

May 23, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 23rd 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 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.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to allow the Chairman to sign the Southwest District Health Proxy to give Lyndon Haines the authority to vote on behalf of the Board at the budget meeting to be held on June 9, 2022. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve the appointment of Georgia Hanigan and Bryan Elliott to the Southwest District Health Board. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve the Alcohol Beverage Catering Application for G & B Enterprises Inc. doing business as Slims Tavern to be used May 28, 2022 at the Sunnyside Farm & Events Location. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of May 16, 2022 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 \$189,649.42 for general expenses by a motion of Lyndon Haines, seconded by Kirk Chandler. Motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF AMBULANCE HALL PROPERTY)

David Belford with Weiser Memorial Hospital met with the Board. Also present was Weiser Ambulance Director, Luke Smith, Washington County Sheriff, Matt Thomas and Chief Deputy, Brady Johnston.

Belford presented an aerial view of Weiser Memorial Hospital grounds to the Board. Belford stated the hospital is looking to install a bulk oxygen system. Belford stated the best location for the system to be placed would be between the Ambulance Hall and the new addition to the Hospital. Belford inquired if the Board was to consider renting the property to the Hospital or should the County sell the property in the future, the County should give the Hospital first right of refusal.

The Board stated they would consider the request.

Smith stated he was in support of the proposal presented by Belford. Smith discussed possible solutions to expanding the hospital grounds or the possibility of combining the Ambulance and Fire Station to one location at some point in the future. Smith informed the Board the FAA is discouraging putting helipads on the roof of a structure.

IN THE MATTER OF CANVASS OF VOTES)

Michelle Hagans, Deputy Elections Clerk, met with the Board. Also present was Lisa Collini.

Hagans presented the May 17, 2022 Primary Election results to the Board for review. Hagans stated the paper poll books are also available to review at the Board's request. Hagans discussed the election process and work completed by the poll workers at the close of the polls.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the Canvass of Votes as presented. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. Walker informed he had completed the review of the Cove Road Bridge Agreement. Walker stated he had not been in contact with an appraiser in order to schedule an appraisal of the Panike property. Walker informed the Board he will be meeting with Brian Heller this week.

Chandler discussed the proposal from the Weiser Memorial Hospital to place a bulk oxygen system on the Ambulance District property.

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Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to go into executive session at 10:11 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, and (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. Motion carried unanimous. Kirk Chandler, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Nate Marvin stated they were out of executive session at 10:45 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING) - CANCELLED

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.

Luke Smith, Ambulance District Director, met with the Board. Order No. 22-31 for general expenses in the amount of \$2,591.44 and Order No. 22-0017 for payroll expenses in the amount of \$23,693.33 was presented to the Board for review.

Smith reported the Ambulance District had 26 calls for service last week, six (6) transfers and nine (9) public assists/refusals for care. Smith submitted a grant application to the board for review. Smith discussed training, legislation, and planning for the future of EMS.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve the Grant Endorsement Letter to purchase medical equipment. Motion carried unanimous.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve Order No. 22-0017 for payroll expenses in the amount of \$23,693.33. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve Order No. 22-31 for general expenses in the amount of \$2,591.44. Motion carried unanimous.

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Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler 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 ROAD & BRIDGE/SOLID WASTE)

Jerod Odoms, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the Board. Odoms presented an Application for Buried Cable or Pipe Line to the Board for review.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines, to approve an Application for Buried Cable or Pipe Line submitted by Idaho Power to be placed on Valley Road, Midvale, Idaho. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines, to approve the Idaho Transportation Department Local Professionals Agreement between Washington County and HDR Engineering for the Cove Road Bridge Project. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Leading Idaho Bridge Program between the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council and Washington County Road and Bridge. Motion carried unanimous.

Lyndon Haines read Attachment B, Resolution No. 22-03, of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Leading Idaho Bridge Program on the record.

Lyndon Haines moved to approve Resolution 22-03 regarding the Leading Idaho Bridge Program. The motion was seconded by Kirk Chandler. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS)

Joe Langan, District Liaison, met with the Board. Also present was Juvenile Probation Supervisor, Dahlia Stender.

Langan reviewed the Washington County Annual Juvenile Justice Report with the Board. Langan discussed funding Washington County receives through the State for Juvenile Probation. Langan stated per Idaho Code State funding is specific to Juvenile Probation.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING – UNITY BRIDGE)

Nate Marvin opened the hearing at 1:03 p.m. and read the Public Notice on the record.

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The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment upon the proposed design of Unity Bridge.

Those present were Justin Walker with Keller Associates and Road and Bridge Supervisor Jerod Odoms.

Walker stated Unity Bridge is a single lane bridge that is load and width limited. Walker stated Keller Associates was commissioned in the fall of 2021 by the County to complete a preliminary evaluation of the preferred alternative for improving Unity Bridge. Walker informed the Board that some of the key hydraulic and environmental criteria that needs to be addressed. Walker stated four alternatives had been provided for consideration. Walker stated a neighborhood meeting was held to gather input from the surrounding property owners. Walker informed the Board the neighbors identified alternative #2 as their preferred alternative for Unity Bridge, which would replace the bridge in the current location. The new structure would be the same length with a wider footprint.

Walker discussed what to do with the existing bridge. Walker stated alternative #2 eliminates the possibility of keeping a portion of the existing bridge to be used as a pedestrian/foot bridge. There was a desire from a property owner and the Historical Society to preserve a portion of the bridge to be placed at an alternate location.

Walker stated once the preferred alternative is identified, a more detailed hydraulic and Keller Associates will complete an environmental evaluation.

Marvin inquired if the existing bridge were removed, how long the bridge would be out of service.

Walker stated it would be 12 to 16 months for construction of the bridge to be completed.

Marvin discussed alternative #4. Marvin inquired if that was still a consideration.

Walker discussed the cost comparison of the four alternatives.

Haines stated that neighbors had concerns if the old bridge was not removed, it would have to be removed at a later time as it would fail at some point.

The removal cost was discussed. Removal would cost approximately \$500,000.00.

Tim Wrightman entered the hearing.

Haines stated there is a benefit to not having a bridge that is weight restricted.

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Chandler stated the cost of construction and fuel will likely increase at the time construction begins.

Walker informed the Board that now is a good time to apply for funding for the construction of the bridge. Walker stated he hoped to determine which alternative to proceed with today. Walker informed the Board that if they were to change alternatives at a later date, a new hydraulic and environment study would need to be conducted.

Chandler stated a wider bridge constructed in the current location would be ideal.

Marvin expressed concerns of not having access to a bridge for up to 16 months.

Walker stated the bridge could be constructed in a manner to provide one lane traffic during construction.

Haines stated the current bridge is only open to passenger cars.

Marvin discussed option #1.

Walker stated option #1 would be the least recommended due to the old bridge being located upstream of a new bridge. Walker stated if debris were to be hung up on the old bridge, it would likely damage the new bridge.

Marvin stated the old bridge would be removed upon completion of construction.

Walker stated there seemed to be less environmental impact with alternatives 1 and 3, the bridge would be shorter and you would disrupt fewer driveway issues.

Tim Wrightman, 612 Unity Lane, addressed the Board. Wrightman stated he had spoke with neighbors in the surrounding area. There is not a concern of the bridge not providing access during construction. Wrightman stated those in the area were in favor of option #2. Wrightman stated Option #2 has less impact on the surrounding property. It was discussed to keep the old bridge as a walking Bridge. Wrightman stated maintenance would still be needed on a walking bridge and did not seem to be a viable option.

There was discussion on option #3. Wrightman stated that would be his second choice. Wrightman informed the Board he had invited the Historical Preservation Society to the site to discuss the possibility of placing a portion on the bridge on his property. To date he has not received a quote on the cost of placing the old bridge at an alternate location.

Marvin discussed postponing the decision to allow for additional public input.

Wrightman reiterated that alternative #2 was the preferred alternative.

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Walker stated the safest alternative would be #2.

Haines stated he was in favor of moving forward with alternative #2. Chandler agreed.

Chandler informed the group that he believed they should proceed with alternative #2.

Hearing closed at 1:46 p.m.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler, to approve alternative #2 for the Unity Bridge Replacement Project. Motion carried unanimous.

Motion by Kirk Chandler, seconded by Lyndon Haines and unanimously carried to recess at 1:48 p.m. until June 6, 2022 at 8:45 a.m.

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Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Clerk

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