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The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 14th day of June 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

Donna Atwood, Clerk, called roll call: Kirk Chandler, present; Lyndon Haines, present; and Nate Marvin, present. Also present was Kit Kamo with Snake River Economic Development Alliance.

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

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS AND REPORTS)

Correspondence received by the Board was reviewed and disseminated as required.

Marvin discussed calls received regarding the odor from Intrinsic Organic. Kit Kamo stated she would contact the Department of Environmental Quality regarding the complaints.

The Board discussed and approved an invoice submitted by Stricker Surveying in the amount of \$3,500.00 for a topographic survey of the County Courthouse.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve a demand warrant in the amount of \$100.00 to increase the petty cash for the Department of Motor Vehicles. Motion carried.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve a Catering Permit for Ruszoni's Pizza to be used June 17, 2021 at Sunnyside Farms. Motion carried unanimous.

Lyndon Haines moved to approve the transfer of Retail Alcoholic Beverage License No. 18 to C & M Sports Grill, LLC doing business as Legends on Main. The motion was seconded by Kirk Chandler. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of June 1, 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.

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The Auditor was authorized to issue warrants totaling \$313,897.01 for general expenses by a motion of Lyndon Haines, seconded by Kirk Chandler. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF SNAKE RIVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE)

Kit Kamo, Executive Director, met with the Board. Kamo thanked the Board for being members of SREDA. Kamo discussed projects the organization is working on including Project Jane. The City of Weiser has partnered with SREDA on the project.

Kamo discussed AFC Finishing and informed the Board that the company has an additional 40 acres that may be leased/rented to another business.

Kamo discussed the difficulty of hiring employees throughout the valley.

IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

Robert Peterson, Information Technology Director, met with the Board. Peterson presented quotes from Dell Technologies to replace the servers for the Road and Bridge and Weed Departments and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Peterson informed the Board there is sufficient funding in the computer budget to cover the expense.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve the purchase of the Power Edge T440 with 7 year pro-support in the amount of \$8,769.70 and the DLT1500C power supply in the amount of \$544.80. Motion carried unanimous.

The group discussed the change to the domain name for the County.

IN THE MATTER OF JUVENILE PROBATION)

Dahlia Stender, Juvenile Probation Supervisor, met with the Board. Stender presented the Memorandum of Agreement to support the Community Based Alternative Services (CBAS) Program and the Substance Use Disorder Services (SUDS) Program to the Board. Stender discussed the purpose of the agreement and the service provided by the funding of the agreement.

Stender reported the Community Garden has been planted and the juveniles performing community services will help with the garden. Stender reported that the juveniles have completed work on the courthouse grounds as well.

Stender discussed the juveniles in State Custody and the possible foster care for those juveniles.

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Stender informed the Board that she attended the Idaho Association of Counties Juvenile Justice Administrators meeting last week. Stender discussed status of offenders and the work being done statewide to get into compliance.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve and sign Memorandum of Agreement to support the Community Based Alternative Services (CBAS) Program and the Substance Use Disorder Services (SUDS) Program. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. Walker reviewed the 2022 budget request for the Prosecutors office with the Board. Walker discussed the upcoming cases that may cause increased expenses on investigation. Walker also discussed possible increases to the contract/other line for additional work to be completed regarding County Code.

Walker reviewed the items he has requested Chris Meyer with the firm Givins Pursley to review in County Code, specifically original parcel splits, A1 to A2 transition, rezoning, and CAFO's (Confined Animal Feeding Operation).

There was discussion of items to be added to property deeds.

Marvin discussed complaints received regarding Intrinsic Organics odor with Walker. Marvin inquired if there was anything in County Code regulating odor.

Haines read a portion of County Code, which addressed offensive odors in the county.

Walker discussed the requirements of minutes. Walker informed the Board that it is not required to record all meetings.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to go into executive session at 10:31 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 with I.C. 74-206(1)(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 10:53 a.m.

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IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING)

Bonnie Brent, Planning and Zoning Administrator, met with the Board. Also present was Prosecuting Attorney, Delton Walker and Planning and Zoning Administrative Assistant, Charlie Downey. Members of the public present were Sam Lancaster, Marv Williams, Stacy Walker, \_\_\_\_\_ Walker, Gene Wyss, Jay Border, Diana Noe, Gene Shriver, Hal Harris and Tanya Moye.

Brent informed the Board it was the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the Lancaster Rezone request with a development agreement.

Walker informed the Board that the hearing minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission have not been approved. Walker cautioned the Board on making a final decision until the Commission has had the opportunity to review and approve the minutes from the hearing.

Chandler discussed grazing potential, A1 Ag land, and the Comprehensive Plan. Chandler stated he believed that the County could be sued if the Comprehensive Plan is not followed. Chandler stated the rezone would open the property up for additional homes.

Haines inquired on the process to follow if the Board were to hold a second hearing and request a development agreement be drafted and approved.

There was discussion of the Board of County Commissioners holding their own hearing on the Lancaster Rezone Application.

Walker encouraged the Board to discuss the matter next week after the Planning and Zoning minutes from the hearing have been approved. The Board agreed.

Brent addressed the Board. Brent requested a pay increase from the Board and reviewed the tasks she has performed and the duties she has fulfilled as the Planning and Zoning Administrator as well as ordering supplies and overseeing the duties of the former Building and Grounds person.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve the wage increase request submitted by Bonnie Brent. The increase will be made retroactive beginning October 1, 2020 for the 2021 budget year. Motion carried unanimous.

Haines presented a sign in sheet that could be used during public hearings that allows for written comment to be submitted at the hearing. Haines informed the group that he had inquired about training for the Planning and Zoning Commission at the Commissioner and Clerk's Conference last week. Haines reported that Jerry Mason and Seth Grigg with Idaho Association of Counties were willing to participate in the training.

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

Luke Smith, Ambulance District Director, met with the Board. Smith reported the Ambulance District had twenty-seven calls for service two weeks ago, and twenty-five calls last week that included nine transfers and five lift assist/refusals for care.

Smith informed the Board that he is researching agencies for procurement. Smith stated Savvik and Sourcewell had both been recommended.

Smith discussed the hiring of an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) versus a paramedic with the Board. Smith stated the District is currently utilizing several PRN (as needed) personnel. Smith informed the Board that an EMT position would be an increase of approximately \$32,000.00 per year and a paramedic would be an approximate increase of \$47,000.00 per year. Smith discussed the staffing and scheduling of staff in order to increase paramedic coverage.

Marvin stated that has been one of his goals, to have more paramedics available.

Haines agreed. Haines stated that if the budget will handle it, he would prefer that we hire a paramedic.

Chandler stated that funds from the money market account could be used to help fund an additional paramedic if needed.

Smith said that if the District can get a command vehicle, it would help considerably for him to be able to cover calls when needed.

Smith stated he is working on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington County Sheriff regarding use with the District's UTV and where to store it. Smith informed the Board that this would help other agencies as well. The Board agreed to have Smith complete the Memorandum.

Order No. 21-28 for general expenses in the amount of \$1,986.54 was presented to the Board for review. Order No. 21-0018 in the amount of \$26,138.05 and Order No. 21-29 in the amount of \$19,452.77 for payroll expenses were presented to the Board.

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Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve Order No. 21-18 for payroll expenses in the amount of \$26,138.05. Motion carried unanimous.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve Order No. 21-28 for general expenses in the amount of \$1,986.54. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve Order No. 21-29 for payroll expenses in the amount of \$19,452.77. Motion carried unanimous.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve the signing of the Idaho Community Development Block Grant from CARES funding in the amount of \$300,000.00. Motion carried unanimous.

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.

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

IN THE MATTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES)

Lorri Nakamura, Social Services Deputy Clerk, met with the Board.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to go into executive session at 11:55 a.m. in accordance with I.C. 74-206(1) (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 3, title 9, Idaho Code. Motion carried unanimous. Kirk Chandler, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Nate Marvin stated they were out of executive session at 11:59 a.m.

Kirk Chandler moved to approve Case No. 2021-1 as the applicant is medically indigent, the services were medically necessary, the County is the obligated County, it was an emergency service and the County is the last resource. The motion was seconded by Lyndon Haines. Motion carried unanimous.

Lyndon Haines moved to deny Case No. 2021-10 as the patient did not cooperate with the Department of Health and Welfare, the applicant failed to cooperate with the County, the application is incomplete, and St. Alphonsus withdrew the application. The motion was seconded by Nate Marvin. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to adopt the Social Services Deputy Clerk's Reasons for Denial or Approval. Motion carried unanimous.

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IN THE MATTER OF ROAD & BRIDGE/SOLID WASTE)

Jerod Odoms, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the Board. Odoms reported he would be attending monthly zoom meetings. Odoms reported a safety meeting was held last week regarding transporting equipment. Odoms informed the Board that the Sunnyside railroad crossing would be closed on Wednesday for a portion of the day. Odoms stated five employees from Road and Bridge have received shots to enable them to fill in at the Solid Waste site until additional staff can be hired. Odoms informed the Board he has interviewed applicants for the open positions and is in hopes of a start date early in July. Odoms stated he attended the Weed Tour last week.

The group discussed work on Cove Road and Unity bridges.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF BUDGET DISCUSSION)

Sheriff, Matt Thomas, met with the Board. Thomas reviewed the 2022 budget requests for Sheriff Patrol, Jail, Search and Rescue, Emergency 911 and Waterways with the Board. There was discussion of possible lease/purchase for vehicles. Computer hardware and software expenses were also discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF FOREST SERVICE)

Rhonda Bishop, District Supervisor, Linda Jackson, Forest Supervisor, and Nick Schreiner. Bishop discussed fire salvage from the Woodhead fire. Maintenance and rehab work was discussed. Bishop informed the Board that the Payette Forest Coalition is hosting a field trip later in June. Bishop informed the Board they were welcome to attend.

Bishop discussed the situation at Mann Creek involving vandalism. Bishop stated the area is open to the public at this time and clean up is continuing.

Schreiner addressed the Board. Schreiner stated the fire season is expected to begin early this year. Schreiner informed the Board that several crews are currently working in New Mexico, Colorado and Utah. Schreiner stated those crews are expected to return to Idaho in the next few weeks.

Marvin inquired if there was an estimated cost on the damages in the Mann Creek area.

Bishop stated there is not an estimate at this time.

Bishop discussed recruitment of Forest Service personnel due to recent retirements.

Linda Jackson addressed the Board and thanked them for their assistance and support.

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Motion by Nate Marvin, seconded by Lyndon Haines and unanimously carried to recess at 2:15 p.m. until June 15, 2021 at 9:00 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.