

April 17, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 17th day of April 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

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

Lyndon Haines opened the meeting and Gordon Wilkerson 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 discussed last week's District III meeting held in Cascade, Idaho.

Wilkerson discussed the Wolf Management Program, and reported he will be meeting with Road and Bridge Supervisor, Jerod Odoms later today regarding county roads.

Gordon Wilkerson moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines, to approve an Alcohol Beverage Catering Application submitted by Nick Reed doing business as Ruszoni's Pizza to be used at 1526 Sunnyside Road on April 20, 2023. Motion carried.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve an Alcohol Beverage Catering Application submitted by The Office Bar to be used at 1526 Sunnyside Road on April 22, 2023. Motion carried.

Gordon Wilkerson moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines, to approve an Alcohol Beverage Catering Application submitted by Nick Reed doing business as Ruszoni's Pizza to be used at 1526 Sunnyside Road on June 7, 2023. Motion carried.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve a demand warrant payable to Elan Financial Services in the amount of \$14.99 for the Amazon Membership fee. Motion carried.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve a demand warrant payable to Wex Bank in the amount of \$60.65. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of April 10, 2023, were approved as amended.

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IN THE MATTER OF JUVENILE PROBATION)

Dahlia Stender, Juvenile Probation Supervisor and Joe Langan, District Liaison, met with the Board.

Langan reviewed the number of youth arrests, detentions admissions, and youth petitions for the 2020, 2021, and 2022 years. Langan also discussed the number of felonies, misdemeanors, and status offenses in Washington County for the same time period.

Wilkerson requested a comparison of the number of juvenile cases in neighboring counties.

Stender provided an explanation of the diversion program and stated the numbers are down for juveniles from Washington County that are in State custody. Langan reviewed the success rate of the Diversion Program with the Board. Funding for Juvenile Probation provided by JCA, Tobacco & Cigarette Tax, Lottery Funds, and State Funds was discussed. Langan reviewed the approved uses of the funding provided.

Langan complimented Dahlia Stender for the work and commitment she has given to the Juvenile Probation Program.

IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

Robert Peterson, Information Technology Director, met with the Board. Peterson provided a quote to the Board from CompuNet for audio equipment in the District Courtroom. Peterson stated the current equipment is 5 to 6 years old and out of warranty. The original equipment was installed by CompuNet. It was decided to budget for the replacement equipment in the 2024 budget.

Peterson informed the Board he is proceeding with equipment installation for the Sheriff vehicles and will begin training tomorrow.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION)

There were no matters brought before the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. Walker stated he had researched setbacks through case law and how to clarify them. Walker will report back to the Board on the issue.

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Haines stated that Planning and Zoning will review setbacks at their May meeting. Gordon stated citizens in his area believed a 15-foot setback off the easement of county roads would be acceptable.

Walker discussed the width of Jenkins Creek Road. Walker stated the width of Jenkins Creek Road and is based on conditions. The group discussed easement versus right-of-way. Walker discussed access to public lands that is provided through a right-of-way.

Haines inquired on the process to follow during the joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission to be held Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Walker stated the goal is to be better informed when making decisions on zoning matters and determining if a property is good for housing or better for farming.

Walker shared a map indicating the percentage of population growth from 2020 to 2022 with Idaho showing the one of the highest percentages.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD & BRIDGE/SOLID WASTE)

Jerod Odoms, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the Board. A bid opening was held for asphalt. Haines reviewed the bid submitted by Valley Paving, with a bid bond, public works license for asphalt to be placed on Weiser River Road, Indianhead Road, Transfer Site Road, Crystal Road, and Day Road at \$120.54 per ton.

Haines reviewed the bid submitted by Thuesen Construction Inc. for Weiser River Road at \$101.00 per ton; Indianhead Road at \$263.00/ton, Transfer Site Road at \$203.00/ton, Crystal Road at \$509.00/ton, and Day Road at \$1,285.00/ton. Paving the parking lot at the fairgrounds was quoted at \$113.50/ton with the overlay of \$107.25/ton.

Odoms requested time to review the bids before making a recommendation to the Board.

Odoms presented an Application for Placement of Culverts/Approaches submitted by Lindsy Day to be placed at 486 Day Road for review.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve the Application for Placement of Culverts/Approaches submitted by Lindsy Day to be placed at 486 Day Road. Motion carried.

Odoms presented an Application for Placement of Culverts/Approaches submitted by Anthony Bushing to be placed at 442 Clabby Road to the Board for review.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve the Application for Placement of Culverts/Approaches submitted by Anthony Bushing to be placed at 442 Clabby Road. Motion carried.

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Odoms presented an Application for Buried Cable or Pipeline submitted by Idaho Power to be placed at multiple locations in the county.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve the Application for Buried Cable or Pipeline submitted by Idaho Power to be placed at multiple locations. Motion carried.

Odoms provided an update on current road maintenance and repairs to the Board. Odoms discussed a request from landowners on Advent Gulch for maintenance to the roadway. Odoms reported a pole will need to be placed at the Weiser Transfer Site to allow installation of the security system at the site.

Wilkerson inquired on the limited maintenance schedule for county roads.

Odoms stated the intent is to do maintenance once a year, but conditions do not always allow for maintenance. Odoms discussed road abandonment, validation, and improvements.

Wilkerson discussed Gravelle Lane and stated the road has become a freeway. A lot of effort was put into that lane for one residence.

Odoms stated Gravelle Lane is not a limited maintenance road and is required to be kept up to a higher standard. Improvements had to be made to support the type of traffic on the road.

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, roll call: Gordon Wilkerson, present; Lyndon Haines, present; and Nate Marvin, absent.

Luke Smith, Ambulance District Director, met with the Board. Order No. 23-26 for general expenses in the amount of \$7,580.43 was presented to the Board for review.

Smith reported the Ambulance District had twenty-seven calls for service last week which included five transfers and 11-12 public assists/refusals for care. Smith informed the Board an ambulance may be sent to Malheur County should the need arise due to the incident that took place over the weekend.

Haines requested Smith to research purchasing protective gear for the ambulance staff. Haines inquired if there is an established active shooter protocol in place.

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Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve Order No. 23-26 for general expenses in the amount of \$7,580.43. Motion carried.

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, roll call: Gordon Wilkerson, present; Lyndon Haines, present; Nate Marvin, absent.

IN THE MATTER OF AG BUILDINGS - CANCELLED

IN THE MATTER OF WOLF MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION)

Haines informed the group the Wolf Management Program was discussed at the District III meeting last week and was well received.

Gordon Wilkerson stated he has had continued conversations with Representative Judy Boyle and Skip Brant, Commissioner from Idaho County. Wilkerson stated there seems to be a lot of support at the county level throughout the State. Wilkerson discussed the “Threatened List” versus the “Endangered List.” Wilkerson stated that Fish and Game has drafted a proposal, but he does not think the proposal will be effective in the reduction of the wolf count. Wilkerson also stated he is concerned with who will be taking the count and indicated he would lean toward an outside/independent audit to conduct the count so that it is impartial. Wilkerson stated he hopes to get information from Judy Boyle this week. Wilkerson further stated that he hopes to invite Fish and Game to attend a meeting in early May.

Kirk Chandler addressed the Board. Chandler stated that it is important to get backing from IAC (Idaho Association of Counties).

Haines reiterated that Sara Westbrook with IAC was present at the District III meeting last week and indicated support from the association. Haines stated the number of wolves, an independent count, and collars would be the focus.

Wilkerson suggested public education be addressed.

Haines stated that he believed public education should include information on the impact of recreation, farming and wildlife. There was continued discussion on the introduction of wolves to the wilderness areas and the data that would be available to use to provide public education.

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Motion by Lyndon Haines, seconded by and unanimously carried to recess at 11:43 a.m. until April 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.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.