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The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 27th day of January 2020.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

Donna Atwood, Clerk, called roll call: Lisa Collini, present; Kirk Chandler, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

Kirk Chandler opened the meeting and Donna Atwood led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kirk Chandler gave the invocation.

Members of the public present were Lyndon Haines, John Jensen and Clarence Stark.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS AND REPORTS)

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

Nate Marvin reported that Robert Huff would like to do a walk through on the Extension Office February 18, 2020 when the work is complete.

The Board discussed meetings they will be attending next week.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini to approve the Cooperative Agreement for the University of Idaho Extension Programs and Washington County Extension. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of January 21, 2020 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 \$131,053.80 for general expenses by a motion of Kirk Chandler, seconded by Lisa Collini. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF WEED AND RODENT CONTROL)

Bonnie Davis, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board.

Chandler discussed a drone presentation he watched while in Texas with the group.

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Davis reported the current rodent tail count is 2,816 with a budget balance of \$27,480.00. Davis stated the Rodent Board had decided to do a public education mailing regarding trapping and rodent control.

Davis presented the 2020 ISDA (Idaho State Department of Agriculture) Cost Share Application to the Board for review. Davis stated she will meet with the Cost Share Board January 29, 2020 to discuss the application.

Davis reminded the Board the CWMA (Cooperative Weed Management Area) Appreciation Dinner will be January 30, 2020 at the Vendome.

IN THE MATTER OF WEISER AMBULANCE DISTRICT AUDIT)

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini to recess as the Board of Washington County Commissioners and convene as the Board of the Weiser Ambulance District at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimous.

Donna Atwood, Clerk, called roll call: Lisa Collini, present; Kirk Chandler, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

Those present were Kurt Folke and Dan Coleman with Quest CPA's. Also present was Corey Patocka with Weiser Ambulance District, Weiser Ambulance District Administrative Advisor, Tim Atwood, Lyndon Haines, Sheriff Matt Thomas, Treasurer Sabrina Young, John Jensen, and Clarence Stark.

Dan Coleman addressed the Board and discussed the financial status of the Ambulance District. Coleman complimented the staff of Muir and Guerrant CPA for their bookkeeping efforts for the Ambulance District.

Coleman reviewed the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2019 with the Board.

Coleman stated the District should have approximately six months operating funds on hand at the end of the fiscal year and the District is in good standing as of fiscal year-end.

There was discussion of a monthly bank statement that had previously created in house and reviewed by the former Ambulance District Director.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini to recess as the Board of the Weiser Ambulance District and reconvene as the Board of Washington County Commissioners at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried unanimous.

Donna Atwood, Clerk, called roll call: Lisa Collini, present; Kirk Chandler, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

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IN THE MATTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNUAL AUDIT)

Kurt Folke with Quest CPA's met with the Board. Folke expressed appreciation to the County Offices who contribute to gathering information in order to complete the audit.

Folke discussed a portion of the year end closing process that was omitted by Computer Arts, the County financial software provider.

Folke reviewed the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Report with the Board and stated the county fund balances are in good standing.

Folke informed the Board there will be a change in reporting lease purchases in the 2021 fiscal year.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. Also present was Clarence Stark and Jeri Soulier.

Walker discussed the proposed Building Inspector Contract with the Board. The proposed fee increase and the process of increasing the fees relating to Building Permits and Inspections were discussed by the group.

Marvin suggested a hearing be scheduled to receive public input on the proposed fee increases.

Walker discussed the jail security cameras and reported he is in contact with M2 Automation. Walker reviewed the proposed changes to the contract.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini to go into executive session at 10:17 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/ 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. Lisa Collini, Aye; Kirk Chandler, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Kirk Chandler stated they were out of executive session at 10:58 a.m.

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IN THE MATTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini to go into executive session at 11:00 a.m. for indigent matters according to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code. Motion carried unanimous. Lisa Collini, Aye; Kirk Chandler, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Kirk Chandler stated they were out of executive session at 11:03 a.m.

Lisa Collini moved to deny Case No. 2020-14 as the County is not the last resource, the applicant was approved for Medicaid, and the hospital withdrew the application. The motion was seconded by Kirk Chandler with all in favor.

Lisa Collini moved to deny Case No. 2020-08 as the County is not the last resource, St. Luke's withdrew the appeal, the applicant is not medically indigent, the applicant failed to cooperate with the County and the application is incomplete. The motion was seconded by Nate Marvin with all in favor.

Kirk Chandler moved to approve the Social Services Deputy Clerk's Reasons for Denial or Approval. The motion was seconded by Nate Marvin with all in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING)

Bonnie Brent, Planning and Zoning Administrator, met with the Board. Also present was Tanya Billington.

Brent discussed the Planning and Zoning Commissions recommendation of approval regarding Billington Rezone with the Board.

Nate Marvin discussed the letters of opposition that were submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Kirk Chandler asked if it would require re-zoning since the property is located within the impact area of the City of Midvale.

Lisa Collini moved to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation for the rezone of the Billington property. The motion was seconded by Nate Marvin with all in favor.

Brent discussed the Walker Special Use Permit submitted by Wendell and Darin Walker with the Board.

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Nate Marvin moved to approve the Special Use Permit provided there is an established easement to Cove Road from the property. The motion was seconded by Lisa Collini with all in favor.

Darin Walker entered the meeting. Walker stated there is an easement to the property on his recorded documents.

Brent discussed with the Board the Building Inspector Contract and the proposed Fee Resolution relating to Building Permits and Inspections. The Board requested Brent proceed to publish a Notice of Hearing regarding the proposed fees. It was decided to hold the Public Hearing on February 18, 2020.

Nate Marvin inquired as to the status of new buildings at the Intrinsic Organic site and if the business had applied for building permits.

Brent stated Intrinsic Organics did not have building permits and did not know what the buildings were being used for.

Tim Atwood suggested all new construction, especially on commercial buildings, be required to submit plans so it can be determined if the building is exempt from the requirement of a building permit. In the event of a business being sold and the occupancy of the building changing, having the original plans would help determine whether or not a building would need to be brought up to fire code.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION)

Kirk Chandler stated there were no matters to be presented to the Board at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF LUNCH)

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini to recess for lunch at 11:43 a.m. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD & BRIDGE/SOLID WASTE)

Jerod Odoms, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor met with the Board.

Odoms reported the new trailer for Solid Waste has been ordered with expected delivery in thirty to sixty days. The insurance payment from ICRMP for the damaged trailer was received by the Clerk's Office today.

Odoms discussed work on Heinrich Road and the request from a landowner that the County bring Heinrich Road up to County standards.

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Chandler discussed the history of Heinrich Road and stated it is up to the landowner to bring the road up to County standards.

IN THE MATTER OF AMBULANCE)

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini 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: Lisa Collini, present; Kirk Chandler, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

Corey Patocka with the Ambulance District met with the Board. Also present was Tim Atwood, Ambulance District Administrative Advisor.

Members of the public present were Lyndon Haines, John Jensen, Clarence Stark, Lee Stringer, Kelly Stringer, Bill Taylor, Jacob Evans, Elisa Wright, Kari Norton, Kodie Hammans, Mark Palmer, Christy Maldonado, Mackenzie Dalton, Nate LaFollette, Alicia Cavazos and Jim (unknown last name).

Patocka reported the Ambulance District had twenty-three calls for service, nine transfers, and one rendezvous last week. There was discussion about the rendezvous and issues that need to be addressed. Patocka stated the Weiser Ambulance met the Council Ambulance in Midvale at the Coffee Cabin indicating that was the half-way point between the two.

Marvin discussed a draft agreement Patocka had previously submitted to the Board for review. Marvin requested Patocka bring that agreement back and discuss it further with the Board. Patocka believes that there needs to be more communication and training with the other Districts. There was discussion on the process of determining when ALS (Advanced Life Support) services are needed and who makes that determination.

Atwood addressed the Weiser River Valley EMS Agreement that the Weiser Ambulance District and Midvale Fire District had signed, but there is no record of the other Districts signing. The Board requested Patocka bring the Weiser River Valley EMS Agreement in for review.

Atwood informed the Board the lease/purchase contract should be ready next week.

Atwood and Patocka discussed the basic EMT classes available online with the Board. Atwood has three members of the Weiser Area Rural Fire Department that would be interested in taking the course at a cost of \$1,200.00 per student. If five or more students participate, the instructor would come to Weiser to conduct the hands-on portion of the class. Patocka also has three individuals that would like to take the training. Marvin

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stated that he thinks the Board should only agree to a portion of the expense. There is also an online paramedic course that is 16-18 months long and costs approximately \$15,000.00 per student. Collini requested that Patocka present a written plan for implementing and funding of the online courses.

Collini inquired if there was funding in the Ambulance District budget for training.

Patocka stated there is funding of \$5,000 in the Ambulance District budget that is intended for continuing education.

Kirk Chandler discussed possibly assisting with the cost of the paramedic training with an agreement that the student work for the District for a period of time.

Nate LaFollette addressed the Board. LaFollette discussed concerns of the lack of communications regarding the direction of the District since the resignation of the former director. LaFollette stated he felt the employees had been left in the dark with little communication from anyone other than Patocka. LaFollette stated that Patocka has done a good job. LaFollette stated that he is concerned about the need of paramedics to reside locally.

Marvin stated there has been discussion of how to provide ALS (Advanced Life Support) coverage when patient transfers are done. Marvin stated that there has been much discussion but no decisions have been made. Collini encouraged others to bring their ideas to the table to be considered.

Chandler encouraged the employees of the Ambulance District to come to the meetings and ask questions. Chandler discussed issues of the upper country districts and the difficulty of keeping volunteers on those ambulances.

Christy Maldonado read a statement on the record in support for Patocka and LaFollette. Maldonado stated when Atwood became part of the team the employees were told he was coming on to be an advisor for leadership, someone to help the department and Patocka carry the load and assist with decisions and growth. Maldonado continued that in the last few weeks she has heard there will be some major changes in the department. Maldonado stated the rumor that concerns her the most is that Corey Patocka and Nate LaFollette will be dismissed from their leadership roles and possibly lose their jobs because they do not reside locally. Maldonado read that she has been told by reputable sources that their positions have already been solicited in the community. Maldonado stated there are employees talking about finding other jobs due to the rumors they are hearing. Maldonado stated none of the paramedics employed by the district reside locally and only a handful of the EMT's are local residents. Maldonado inquired what Atwood's official role is with the Ambulance District. Maldonado informed the Board that articles in the paper named Atwood as the supervisor. Maldonado inquired if there were plans to dismiss Patocka and LaFollette from their leadership roles in the department and if the

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Board is actively seeking applicants for those roles. Maldonado also inquired what the major plans are for the near future of the District.

Kirk Chandler addressed the Group. Chandler stated former Director Collela, who was a County resident, had picked up additional shifts when needed. Chandler stated there is an advantage of having a paramedic who lives in the County. Chandler stated Atwood's role is to help the Weiser Ambulance Board look at options that have not been previously looked at because of his experience as a firefighter and EMT. Chandler informed the group that no final decisions have been made at this time.

Marvin stated the Board is not soliciting for Corey Patocka or Nate LaFollette's jobs.

Collini stated Atwood is an Advisor, not a Supervisor.

Chandler stated the Board is looking at different ideas in moving forward and ideas from the Ambulance District staff are important to the Board.

Collini and Chandler encouraged the Ambulance District staff to attend the meetings during the Ambulance District's scheduled time, so they are aware of what is going on and not feel like they are left in the dark.

Atwood stated another manager or director is not being solicited. The question is, how the District takes what limited revenue they receive and move ahead.

Chandler discussed the amount of funds the District is able to collect on calls for service and the tax revenue received. Chandler told the group it is difficult to make ends meet when the District is only able to collect approximately 25% of the total billed for services.

Mark Palmer addressed the Board. Palmer stated he has worked on the Ambulance District for approximately five years. Palmer inquired how it is possible for Mr. Atwood to be an advisor when his wife sits in the treasury.

Chandler clarified the Washington County Board of Commissioners are also the Weiser Ambulance District Board per State Code. Chandler stated Donna Atwood is the Clerk for the County Commissioners, but she is not the Clerk for the Weiser Ambulance District Board. Chandler informed the group the Ambulance District is completely separate from the County. If the Ambulance District had the money, this meeting could be held at a different time and the Ambulance District could hire a secretary. Chandler informed the group that Debbie Warren is in attendance to record the minutes for the Ambulance District, but she is not the Clerk for the Ambulance District.

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Debbie Warren stated she is the Deputy Auditor for the County and only deals with County Funds. The Ambulance District funds are separate and not handled by the County or County staff.

Jake Evans addressed the Board. Evans informed the Board he has worked for the Ambulance District for about five years. Evans discussed rumors he has heard and indicated that Tim Atwood had said there is an upcoming vacancy. Evans wonders why the District needs an Advisor and why it is a paid position.

Chandler stated that the Board needs another set of eyes. Chandler further stated that with Atwood's background he has experience as an EMT and firefighter. Chandler told the group it is not safe to have the supervisor as the only "check-in" for the department. Atwood was appointed as an Advisor to watch over things from a different perspective.

Evans inquired if Atwood had been in a lead role.

Atwood clarified that he did not previously supervise an Ambulance District but worked at a rank as high as Battalion Chief at Nampa Fire Department. Atwood told the group the Battalion Chief supervises the shift which includes five fire stations within the City with a medic on each crew. Atwood stated he has been involved with ALS (Advanced Life Support) his entire career, but is not a paramedic. Atwood's highest certification was an Advanced EMT. Atwood stated from 2003 until his retirement in 2017, he supervised a paramedic daily when on shift whether it was a fire engine or truck company. Atwood reiterated that he had not solicited to replace Patocka or LaFollette. Atwood further stated there is no job opening. If there were, an announcement would be published in the local paper. Atwood stated that there is a hiring process that has to be followed. Atwood informed the group his number one interest would be to upgrade the levels of certification of the current staff. Atwood encouraged the staff to share any ideas they may have.

Atwood discussed a possible levy override, grant funding, and annexation. Atwood encouraged everyone to bring forward any suggestions.

Palmer also inquired if the Advisor role was appointed or hired.

Chandler stated the Advisor position was appointed by the Ambulance District Board.

Patocka presented claims Order No. 20-16 for general expenses in the amount of \$5,319.20 to the Board.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Lisa Collini to approve Order No. 20-16 for general expenses in the amount of \$5,319.20.

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Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini 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: Lisa Collini, present; Kirk Chandler, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

IN THE MATTER OF WATER CONTAMINANTS)

Jeremy Piersol met with the Board. Also present were Jami Delmore with Southwest District Health and Dawn and Doug McGary.

Dawn McGary discussed problems with their well water and stated the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to check their water. McGary stated they installed a water softener and currently purchase their drinking water and the water used to rinse fruits and vegetables. McGary told the Board their well water quality has deteriorated in the past few years.

The types of contaminants found in the water were discussed.

The Board was asked if they would consider signing a letter requesting support and funding from State Agencies to assist with the work needed to find a solution for the water contaminates in the area of the McGary property.

It was suggested to form a group to work with DEQ and the Soil and Water Conservation District to continue research.

The possibility of a community well or above ground water storage was discussed.

Lyndon Haines addressed the Board and stated he has family members who live in the area and have reverse osmoses systems on the wells. Water samples could be obtained from both residents.

IN THE MATTER OF WEISER AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD)

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini 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: Lisa Collini, present; Kirk Chandler, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

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Nate Marvin presented a copy of the ICRMP Ambulance District personnel policy. A review of the policy with the Board was scheduled for February 10, 2020.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini to go into executive session at 3:27 p.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.

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

Kirk Chandler stated that they were out of executive session at 4:49 p.m.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini to recess as the Board of the Weiser Ambulance District and reconvene as Board of Washington County Commissioners. Motion carried unanimous.

Debbie Warren, Clerk, called roll call: Lisa Collini, present; Kirk Chandler, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

Motion by Kirk Chandler, seconded by Lisa Collini and unanimously carried to recess at 4:51p.m. until February 10, 2020 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.