

March 27, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 27th 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 Donna Atwood led the Pledge of Allegiance. Nate Marvin gave the invocation.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS AND REPORTS)

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

Nate Marvin stated he will attend the WICAP meeting on Thursday evening.

Lyndon Haines stated he will attend the Southwest District Health Board meeting Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Gordon Wilkerson moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve an Idaho Liquor Catering Permit for Vonmarks LLC doing business as Longbranch Saloon to be used at the Washington County Fairgrounds on April 29, 2023. Motion carried.

Gordon Wilkerson discussed the Board of Equalization training that the Board attended last week. Wilkerson inquired if it was possible to invite George Brown to do a presentation to the public on the property tax structure.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of March 20, 2023, were approved as written.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded Gordon Wilkerson to approve the Operation in Funds/Statement of Treasurer's Cash for the month of February 2023 in the amount of \$18,110,032.74. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

The claims, audited by the Auditor, were presented and reviewed by the Board.

The Auditor was authorized to issue warrants totaling \$184,846.52 for general expenses by a motion of Nate Marvin, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson. Motion carried unanimous.

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The Auditor was authorized to issue warrants totaling \$6,367.25 for election expenses by a motion of Nate Marvin, 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 discussed projects that the staff is currently working on. There was discussion of the upcoming Weiser River Music Festival and the location where the event will be held.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Nate Marvin, to go into executive session at 9:03 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.

Lyndon Haines stated they were out of executive session at 10:13 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board.

Haines stated Marvin had reserved the Exhibit Hall in Cambridge for the Town Hall meeting to be held April 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. There was discussion of the process to follow during the meeting. It was suggested that there be clarification of the difference between an easement and a setback.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Nate Marvin, to go into executive session at 10:36 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 (c) to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. Motion carried unanimous. Gordon Wilkerson, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Lyndon Haines stated they were out of executive session at 10:58 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF WOLF MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION)

Doug McKinney, Casey Anderson, and Greg Jones met with the Board.

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Haines stated that the Board is in support of the Wolf Management/Reduction Program.

Wilkerson inquired if it was attainable to reduce the number of wolves to 500.

Greg Jones addressed the Board. Jones stated that number is attainable if done correctly. Jones discussed the difficulties faced with the Management Program. Jones stated that collars are hard to see from the air. Jones suggested that aerial capture or aerial take be put in place. Jones stated the trappers are doing the best they can, but it is not effective. Jones informed the Board that trapping is expensive and perhaps there should be a larger incentive offered to trappers.

Casey Anderson stated that 150 might be the right number to keep the wolves in the wilderness area but did not feel that the public would support the effort of reducing numbers to 150. Any reduction will help but it needs to be aggressive. Anderson stated that it is impossible to get a concerted effort.

Doug McKinney discussed damages to cattle and the ranching operation.

Anderson discussed the draft proposal that had been presented.

Haines inquired if the Board should include a number in the letter they plan to submit.

Jones suggested stating 500 in the letter.

Anderson encouraged the Board to reach out to other counties and get as much support as possible.

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.

Luke Smith, Ambulance District Director, met with the Board. Order No. 23-23 for general expenses in the amount of \$9,057.45 and Order No. 23-0013 for payroll expenses in the amount of \$23,618.81 was presented to the Board for review.

Smith reported the Ambulance District had twenty-six calls for service last week which included five transfers and eight public assists/refusals for care. Smith stated the District was awarded a Sage Grant for equipment purchases.

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Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve Order No. 23-23 for general expenses in the amount of \$9,057.45. Motion carried.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve Order No. 23-0013 for payroll expenses in the amount of \$23,618.81. Motion carried.

Smith reported the District is working on providing public education regarding employment opportunities in EMS (Emergency Medical Services).

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.

Motion by Lyndon Haines, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson and unanimously carried to recess at 12:04 p.m. until April 3, 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.