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The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 2nd day of May 2022.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

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

Nate Marvin opened the meeting and 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. The Board reviewed a Notice of Public Hearing from the City of Weiser regarding a request from Mark Ridley with CJM Limited Partnership for a Conditional Use Permit to construct an 18 Unit Townhouse Style Apartment Complex on property located on East 2nd Street.

Lyndon Haines reported he attended the Southwest District Health Board and Snake River Economic Development Alliance meetings last week. Haines requested time to be allowed next week to discuss the Health District budget request with the members of the Board.

Nate Marvin stated he attended the WICAP meeting last Thursday.

Marvin and Haines plan to attend the Idaho Association of Counties training in Boise on May 3, 2022.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve a Catering Permit for Tricycle LLC, doing business as Eastside Tavern to be used May 21, 2022 at Sunnyside Farms. Motion carried unanimous.

Marvin discussed the lease renewal on the dozer for Road and Bridge. Marvin stated he would follow up and sign the dozer lease.

The Board will review the Commissioners budget worksheet next week.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of April 25, 2022 were approved as corrected.

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IN THE MATTER OF SECURE ENTRANCE)

Bryce Parker with Beniton Construction, met with the Board. Also present was Alan Uhlorn and Chris Vandemkamp. Parker informed the Board that the bids for the proposed secure entry came in extremely high.

Uhlorn reviewed the final bids with the Board. Uhlorn stated many of the contractors are interested in the project, but their workload is too heavy to do the project at this time. The start date is more the problem than the costs. It was stated that there were no contractors available to do the work.

Clerk, Donna Atwood, discussed funding available to pay the cost of the project.

Parker suggested the Board put the project off until August or September in hopes of acquiring better bids on the project.

The Board agreed to postpone the project until August or September in hopes more bids can be obtained. Chandler stated the Courthouse is a historical building and the construction needs to match the existing building.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS)

Those present were Sheriff, Matt Thomas; Weed Superintendent, Bonnie Davis; Road and Bridge Supervisor, Jerod Odoms; Juvenile Probation Supervisor, Dahlia Stender; Emergency Manager, Tony Buthman; Assessor, Debbie Moxley-Potter; Information Technology Director, Robert Peterson; Prosecuting Attorney, Delton Walker; and Treasurer, Sabrina Young.

Gordon Wilkerson entered the meeting.

Sheriff Thomas presented a request for sick time donations to the Board for approval. The Board approved the request. Thomas stated the jail inspections were conducted last week and there are a couple items to repair. Thomas informed the Board that Design West is working on obtaining bids for the plumbing in the jail.

Bonnie Davis, Weed Superintendent, reported that the Weed Department is moving ahead with projects as weather allows. Davis stated two projects are scheduled for this week as well as spraying on the state highway. Davis stated there is still a posting for seasonal help.

Treasurer, Sabrina Young, reported that the June Reminder Notices would be mailed out this week. Young informed the Board that there has been interest on the upcoming Tax Deed Auction. There was discussion of an auctioneer for the July 25th Tax Deed

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Auction. Sheriff Thomas will contact Brad Johnson to see if he can serve as the auctioneer.

Assessor, Debbie Moxley-Potter, informed the Board that the assessment drive would begin in two weeks. The office is currently reviewing assessments to ensure everything is correct. Moxley-Potter stated assessed values are going up.

Juvenile Probation Supervisor, Dahlia Stender, stated the current number of juveniles are low right now. Stender stated that the work crew is working with Love INC's garden. Stender informed the Board that staff members are doing training while the workload is low.

Emergency Manager, Tony Buthman, discussed the Drought Declaration filed by the State under Title 42. Buthman stated that if the need were to arise, the county could adopt a declaration under Title 46. Buthman stated the Declaration allows the Idaho Department of Water Resources the authority to divert water to high priority areas, mostly for drinking water.

Information Technology Director, Robert Peterson, informed the Board that the three major projects are in progress. Peterson stated he is preparing for the Microsoft update and multi-factor authentication may be implemented when employees log in. Peterson stated the new wireless equipment has been received and hopes to begin installing the equipment in the next few weeks.

Dahlia Stender readdressed the Board. Stender stated she and Juan Sanchez attended the Governor's meeting last week regarding Operation Esto Perpetua at the Vendome. Stender stated that the training and education for the community regarding the opioid epidemic is available. Stender stated she has found resources available and hopes to work with the schools to help provide education regarding the opioid epidemic.

Sheriff Thomas stated fentanyl is being found more and more. Thomas informed the Board that he expressed his dissatisfaction with Oregon at the meeting at the Vendome. Thomas stated he would be willing to start up the Task Force again and had discussed that with surrounding law enforcement agencies.

Haines stated he could communicate with the Health District regarding the Task Force.

Chief Deputy Auditor, Debbie Warren, reported the Primary Election would be May 17, 2022. Absentee voting is currently being conducted by the Clerk's Office. Warren stated budget paperwork has been distributed to Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Gordon Wilkerson left the meeting.

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IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. Walker reported that personal property valued at less than \$250.00 could be sold at private sale without public notice. Items that do not sell can be donated or disposed of. Items with a value over \$250.00 are to be sold at public auction following Public Notice. Walker stated the process is addressed in Idaho Code 31-808. Walker stated items could be listed/advertised on Living in the News. Walker informed the Board that he drafts contracts for Living in the News and would not be able to provide legal advice regarding the contract.

Walker discussed the possible purchase of the Panike property. Walker stated the County would need to get the property appraised. Walker also discussed adjoining property owned by Irv Leen.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING)

Bonnie Brent, Planning and Zoning Administrator, met with the Board. Also present was Gordon Wilkerson, Francene Hickey, Kelly Erickson, and Joe Kulp.

Marvin asked the members of the Board if there was a conflict of interest or any ex-parte communications to be disclosed.

Haines stated he had spoken with Ashley Lynn prior to the hearing.

Brent informed the Board that Lynn had requested a Special Use for a non-conforming lot size for a dwelling because the subject property is between one and twenty acres as listed as a Special Use in the A-1 zone. Brent stated the Planning and Zoning had recommended an approval as the Special Use fits with the zoning ordinance and the applicant has met the applicable standard for a Special Use.

Haines questioned if there was a dwelling right available on the original parcel.

Brent stated that there was one dwelling right available.

Marvin inquired if the property was an original 20-acres that had been split.

Brent stated the property was a 60-acre original parcel. Brent stated Lynn is not asking for a split because the property was previously split.

Marvin expressed concerns of the property being prime farm ground.

Haines stated this is one of those areas that had been previously split.

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Chandler stated it was an original parcel that has been divided even though it was zoned as A-1 Ag. Chandler stated there is a split available.

Walker stated the property will remain zoned as A-1 and fits the criteria for Special Use.

Brent stated that according to the Special Use request, the owner would place the house in a corner of the property.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the Ashley Lynn Special Use Request. Motion carried unanimous.

Brent discussed the Karen Hahn Curci Special Use Request. Brent stated Curci is requesting a dwelling on a non-conforming lot size between one and twenty acres. Brent stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request based on the Special Use Requests fits with the zoning ordinance and the applicant has met the applicable standard for a Special Use.

Marvin inquired who conducts the title search on the properties.

Brent stated the Title Companies conducts the deed searches and Amerititle guarantees the deed search.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the Karen Hahn Curci Special Use Request as presented. Motion carried unanimous.

Brent reviewed the Joseph K. Bryson Special Use Request with the Board. Brent stated the request is for a dwelling on a non-conforming lot size on a parcel between one and twenty acres. Brent stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request based on the Special Use Requests fits with the zoning ordinance and the applicant has met the applicable standard for a Special Use.

Walker stated the subject property is not located on prime agricultural land.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the Joseph K. Bryson Special Use. Motion carried unanimous.

Brent informed the Board she hopes to have the Heller Development Agreement ready for the Board to review next week. Brent stated interviews for the open Planning and Zoning positions are scheduled for next week.

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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 via zoom; Lyndon Haines, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

Luke Smith, Ambulance District Director, met with the Board. Order No. 22-29 for general expenses in the amount of \$9,220.65 was presented to the Board for review.

Smith reported the Ambulance District had twenty-two calls for service last week, which included nine transfers and eight public assists/refusals for care.

Smith stated he is disputing a bill with Stryker. Smith reported Stryker billed the district for 47 hours to work on cots, but was at the Ambulance Hall for four hours. Smith informed the Board he will cancel Hazmat training and will move forward with training provided by ICRMP.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve Order No. 22-29 for general expenses in the amount of \$9,220.65. Motion carried unanimous.

Smith stated he is working on submitting grant applications for the district. Smith reported there is to be additional grant funding available in August through the State.

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.

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

IN THE MATTER OF ROSE ADVOCATES)

Delores Larsen and Veronica Vasquez met with the Board. Larsen stated that in a nine-month period of time Rose Advocates has worked with 117 clients, 48 of those are new clients. Larsen stated to the Board that they have worked with 19 children under the age of 18. Larsen informed the Board that child abuse cases were not being reported during COVID because children were not in school. Larsen discussed cases in Washington County and stated that Rose Advocates has worked with 18 males, 76 females and were notified of four adult sexual assaults in a nine-month period. Larsen stated 10 child sexual assaults were reported. Larsen stated some cases are severe and the State of Idaho does not have sexual assault protection orders.

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Haines inquired about classes for parents.

Vasquez stated that they do have curriculum for parents and children.

Vasquez reviewed the 2022 budget and expenditures with the Board. Vasquez requested continued funding from the county for the 2023 budget year in the amount of \$12,500.00.

Larsen informed the Board that grant funding has been cut through the Victims of Crime Act.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD & BRIDGE/SOLID WASTE)

Jerod Odoms, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the Board. Odoms reported the new 420 backhoe has been received.

Marvin stated he would sign the documents on the 420 backhoe.

Odoms presented an Application for Buried Cable or Pipe Line submitted by Idaho Power to the Board for review.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve an Application for Buried Cable or Pipe Line for work in the right-of-way submitted by Idaho Power to be placed at 1098 Mann Creek Road. Motion carried unanimous.

Odoms presented an Application for Buried Cable or Pipe Line to upgrade a transformer submitted by Idaho Power to the Board for review.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve an Application for Buried Cable or Pipe Line for work in the right-of-way submitted by Idaho Power to upgrade a transformer on Crystal Lane. Motion carried unanimous.

Odoms discussed the bids for asphalt that was received last week. Odoms recommended that the Commissioners reject all bids because he does not have the rock in order to complete the projects in the paving season. Odoms stated he could not do all the work. Odoms informed the board he did not think he would be able to do the paving on Cove Road. Odoms discussed the damage to Weiser River Road. Odoms stated the zipper is currently ripping up Weiser River Road.

Marvin inquired if a portion of Cove Road could be completed. Marvin discussed asphalt funding that was not used in the previous year.

Odoms informed the Board that the department might be able to pave ½ mile of Cove Road. The original projection was approximately 1 ½ miles. Odoms stated the contractors

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would want to pave in August and as of October, there would not be a guarantee on the work due to frost.

Haines stated he believed that Road and Bridge should do as much as possible on the proposed projects. Haines confirmed with Odoms that they are ready to proceed on the small projects.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to accept the Thueson Construction bid for asphalt for the 2022-paving season not to exceed \$442,560.00. Roll call vote: Kirk Chandler Aye; Lyndon Haines Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Odoms stated he would prepare the Notice of Award and send it to Thueson. Odoms stated he would like to set the crusher up at the Swain Pit this week. Odoms informed the Board the work on Goodrich corner is complete. Odoms stated the monthly safety meeting was held this morning regarding operating the mower.

The group discussed the auction of the Cambridge property on Highway 95.

Motion by Nate Marvin, seconded by Lyndon Haines and unanimously carried to recess at 12:18 p.m. until May 9, 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.