

March 20, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 20th day of March 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 Jennifer Tate 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. The Board reviewed a March 6, 2023 letter from the Idaho Transportation Department regarding the Pine Creek Bridge project in Cambridge and requests for funding from the Snake River Heritage Center and the Weiser River Soil Conservation District.

Gordon Wilkerson reported that Diana Wilhite would like to make a donation to the fairgrounds. Wilkerson was instructed to have Wilhite contact Chris Braun.

Wilkerson discussed the Wolf Deprivation Program. There was a discussion of submitting a letter of support. The Board agreed to request a meeting with Doug McKenney and Casey Anderson to further discuss the matter.

Haines discussed the promotion of Lonny Huter with the BLM (Bureau of Land Management).

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines, to approve a Certificate of Residency for Joshua Mayhew. Motion carried.

Gordon Wilkerson moved, seconded by Nate Marvin, to approve a Retail Alcoholic Beverage License for DG Retail LLC doing business as Dollar General LLC at 1430 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Weiser, Idaho. Motion carried.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines, to approve a demand warrant payable to MTE (Midvale Telephone Exchange) in the amount of \$215.81. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of March 6, 2023 were approved as written.

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The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of March 13, 2023 were approved as written.

IN THE MATTER OF FENCING QUOTE)

Matt Thomas, Sheriff, met with the Board. Thomas presented bids for fencing at the Waterways building to the Board for review.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson to accept the quote submitted by Owyhee Land and Fence LLC. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SCHLAGER ZIMMERMAN ARCHITECTS)

Dion Zimmerman, met with the Board. Zimmerman requested consideration of being the Architect on the Magistrate Building project.

Marvin discussed the plans for the construction. Adding additional courthouse parking was discussed.

Zimmerman will put together a draft and report back to the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF SECURE ENTRY QUOTES)

Bryce Parker with Beniton Construction met with the Board. Parker presented the quote on the Secure Entry project to the Board for consideration.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines, to approve the final bid for construction in the amount of \$1,493,363.00. Marvin amended the motion to add the alternate to include the fire alarm system for the courthouse in the amount of \$87,519.00. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION) – CANCELLED

IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

Robert Peterson, Information Technology Director, met with the Board. Peterson reported he will meet with the Sheriff's Office and AT&T on Tuesday regarding computers to be placed in patrol vehicles.

Peterson discussed the training that was held last week regarding Office 365 programs. Peterson informed the Board that the server upgrade will take place this week.

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IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. Walker informed the Board that he has not heard from Weiser Memorial Hospital regarding the Ambulance Hall. Walker stated Weiser Economic Development has contacted him regarding the Main Street America Program in Weiser and funding from the county.

Haines discussed the proposed Ag Building Code changes and discussion that he has had with local citizens regarding wording “where agricultural products are processed, treated or packaged” in the current Code. Haines inquired if “where agricultural products are processed, treated or packaged” should be removed from the current Code. Haines stated that would make it clear that it is not a commercial operation.

Walker stated the proposal is about whether or not a person would need a building permit and there seems to be confusion on the matter. It does not have anything to do with the Ag exemption for tax purposes. Walker stated that the guiding factor should be that when a person is having a new structure built, does it require health and safety requirements and easement and utility sightings.

Haines requested the Board consider the proposed change in wording. Haines stated the goal is to make the Code clear.

Walker stated this would only apply to new structures.

Wilkerson inquired if it would be appropriate to have a public meeting, possibly a Town Hall meeting to receive input. Wilkerson stated the meeting needs to be respectful, civil, and informative. There was discussion of where to possibly hold a Town Hall meeting.

Walker discussed definitions and what type of building would require a building permit. There was discussion of commercial versus personal businesses.

The Board agreed to tentatively schedule a Town Hall meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. once a location is secured.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson to go into executive session at 10:47 a.m. in accordance 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. Gordon Wilkerson, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Lyndon Haines stated they were out of executive session at 10:53 a.m.

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IN THE MATTER OF CANVASS OF VOTES)

Michelle Hagans, Elections Deputy, met with the Board. Hagans presented the results for the March 14, 2023, Weiser School District and Payette School District Elections to the Board for review.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to accept the Canvass of Votes for the March 14, 2023, Weiser School District election. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF AMBULANCE)

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Nate Marvin 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.

Luke Smith, Ambulance District Director, met with the Board. Order No. 23-22 for general expenses in the amount of \$9,511.73 was presented to the Board for review.

Smith reported the Ambulance District had twenty-two calls for service last week which included seven transfers and seven public assists/refusals for care. Smith discussed upfitting the command vehicle with a light bar and siren package at approximately \$1,500.00. Smith stated that decals for the vehicle would be up to \$1,000.00. Smith informed the Board that he hoped to be able to get a base radio unit from the fire district. Smith informed the Board there is an EMS grant available for vehicle replacement and he plans to apply for the grant. Smith provided an update on the repairs to the ambulance. Smith discussed the possibility of him joining the fire department.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve the Engagement Letter with Quest CPA's to conduct the Annual Audit for the Ambulance District for fiscal years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve Order No. 23-22 for general expenses in the amount of \$9,511.73. Motion carried.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to go into executive session at 11:14 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. Motion carried unanimous. Gordon Wilkerson, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

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Lyndon Haines stated they were out of executive session at 11:38 a.m.

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 ROAD & BRIDGE/SOLID WASTE)

Jerod Odoms, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the Board. Odoms presented an Application for Buried Cable or Pipe Line submitted by Idaho Power to the Board for approval.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve the Application for Buried Cable or Pipe Line submitted by Idaho Power for work on Weiser River Road. Motion carried.

Odoms reported that Unity Bridge was accepted to the Federal Bridge Program. Odoms stated that would allow \$3 million in federal aid to the project. Odoms discussed minor flooding that occurred last week. Minor repairs to be completed this week.

Odoms informed the Board he has submitted a request for hire of the seasonal mower position.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to go into executive session at 11:52: 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. Motion carried unanimous. Gordon Wilkerson, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Lyndon Haines stated they were out of executive session at 11:56 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF EXTENSION OFFICE)

Tyler O'Donnell, Extension Educator, met with the Board. O'Donnell reported they are in the process of hiring a new 4-H Coordinator. O'Donnell stated that 4-H enrollment has increased this year.

O'Donnell requested permission to get a county credit card to cover travel expenses.

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Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson to allow O'Donnell to get a county credit card with a \$1,000.00 limit. Motion carried.

Motion by Lyndon Haines, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to recess at 12:11p.m. until March 27, 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.