

May 16, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 16th day of May 2022.

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 Lyndon Haines led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kirk Chandler 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 the following: a Notification of Retirement letter received from Emergency Manager, Tony Buthman; the 2021 Gem Plan audited financial statement; an April 28, 2022 letter from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game regarding a proposed land acquisition in Washington County.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to issue a duplicate warrant payable to Clifford Shock. Motion carried unanimous.

The Board signed the Public Defense Commission (PDC) Financial Assistance Application that was previously reviewed with Jennifer Roarke from the PDC.

Lyndon Haines stated he would attend Economic Development meetings this week. Haines discussed the grant for Pacific Fibre regarding an electrical system upgrade.

Bonnie Davis, Weed Superintendent, presented the Idaho Transportation Department Noxious Weed Agreement to the Board for approval. Davis stated the Agreement provides \$7,100.00 to be used to spray right-of-ways on the State highway.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler, to approve the 2023 Idaho Transportation Department Noxious Weed Agreement. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of May 9, 2022 were approved as corrected.

IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

Robert Peterson, Information Technology Director, met with the Board. Peterson discussed the Image Idaho project regarding broadband with the Board. Peterson stated a

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“Speed Test” will need to be conducted by a third party vendor. The steps to build a broadband plan were reviewed by Peterson. Peterson informed the Board that testing is to be completed in September.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION)

Michelle Tate, Chief Deputy Assessor, informed the Board that there were no matters to be brought forward at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. Walker inquired if the Board had any additional information regarding issues at Intrinsic Organics or Gentry Lane. There was discussion regarding the proposed changes to County Code.

Haines stated he and Planning and Zoning Administrator, Bonnie Brent, are continuing to research other counties codes for ideas to submit for consideration.

Joe Kulp entered the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING)

Bonnie Brent, Planning and Zoning Administrator, met with the Board. Brent presented a resignation letter from Tim Wrightman to the Board.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the appointments of Mike Jones and Katie Rollins to the Planning and Zoning Commission to complete a four-year term. Motion carried unanimous.

There was continued discussion of code review.

Chandler inquired if the Planning and Zoning members are writing Findings of Fact to be presented to the Board.

Brent stated the Commission has received the form to complete in order to submit their Findings of Fact.

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.

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Luke Smith, Ambulance District Director, met with the Board. Order No. 22-30 for general expenses in the amount of \$15,405.93 was presented to the Board for review.

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

Smith reported he is placing the order for training mannequins for the District. Smith discussed hiring an intern EMT and a PRN (as needed) EMT for the District. Smith stated Grace Arnold would work as a Driver/EMT and Jacquelyn Jones would be hired as PRN (as needed) EMT. Wage requests for Arnold and Jones was submitted to the Board for approval. The Board signed the requests.

Smith reviewed the Annual Collections Report submitted by Systems Design West with the Board. Smith discussed staffing with the Board.

Smith stated that receipt of the new ambulance has been pushed back to September.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve Order No. 22-30 for general expenses in the amount of \$15,405.93. Motion carried unanimous.

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.

IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH BUDGET REQUEST)

Nikki Zogg, Southwest District Health Director, met with the Board. Also present was Troy Cunningham, Halle McDermott, Sam Kenney, and Colt Dickman.

Zogg reviewed the 2023 Budget Request for Southwest District Health with the Board. The impact of House Bill 316 was discussed.

Sam Kenney provided an overview of the Crisis Center to the Board. Kenney also discussed Behavioral Health.

Halle McDermott informed the Board she is working with a “chat group” and is looking for persons interested in assisting with the program.

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Colt Dickman discussed land development and stated he would be willing to assist the County with septic systems, etc.

Marvin stated the Board would like input from Southwest District Health regarding lot size on wells and septic systems, etc.

Colt stated he is in the process of doing similar research for Gem County regarding drinking water, land development, septic, and water treatment.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD & BRIDGE/SOLID WASTE)

Jerod Odoms, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the Board. Odoms discussed the Idaho Transportation Agreement with the Board.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler, to have the Chairman sign the Idaho Transportation Department Agreement upon approval of the Prosecuting Attorney. Motion carried unanimous.

Odoms discussed the quote regarding the purchase of a scale for Solid Waste. Odoms stated the cost of shipping has increased and the quote from Total Scale will be honored for one more week.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines, to allow the purchase of a scale for Solid Waste from Total Scale in the amount of \$44,843.38 plus shipping. Motion carried unanimous.

Odoms presented an Application for the Placement of Culverts/Approaches submitted by Garrett Springer to be placed on Stagecoach Road.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines, to approve the Application for Placement of Culverts/Approaches submitted by Garrett Springer to be placed on Stagecoach Road. Motion carried unanimous.

Odoms informed the Board that he would like to apply for grant funding for work on Unity Bridge, the bridge on Old Highway, Crane Creek Bridge, and the Dixie Creek and Old Highway Bridge.

The Board instructed Odoms to request funding for the Burton Lane and Lower Crane Road bridges as well.

Chandler inquired if the County could apply for other available funding.

The Board inquired of the date the auction for the Salubria property. There was discussion of the need to purchase rock in order to complete roadwork.

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IN THE MATTER OF WEISER SENIOR CENTER BUDGET REQUEST)

Karen Hoffer met with the Board. Also present was Connie Lang, Barbara Goff and Linda Smith.

Hoffer informed the Board that the insurance premiums have increased on the buses. Hoffer stated they serve 800 to 900 meals per month at the Senior Center. Hoffer informed the Board that the cost of the meal is \$12.00 and the County donation is approximately \$3.00 per meal. Hoffer informed the Board that funding provided by the Governor's office helped with home delivery meals. Hoffer reviewed how funding from the County has been used. The group requested continued funding from the County.

Motion by Nate Marvin, seconded by Kirk Chandler and unanimously carried to recess at 1:59 p.m. until May 23, 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.