two-year contract and at that time, the contract would be re-negotiated. Thomas requested the Board sign the contract.

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Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler that the Commissioners sign the US Marshal Per Diem Contract.

Haines amended the motion to sign a contract to enter into an agreement with Summerill Group, LLC to negotiate the agreement on behalf of Washington County. The motion was seconded by Kirk Chandler. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD & BRIDGE/SOLID WASTE)

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

Marvin discussed a claim to purchase tools for Road and Bridge. Marvin inquired if Odoms had a county credit card. There was discussion of the Lease Agreements with Summit National Bank.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the Lease Agreement with Summit National Bank for a 2022 Caterpillar 150 All-Wheel Drive Motor Grader Serial Number EB500717 with Caterpillar MG Roller. Kirk Chandler, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the Lease Agreement with Summit National Bank on a Caterpillar 150 All-Wheel Drive Motor Grader Serial Number EB500600. Kirk Chandler, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Odoms discussed damages to Weiser River Road and the work that has been done. Odoms stated there is no base to the road and using the zipper would make the condition of the road worse. Odoms stated there will need to be a full project put in place to properly repair the roadway.

Odoms stated the monthly Safety Meeting would be held Tuesday, March 1, 2022. There would also be a meeting regarding Unity Bridge.

Odoms submitted an Application for Buried Cable or Pipe Line submitted by Attebery Underground, Inc. to be placed at 619 Unity Lane.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve, an Application for Buried Cable or Pipe Line submitted by Attebery Underground, Inc. to be placed at 619 Unity Lane. Motion carried unanimous.

Odoms presented an Application and Permit to Use Right-of-Way, Utilities submitted by Track Utilities, LLC for work to be completed at 273 Glascock Road to place copper line for service to a home.

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Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve an Application and Permit to Use Right-of-Way, Utilities submitted by Track Utilities, LLC for work to be completed at 273 Glascock Road to place copper line for service to a home. Motion carried unanimous.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to go into executive session at 9:49 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 unanimous. Kirk Chandler, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Nate Marvin stated they were out of executive session at 10:02 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER TO JOHN HOFF)

Tony Buthman, Emergency Manager, met with the Board. Buthman provided an overview of a meeting he had with John Hoff regarding grazing on BLM allotments and creating a firebreak. Hoff had requested a letter of support from the County. Buthman stated the request is out of his scope of work.

Marvin stated Hoff had requested a copy of the County Wild Fire Protection Plan, if there was one.

Buthman discussed the County Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is the current CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan). Buthman informed the Board that Hoff requested a letter of support stating he should be allowed to graze the subject property and not have to fence the property.

Haines read a portion for the Hazard Mitigation Plan on the record. Haines stated that it is a fair statement to say that the county would like to see the fuels reduced through grazing.

The property in question is located near Jenkins Creek Road.

Haines stated he would be in favor of writing a letter of support quoting a portion of the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Haines will assist in drafting a letter to Brent Ralston with the Bureau of Land Management.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. There were no matters brought before the Board.

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IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING)

Bonnie Brent, Planning and Zoning Administrator, met with the Board. Brent presented the building permit report from January to the Board for review. Brent discussed the Shawn and Rachael Kidd Special Use Request with the Board. Brent stated they had requested placing a second temporary residence on the property to allow for care and assistance for their parents. Brent stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had recommended the Board approve the request.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve the Shawn and Rachael Kidd Special Use Request for a temporary home for their parents. Motion carried unanimous.

Brent requested permission to carry over 4.25 hours of vacation time forward. The Board approved the request.

Brent presented a thank you card for Connie-Roze Burr to the Board to sign thanking her for her years of service on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Marvin discussed the proposed changes to County Code and the one-acre or larger parcels. There was continued discussion regarding recommendations to the proposed code changes. There was discussion regarding a Special Use and property splits on an original parcel of land.

Chandler discussed the inability to control lot size that are sold or purchased.

There was continued discussion regarding property splits, preserving farm ground, and what to allow in County Code.

Brent stated the current process and the proposals from Chris Meyer are a check and balance on what is allowed in county code.

Chandler presented a draft of question asking for definitions of A-1, A-2 and A-3 land.

IN THE MATTER OF AMBULANCE)

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

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

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Luke Smith, Ambulance District Director, met with the Board. Order No. 22-22 for general expenses in the amount of \$1,548.72 and Order No. 22-0011 for payroll expenses in the amount of \$27,479.93 was presented to the Board for review.

Smith reported the Ambulance District had twenty-seven calls for service last week, which included seven transfers and five public assists/refusals for care. Smith reported on training plans for the upcoming year. Smith discussed meetings he attended last week. Smith informed the Board he will talk with other agencies in the county regarding future trainings.

Haines requested a more detailed report regarding expenditures and revenues for the District.

Lyndon Haines Moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve Order No. 22-0011 for payroll expenses in the amount of \$27,479.93. Motion carried.

Kirk Chandler Moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve Order No. 22-22 for general expenses in the amount of \$1,548.72. Motion carried.

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 unanimous.

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

IN THE MATTER OF COURT OPERATIONS)

Magistrate Judge David Eames and Deputy Court Clerk Ellie Ibarra, met with the Board.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to go into executive session at 11:00 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 unanimous. Kirk Chandler, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Nate Marvin stated they were out of executive session at 11:56 a.m.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to enter into a contract with Malcolm Copple with Logan and Copple Law to provide Public Defense for Washington County. Motion carried unanimous.

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IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL)

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to go into executive session at 11:58 p.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 unanimously. Kirk Chandler, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Nate Marvin stated they were out of executive session at 12:19 p.m.

Motion by Nate Marvin, seconded by Kirk Chandler and unanimously carried to recess at 12:20 p.m. until March 7, 2022 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.