

January 23, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 23rd day January 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

Donna Atwood, Clerk, called roll call: Gordon Wilkerson, present; Lyndon Haines, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

Lyndon Haines 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.

Haines read the Thank You Card from the Salubria Center for receipt of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding in the amount of \$50,000.00.

The Board reviewed a letter from Caleb Lakey, District Administrator, regarding Canyon County Drainage District No. 2.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson to approve a demand warrant in the amount \$451.02 payable to the Idaho State Tax Commission for sales tax collected by the County. Motion carried.

Gordon Wilkerson moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve Retail Alcoholic Beverage License No. 29 for Family Dollar, Inc., doing business at 512 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Weiser, Idaho. Motion carried.

Nate Marvin moved seconded by Gordon Wilkerson to approve demand warrants for postage in the amount of \$30.00, \$30.00, and \$560.00. Motion carried.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the lease with the City of Cambridge for a Hayfield (6.15 acres) to be used by the Washington County Fair. Motion carried.

Haines discussed the Oath of Office that has been administered to Elected Officials.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to adopt the Oath of Office per Idaho Code Title 59, Chapter 4 moving forward. Motion carried.

Lyndon Haines re-administered the Oath of Office per Idaho Code Title 59, Chapter 4 to Gordon Wilkerson.

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Chandler stated he was not trying to make a big deal regarding the Oath of Office. Chandler stated that now that we know that there is an official oath, officials should retake the Oath of Office. Chandler informed the group that according to State Law, if you do not take the Official Oath, you are not an Elected Official.

Bonnie Davis, Weed Superintendent, addressed the Board regarding the Rodent Bounty. Davis requested on behalf of the Rodent Board to increase the bounty from the current rate of \$1.25 to \$1.50 per tail.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson to increase the Gopher Bounty from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per tail as of October 1, 2022. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of January 17, 2023 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 \$222,679.82 for general expenses by a motion of Lyndon Haines, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson. Motion carried unanimous.

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 Weiser River Cattle Feeders to be placed at 1730 Weiser River Road to the Board for review.

Odoms presented an Application for the Placement of Culverts/Approaches submitted by Weiser River Cattle Feeders to add a seconded entrance for the truck scale to the Board for review.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson to approve an Application for Buried Cable or Pipeline submitted by Weiser River Cattle Feeders to be placed at 1730 Weiser River Road. Motion carried.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve the Application for Placement of Culverts/Approaches for Weiser River Cattle Feeders to be placed on Weiser River Road. Motion carried.

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Odoms presented an Application for Buried Cable or Pipeline submitted by Idaho Power for work to be completed on Mill Road.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson to approve an Application for Buried Cable or Pipeline submitted by Idaho Power to allow arial maintenance on Mill Road. Motion carried.

Odoms provided an update to the Board on road maintenance conducted last week.

IN THE MATTER OF ROSE ADVOCATES)

Veronica Vasquez and Erica St Michell met with the Board. Vasquez provided an update on client services provided by Rose Advocates for the 2022 year. Vasquez discussed the Trauma Informed Investigation Training to be held January 25, 2023 in Weiser. Vasquez invited the Board to attend the training. Vasquez submitted a request in the amount of \$12,500.00 for the 2024 fiscal year from Washington County.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE SECURE ENTRY)

Bryce Parker with Beniton Construction met with the Board. Parker provided an update on the secure entry to the courthouse. Parker informed the Board that they are seeing a better shift in the market. Parker stated the company is receiving some requests for work. Parker requested the Board to allow the project to go out to bid again.

Marvin stated he would like to proceed with the project.

Parker stated he would submit a request for bids on the project.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. Walker inquired if the Hayfield Lease had been addressed by the Board.

Haines stated the lease was signed earlier today.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING)

Bonnie Brent, Planning and Zoning Administrator, met with the Board. Also present was Mike Summers. Summers inquired on the proposed Ag Permit revisions to the building regulations title of Washington County Code. Summers stated he had spoken to the Planning and Zoning Commission members, former Commissioner Chandler and Commissioner Wilkerson and indicated they had no knowledge of the proposed changes. Summers inquired where the proposal had come from and who knew about the proposal.

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Haines discussed the Ag Declaration and Ag being placed in the area of setback. Haines stated the proposal is just a cleanup that will protect the County and keep buildings from being constructed in a place where it could be potentially having to be torn down. Haines stated that Planning and Zoning does not check people's buildings. Haines informed the group the proposal is a rough draft.

Summers discussed items of concern in the proposed Ag Permit revisions with the Board. Definitions in County Code were also discussed.

Haines stated the County can be more restrictive than State Code but cannot be less restrictive. Haines discussed the IDAPA rules and definitions within the rules. The group discussed assessment values.

Brent stated she appreciated Summers asking questions. Brent stated the draft language is more of a clarification as to what would qualify as an Ag building with principal income coming from Ag.

Haines stated the goal was for clarification and that he anticipates changes after the March 6 hearing. The Public Hearing will be held at the Vendome at 1:00 p.m.

Brent presented the Lary C. Walker's LCW Subdivision Final Plat to the Board. Brent stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval upon completion of the Subdivision Engineering Report being received from Southwest District Health.

Marvin discussed a Driveway Agreement.

Brent stated it is a one lot subdivision and one adjoining neighbor is willing to sign the Driveway Agreement.

Nate Marvin moved seconded by Gordon Wilkerson to approve the Lary C. Walker's LCW Subdivision Final Plat as presented. Motion carried.

Haines signed the Final Plat.

IN THE MATTER OF AMBULANCE)

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson 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: Gordon Wilkerson, present; Lyndon Haines, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

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Christy Maldonado with the Ambulance District, met with the Board. Order No. 23-15 for general expenses in the amount of \$4,741.77 was presented to the Board for review.

Maldonado reported the Ambulance District had fourteen calls for service last week which included three transfers and one public assists/refusals for care. Maldonado provided an update on repairs to the ambulances.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson to approve Order No. 23-15 for general expenses in the amount of \$4,741.77. Motion carried.

Kurt Folke with Quest CPAs reviewed the 2022 Ambulance District Annual Audit with the Board.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson 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: Gordon Wilkerson, present; Lyndon Haines, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL AUDIT)

Kurt Folke with Quest CPAs met with the Board. Also present was Washington County Treasurer, Sabrina Young.

Folke reviewed the 2022 County Annual Audit with the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF TAX CANCELLATIONS PER HOUSE BILL 562)

Sabrina Young, Treasurer, met with the Board. Young, presented tax cancellation due to persons applying for the Homeowners Exemption as allowed per House Bill 562. Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve tax cancellation per House Bill 562 as follows: RP10N05W103149 in the amount of \$272.81; RP10N05W237651 in the amount of \$286.03; RP11N04W063220 in the amount of \$300.71; RPW2550011015A in the amount of \$297.58. Motion carried.

Haines reminded those present that Weiser has been designated as Capital for the Day. The event will be held at the Vendome on Friday, January 27, 2023 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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Motion by Lyndon Haines, seconded by Nate Marvin, and unanimously carried to recess at 11:55 a.m. until February 6, 2023 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.