

August 15, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 15th day of August 2022.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

Brenda Lee, Deputy Clerk, called roll call: Kirk Chandler, present; Lyndon Haines, present; and Nate Marvin, present. Also present was Brady Johnston with the Washington County Sheriff Office and Gordon Wilkerson.

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.

Brady Johnston presented two options for well drilling for the courthouse. The original well was drilled in 1993 and the pump was replaced in 2014. Johnston discussed the possibility of cleaning out the well at an estimated cost of \$4,500.00. Johnston stated the cleanout is not guaranteed. Johnston presented the second option of drilling a new well at an estimated cost of \$13,500.00. Clerk, Donna Atwood, advised that funding is available. The expense could be paid out of the Emergency Reserve Fund or possibly ARPA funds.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to drill a new well approximately sixty (60) feet and at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. Motion carried.

Johnston will move forward with Courthouse well.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to issue a demand warrant for fuel charges for the months of June and July for Building and Grounds in the amount of \$221.37. Motion carried.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to issue a demand warrant payable to Middle Valley Ditch Corp for past due assessments from the tax deed sale in the amount of \$70.92. Motion carried.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve a demand warrant payable to Brad Johnson for auctioneer services on the tax deed sale in the amount of \$100.00. Motion carried.

Atwood discussed the Public Defense Grant. Atwood stated the funding has been received.

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IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of August 8, 2022 were approved as written.

IN THE MATTER OF WEED AND RODENT CONTROL)

Bonnie Davis, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. Davis reported the current rodent tail count is 7,152 tails with a remaining budget balance of \$22,060.00. Davis informed the Board of an issue with trees on the property line and the issues that they are creating. The landowner currently lives in Louisiana and when last contacted was agreeable to trimming the trees. Davis stated she is currently waiting on estimates and should receive them by the end of the month. Davis discussed the possible replacement of windows at the Weed Department. Davis presented a quote from Coleys Glass Company at an estimated cost for five (5) windows for a total of \$3,417.34 (installed). Nate Marvin suggested getting additional quotes for a comparison.

Davis stated there was no word on the gator that was damaged by fire. It is repairable but would cost a lot of money. Davis stated the incident was reported to ICRMP. Davis further reported that the US Forest Service Contract Agreement which was set up for three (3) years was set to expire at the end of the year. Davis stated that BLM is looking to extend the current five year agreement for one additional year. Davis reported the 2023 Neighborhood Project Applications are available now. Fall Neighborhood Projects are set to begin September 12, 2022. Davis stated she will email the Weed Advisory Board bylaws to Clerk, Donna Atwood, which will then be forwarded to the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

Robert Peterson, Information Technology Director, met with the Board. Peterson updated the Commissioners on MSISAC conference he attended last week. Peterson stated he is waiting on the Supreme Court computer upgrade to be completed. The broadband testing project is still ongoing. Peterson is trying to determine where broadband is available. Peterson informed the Board that all of the Wi-Fi hardware has been replaced. Robert indicated that the physical server upgrades are needed. The next server upgrade will be from 2008-2012. Tabletop exercise scheduled for Wednesday with election personnel. Peterson informed the Board he will be in Cambridge to install new hardware for the school district. Peterson discussed proposal with the Board concerning Operation Green Light - a program to show support for veterans. Operation Green Light will take place between November 7th through November 13th.

Chandler advised that Mike Ybarguen with Idaho Power would like the County to be involved in an electrical study to review issues with the current power grid and possible improvements. Chandler will send the details to Clerk, Donna Atwood, for distribution.

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IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY) - CANCELLED

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 Pipeline submitted by Idaho Power to the Board for approval.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve the Application for Buried Cable or Pipeline submitted by Idaho Power to replace a pole at 2174 Old Highway, Midvale. Motion carried.

Odoms presented a blasting quote submitted by Seubert Excavators, Inc., to the Board for review.

Chandler discussed a culvert on Valley Road, Midvale, Idaho, and the need to repair/replace the culvert. Odoms stated he hopes to repair the culvert this fall.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Kirk Chandler to approve Seubert Excavators, Inc., to proceed with blasting rock at Swain Quarry (30,400 tons @ \$1.65 per ton) for a total of \$50,000.00. Motion carried.

Odoms reported that crews finished chip sealing in Midvale last week. Chip sealing will begin in Cambridge this week. Odoms reported the pipe was replaced on Cove Road last week. Odoms discussed a proposed price increase to Clay Peak Landfill. Odoms stated the contract price will not change, but prices for tire disposal, refrigerators, etc., are expected to increase. Odoms informed the Board that the crusher was moved from Swain Pit in anticipation of blasting rock at the pit. Odoms informed the Board that he had requested White Cloud Communications to evaluate the repeater system.

Odoms reported M2 Automation had checked the alarm system and found the control box had been damaged. The control box will need to be replaced.

Odoms informed the Board that the August Safety Meeting took place last week. Odoms stated that Commissioner Chandler had agreed to review applications that were received for the part-time solid waste position.

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. Smith presented Medicare paperwork for Marvin to sign and return to Systems Design West.

Order No. 22-0023 for payroll expenses in the amount of \$25,618.42 was presented to the Board for review.

Smith reported the Ambulance District had twenty-eight calls for service last week which included six transfers and seven public assists/refusals for care. There was continued discussion regarding the PTO (paid time off) schedule and accrued time. Smith discussed the need for a part-time bookkeeper at the Ambulance Office.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve Order No. 22-0023 for payroll expenses in the amount of \$25,618.42. 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.

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

Motion by Nate Marvin, seconded by Lyndon Haines and unanimously carried to recess at 11:15 a.m. until August 22, 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.