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The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 22nd day of May 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 Gordon Wilkerson 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 reported he attended a telephonic meeting last week with WICAP regarding a LRIP Grant Application.

Lyndon Haines stated he will be attending the Southwest District Health Board meeting tomorrow.

Gordon Wilkerson discussed concerns related to fencing issues and stated that there needs to be clarity of fencing responsibilities when a sale of property occurs. Wilkerson stated there seems to be a misunderstanding as to who is responsible for fencing at the time of sale of private property. Haines encouraged Wilkerson to express his concerns with the Title Companies.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve a Retail Alcohol Beverage License No. 33 for Vonmarks, LLC doing business as Legends on Main. Motion carried.

Gordon Wilkerson moved, seconded by Nate Marvin, to approve an Alcohol Beverage Catering Application for Holland's Bike and Brews to be used on June 24, 2023, at 1423 Larsen Road, Weiser, Idaho. Motion carried.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve the Operation in Funds/Statement of Treasurer's Cash for April 1, 2023, through April 30, 2023, in the amount of \$16,625,940.31. Motion carried.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve the agreement with Design West for the 3rd Floor Renovation Project. Motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of May 15, 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 \$5,150.00 for election expenses by a motion of Nate Marvin, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson. Motion carried unanimous.

The Auditor was authorized to issue warrants totaling \$345,019.29 for general expenses by a motion of Lyndon Haines, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF BANK ACCOUNTS)

Matt Thomas, Sheriff, met with the Board. Thomas stated that changes will need to be made to checking accounts for the Sheriff's Office removing Brady Johnston and adding Sam Edwards as the signer on the accounts.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to remove Brady Johnston and add Sam Edwards as a signer on the Sheriff's Office checking accounts. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICIES)

Haines stated that due to Robert Peterson being out of the office today, the Board would discuss the policies with Prosecutor Walker.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson to adopt the Washington County Information Security Policy, the Washington County Information Security Roles and Responsibilities Policy, the Data Classification Guidelines, and the Washington County Incident Response Plan. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD & BRIDGE/SOLID WASTE)

Jerod Odoms, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the Board. Odoms informed the Board that Russell Mink with Mink Land & Livestock had requested permission to place waterlines under Advent Gulch Road.

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Gordon Wilkerson moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines, to approve an Application for Placement of Culverts/Approaches submitted by Russell Mink to place waterlines under the roadway on Advent Gulch Road. Motion carried.

Odoms stated that he has submitted documents for billing on the Chicken Creek Road Project. Odoms informed the Board the project should be completed today. Odoms discussed asphalt work and other projects the department is currently working on. Odoms informed the Board that he had met with LHTAC (Local Highway Technical Assistance Council) and there will be a bypass put in place during the construction of the Dixie Creek Bridge. There was discussion of a temporary easement for the purpose of the bridge construction. It was stated that the landowner is agreeable to a temporary construction easement. Odoms informed the Board that LHTAC had stated that the Local Historical Preservation Committee has been great to work with, the issues are at the State level.

Odoms discussed the Cove Road Bridge project and stated that the process for the acquisition of right-of-way is moving forward. Odoms stated he is currently at full staff.

Haines questioned the late fee from Caterpillar Financial. Odoms stated the department had not received the billing in time. Odoms stated Caterpillar Financial had agreed to refund the late fee.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board.

Haines discussed the Information Policies that were presented by Information Technology Director, Robert Peterson. Walker stated he had reviewed the policies and that they were very detailed.

Walker discussed the possibility of the Board contracting with a new public defender who had expressed interest in a position. Walker informed the Board that the Weiser Memorial Hospital has requested a lot line adjustment on the property by the Ambulance District Hall. Walker stated that the hospital stated the land originally belonged to the hospital and was deeded to the county to be used by the Ambulance District. Walker will research the matter.

Marvin inquired on the status of the code issues with Intrinsic Organics. Walker stated he believed the matter had been resolved through the State Fire Marshall's Office.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to go into executive session at 10:13 a.m. in accordance with I.C. 74-206(1)(c) to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a

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public agency. Motion carried unanimous. Gordon Wilkerson, Aye; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Lyndon Haines stated they were out of executive session at 10:44 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING)

Bonnie Brent-Dowell, Planning and Zoning Administrator, met with the Board. Also present was the Road and Bridge Supervisor, Jerod Odoms.

Brent-Dowell presented a monthly building permit report to the Board for review. There was discussion regarding county setbacks. Brent-Dowell reviewed the minutes regarding the setback discussion by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The group discussed the size of a right-of-way or easement and how a person would determine the correct right-of-way or easement.

Jerod Odoms, Road and Bridge Supervisor discussed easements versus prescriptive easements. Odoms stated the setback would begin from the edge of an easement. Odoms stated that setbacks vary throughout the county. State law is 50-feet for a prescriptive easement.

Haines stated the Board will review the Planning and Zoning Commission minutes and schedule a time for another discussion.

IN THE MATTER OF CANVASS OF VOTES)

Michelle Hagans, Election Deputy, met with the Board. Hagans presented the May 16, 2023, election results to the Board for review.

Lyndon Haines moved to approve and read the Certification of the Canvass of Votes for the May 16, 2023, Election on the record. The motion was seconded by Gordon Wilkerson with all in favor.

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.

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Luke Smith, Ambulance District Director, met with the Board. Order No. 23-31 for general expenses in the amount of \$14,300.26 and Order No. 23-0017 for payroll expenses in the amount of \$27,052.66 was presented to the Board for review.

Smith reported the Ambulance District had twenty-two calls for service last week which included six transfers and four public assists/refusals for care. Smith discussed having the ability to bill Oregon patients at the Oregon Medicaid rate. The purchase of batteries for AED units was also discussed. Smith provided the Annual Collection Statistics report to the Board for review.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve Order No. 23- 0017 for payroll expenses in the amount of \$27,052.66. Motion carried.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson, to approve Order No. 23-31 for general expenses in the amount of \$14,300.26. 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, called roll call: Gordon Wilkerson, present; Lyndon Haines, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

IN THE MATTER OF WEISER SENIOR CENTER) - CANCELLED

IN THE MATTER OF CASUALTY LOSS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION)

Debbie Moxley-Potter, Assessor, met with the Board. Moxley-Potter informed the Board that a resident had lost their home due to a fire in August 2022 and had filed the appropriate paperwork with the Assessor for a Casualty Loss Property Tax Exemption.

Lyndon Haines moved, seconded by Nate Marvin, to approve the Casualty Loss Property Tax Exemption Application on Parcel # RP12N0SW278585 in the amount of \$470.95. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY BUDGET REQUEST)

Tony Edmondson met with the Board. Edmondson stated that May is National Preservation Month which began in 1973 as a one-week celebration and was extended to the month of May in 2005. Edmondson discussed funding sources and informed the Board that grant monies are no longer available for the restoration of buildings. Tax

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incentives are available to encourage restoration of historical buildings. Edmondson stated that there is grant funding available through the CLG (Certified Local Government) grant program because the Historical Preservation Society had petitioned and became a CLG in 1986. Edmondson stated that the Historical Preservation Society received a CLG grant allowing placing the Sunnyside School on the National Registry. Edmondson stated that the county funding received could be used as grant matching funds. Edmondson informed the Board that many hours of volunteer work go into these projects.

Wilkerson discussed the Dixie Creek Bridge and requested clarity on the weight rating of the bridge. Wilkerson stated it was his understanding that funding is now available, and the bridge could possibly be replaced this fall. Wilkerson stated that the Historical Society had to mediate on what to do with the bridge. Wilkerson stated an outside entity halted the process of the bridge construction/replacement, and that he believed the Historical Society should be responsible to pay the additional expense.

Edmondson stated that he believes there is a misunderstanding. Edmondson informed the group that at the local level the Committee had nothing to do with the bridge. The Transportation Department looked at the Dixie Creek Bridge and determined that the wing wall had to be improved. Edmondson stated the local entity's goal was to help the county with a bridge that needed a new deck.

Wilkerson stated that some entity has held up the construction of the bridge.

Edmondson stated that if Wilkerson could provide a name to him, he would be happy to help. Edmondson stated that he would like to see the Dixie Creek bridge saved as it is one of the last pony truss bridges in the county.

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION TO HALT AND RECALL THE MRNA TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS AND INJECTIONS)

Laura Demaray met with the Board. Demaray presented copies of the resolution to the Board for review. Demaray stated her words are her own opinion and that she supports a Resolution to Halt and Recall the MRNA Technology Platforms and Injections. Demaray provided the number of persons who have suffered damages due to injections. Demaray stated that there are plans to administer shots to children. Demaray discussed damage to livestock as well.

Dr. Lindsay addressed the Board. Lindsay stated both MRNA and Pfizer DNA are contaminated. Lindsay stated that the injections are cancer causing. Anyone injected may become resistant. Lindsay stated that the matter has been brought forward to the FDA (Food and Drug Administration), but no response has been received. Lindsay requested immediate recall of the vaccines.

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Dr. Peter McCullough, Texas, discussed his background. McCullough stated that in his opinion, all the Covid 19 vaccines are not safe. McCullough discussed symptoms from the vaccines. McCullough further stated that the vaccines are not medically necessary and did not stop Covid 19. McCullough informed the Board that the vaccines do not prevent the spreading of the disease. McCullough further stated that there are no benefit vaccines and that they have caused extraordinary harm and should be removed from markets.

Dr. James Thorp, Florida, addressed the Board. Thorp stated he has been practicing for 44 years. Thorp informed the Board that he has seen increased complications in pregnancies. Thorp stated that this is the most lethal drug ever rolled out.

Dr. Ryan Cole, Boise, stated that his opinions expressed today are his own. Cole provided a brief background to the Board. Cole stated that there has been an increase in cancer after the roll out of the injections. Cole informed the Board there are no long-term safety studies available on any of the products. Cole stated that the injections have altered the ability of immune systems.

Dr. Sasha Latypova provided a review of her background to the Board. Latypova stated that consumer protection laws were suspended for these injections. Latypova informed the Board that she believes that it is urgent that a vote of no confidence be issued regarding the vaccines. Latypova further stated that the animal testing that was conducted was fraudulent, and that contamination cannot be traced. Latypova stated that the vaccines need to be fully investigated and tested.

Demaray reviewed materials provided to the Board. Demaray stated that she came to the Board because if the authorities above the Commissioners do not protect citizens it falls to the Board and the Sheriff.

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO FISH AND GAME WOLF REDUCTION PROPOSAL)

Tim Murphy, Jon Rachael, Regan Berkley, and Mark Sands with the Forest Service met with the Board.

Tim Murphy addressed the Board and stated that the Wolf Management Plan has been adopted by the Fish and Game Commission. A wolf population of 500 is the target number. Murphy stated that the population would fluctuate, and that Idaho has expanded hunting and trapping of wolves.

Regan provided a summary of the wolf reduction plan.

Jon Rachael discussed the growth rate of the wolf population and stated that currently there are approximately 1,270 wolves in Idaho. Rachael stated it would take a removal of 37% each year to achieve the annual mortality rate of 500 wolves. Trapping represents approximately one half of the total population removed. Rachael stated that there are

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approximately 100 litters born in Idaho each year with 5 to 6 puppies per litter. Rachael informed the Board that environmental groups petitioned to have wolves protected.

Wilkerson inquired if they believed the 500 number is one that can be supported.

Rachael stated that the life of the Management Plan is 6 years. Rachael discussed suitable versus unsuitable habitat. Rachael informed the Board that due to livestock grazing Washington and neighboring counties would likely fall out of what is considered suitable habitat.

There was continued discussion regarding the Frank Church Wilderness area and the ability to control wolf populations in the wilderness areas. The group also discussed the use and effectiveness of collars and ariel applications for controlling the population.

Motion by Lyndon Haines, seconded by Gordon Wilkerson and unanimously carried to recess at 3:06 p.m. until June 5, 2023 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.