

October 17, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 17th day October 2022.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

Donna Atwood, Clerk, called roll call: Kirk Chandler, absent; Lyndon Haines, present and Nate Marvin, present. Also present was Bob Barber and Gordon Wilkerson.

Nate Marvin opened the meeting and Donna Atwood 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. Lyndon Haines reported he will attend EMS Task Force meeting later this week.

The Board agreed to not enter into a contract with Living in the News at this time.

Bob Barber addressed the Board and discussed the Veteran's Service Officer position and services that they provide. Barber stated the Weiser Little Theater is available for Veteran's use. Barber discussed the use of a van supplied by Veteran's Services in Boise. Barber informed the Board drivers would have to meet certain criteria in order to qualify to drive the van.

Alex Chavarria joined the meeting. The group discussed possibly joining with the Senior Center to provide transportation for veterans.

The Board instructed Atwood to cleanup the email list for the Commissioner's Agenda to only include County Officials and Department Heads. The Agenda is available on the County website for interested persons to view.

The Board discussed organizing a quarterly Leadership Lunch to be held at the Vendome.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of October 11, 2022 were approved as written.

IN THE MATTER OF OPERATION IN FUNDS)

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve the September 2022 Operation in Funds/Statement of Treasurer's Cash in the amount of \$16,369,508.20. Motion carried unanimous.

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Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to approve the Operation in Funds/Statement of Treasurer's Cash quarterly report for July 2022 through September 2022 in the amount of \$16,369,508.20. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF WEED AND RODENT CONTROL)

Bonnie Davis, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. Davis presented a quote from Campbell Tractor in the amount of \$23,220.00 for a 2023 Gator to review. Davis stated ICRMP (Idaho Counties Risk Management Program) will issue payment to the County in the amount of \$9,758.00 for the Gator that was totaled in the fire. The balance due after insurance will be \$13,462.00.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve the purchase of a Gator XUV835M in the amount of \$23,220.00 from Campbell Tractor. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO EXTENSION)

Tyler O'Donnell, Extension Educator, met with the Board. Also present was Pat Momont, Terry Wilkinson and Mikayla Lincoln.

Tyler O'Donnell introduced himself to the Board. O'Donnell invited the Board to attend the University of Idaho Extension Listening Sessions to be held November 10, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the University of Idaho Caldwell Research and Extension Center.

Lincoln provided an update on last weeks Fair Board meeting to the Board. Lincoln stated the next Fair Board meeting will be held at the Extension Office in Weiser.

Pat Momont discussed upcoming events and encouraged the Board to provide feedback for future plans for the Extension Office.

IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

Robert Peterson, Information Technology Director, met with the Board. Peterson reported he attended the Idaho Office of Emergency Management training held last week. Peterson discussed grants available through FEMA for cyber security. There was discussion of forming a regional Task Force. Peterson discussed upcoming training/conferences. Peterson informed the Board he will be scheduling tabletop exercises for Department Heads. The tentative date for the first tabletop exercise is October 27, 2022.

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IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. Walker discussed making an offer for a possible property purchase. Walker informed the Board the hospital is drafting a lease agreement for property located at the Ambulance District. Walker discussed the contract for attorney services with the City of Weiser.

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 Brian Heller. The group reviewed a response letter regarding the Development Agreement between Angel Homes, LLC and Washington County drafted by Walker and Brent.

Haines stated that he agreed with the language in 3.0 regarding the “Traffic Impact Study” and changing “shall” to “may”. Heller discussed item 3.0 and if an upgrade were required to the roadway. Heller requested that he only be responsible for half the cost of the road improvements.

The group discussed Section 5.0. Haines stated that if the dog park area were located on the property line a site blocking fence would be required due to the neighbor’s agricultural use. Walker stated that the development should negatively impact the neighbor’s use.

Heller informed the Board that the Weiser River Trail does not restrict and that he could put the dog park one foot off the property line.

Brent stated she believed the intent was to protect the agricultural operation adjacent to the subject property. Placing the fence one foot off the property line would not accomplish what was intended.

Haines stated the property is located within a Herd District where animals are to be confined to the owner’s property.

Walker stated this is a new use and is different than walking your dog through the County. The Board stated to leave it as presented and that a site blocking fence would be required along the property line between the fenced dog park area and the adjoining agricultural land.

Haines discussed Section 6.0 of the development agreement. Haines stated that if the use were to change, Heller would have to come before the Board for approval.

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Walker stated that if the uses are similar in nature as proposed, Heller would not have to come before the Board for approval. Walker stated that if Heller were to do something significantly different, he (Heller) would have to come back for an additional hearing. If Heller were to change to a use that is listed as a Special Use in County Code, Heller would need to apply to the County for that Special Use. There was discussion of the definition of a Small Retail Space.

The group discussed Section 7.0 regarding FEMA Regulations. The County cannot grant a variance as it is FEMA regulations. Brent stated Heller could apply for a Letter of Map Amendment with FEMA. The Board explained to Heller that they cannot waive FEMA requirements. The County would honor a waiver issued by FEMA.

There was discussion of the cost of a building permit. Brent stated the cost of a building permit is based on square footage of the structure.

Brent read the original wording of Section 11 regarding Modification on the record. Walker stated that Section 11 is the law and that they “can’t just waive the law.” Walker stated that if there is a change in use, a hearing would be required.

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.

Donna Atwood, Clerk, called roll call: Kirk Chandler, absent; Lyndon Haines, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

Luke Smith, Ambulance District Director, met with the Board. Order No. 23-03 for general expenses in the amount of \$680.17 was presented to the Board for review.

Smith reported that the Ambulance District had fifteen calls for service last week which included two transfers and five public assists/refusals for care. Smith presented a Letter of Endorsement for a replacement ambulance to the Board for signature. Smith stated a replacement ambulance is two years out. Smith informed the Board he is currently working on employee reviews.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve Order No. 23-03 for general expenses in the amount of \$680.17. Motion carried.

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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, absent; 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. The Board discussed possible improvements to Crystal Lane should Heller move forward with the proposed development. Odoms stated that the cost of the frontage road from the center of the road is the developer's responsibility. Odoms stated the engineer that the developer hires to conduct the Impact Study would provide an estimate of the cost of the improvement to the road. There was discussion of the time frame that the work could be done.

Heller stated the road is in inferior condition as is.

Marvin stated he believed the Impact/Engineering Study would need to be done and that Heller would be responsible to pay the cost from the center line of the road for improvements.

Odoms stated the Impact Study is Heller's responsibility per code and Crystal Lane is classified as a local road. Odoms stated he had provided documentation regarding the Impact Study to Heller.

Odoms presented a Demand Warrant payable to Spencer Fluid Power in the amount of \$3,194.96 for approval.

Lyndon moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve a Demand Warrant payable to Spencer Fluid Power \$3,194.96 for vehicle repairs. Motion carried unanimous.

Odoms provided an update on work being conducted by the Department.

Marvin inquired on the status of the process with the Idaho Department of Lands regarding gravel pits in the County. Odoms stated he is working with a representative from the Idaho Department of Lands to complete the updates.

Motion by Nate Marvin, seconded by Lyndon Haines and unanimously carried to recess at 12:00 p.m. until October 24, 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.