

REGULAR SESSION, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Commissioner Bolduc opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Buhler, Commissioner Bolton, Prosecutor Messildine and the Clerk, Denise Gill were present.

IDAHO PARKS AND RECREATION AGREEMENT

Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize Commissioner Bolduc sign the agreement with Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and Gooding County. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMPUTER ARTS, INC.

Treasurer Wines, Sheriff Gough and Shelly Bates joined the meeting to discuss the Computer Arts/Harris Computers conversion. Commissioner Bolton believes that Harris is going to completely drop Idaho or convert to something different. The Clerk has requested an estimate what the increase from Harris will be for the next couple years.

TREASURER

Treasurer Wines presented two four-year comparison of Cash and Hand. The report indicated that Gooding County is doing well.

**REVIEW OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION
REGARDING SALMON FALLS AND LAVA RIDGE WIND PROJECTS**

The Board reviewed the proposed Resolution Concerning the Salmon Falls and Lava Ridge Wind Projects on Public Lands. Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the current language in the email received from Sharon Carter, Twin Falls, regarding the resolution on Salmon Falls and Lava Ridge Wind Projects on Public Lands. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE
HEALTH FAIR EXPENSE**

Commissioner Bolton moved to have the Employee Health Insurance pay for the employees to attend the North Canyon Health Fair. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2023. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Bolduc reported that Sheriff Gough and Emergency Manager Shurtz attended the Sircomm meeting. White Cloud has let Sircomm put an antenna on their new tower in Bliss. Commissioner Buhler reported that the Idaho Transportation Department is going to start construction on a third lane, both directions, between Jerome and Twin Falls.

Chairman Bolduc recessed the regular session and opened the Ambulance District at 11:00 a.m.

AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Director Kepler, presented a report from the billing agency for the past twelve months. Commissioner Bolduc asked how many patients use Medicare or Medicaid insurance, Director Kepler's reply was 70-75%. Commissioner Bolduc has been asked about having the standby ambulance in Hagerman. Wendell's QRU has been dissolved. Director Kepler has asked Hagerman to expand their QRU territory. The internet does not work well at the EMS quarters. They have some radios that will not open. Director Kepler will call on the radios again today. They are having some difficulty with the electricity at quarters. Director Kepler wants to switch their uniform to black shirts and jackets. Concerns were discussed with black, with the lack of visibility. Director Kepler also asked for financial assistance to provide their second out unit in Hagerman. Commissioner Bolduc offered to visit with Hagerman Fire Board.

Chairman Bolduc adjourned the ambulance district at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened the regular session.

PETERSON BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION

Ernie Culver, Andy Coats and Scott Sweets, Peterson Brothers Construction, joined the meeting. The Project Bids on the Gooding County Judicial Building were reviewed. Peterson Brothers Construction presented the timeline for the project to start on March 13, 2023 and the completion date November 14, 2023. Commissioner Bolton moved to have Prosecutor Misseldine create a letter of intent to commence Peterson Brothers Construction. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

/s/Mark E. Bolduc
Mark E. Bolduc, Chairman

/s/Susan M. Bolton
Susan M. Bolton, Commissioner

/s/Ron Buhler
Ronald Buhler, Commissioner

Attest: /s/Denise M. Gill
Denise M. Gill, Clerk