

REGULAR SESSION, MAY 26, 2020

Commissioner Bolduc opened the meeting at 10:00. Commissioner Bolton, Commissioner Buhler, and the Chief Deputy Clerk, Linda Leguineche was present.

INDIGENT

Commissioner Buhler moved to go into an executive session pursuant to IC§31-874 to consider indigent matters. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bolton-Yes, Buhler- Yes, Bolduc-Yes. Director, Linda Leguineche and Assistant Director, Kathy Ball joined the meeting. The board recessed executive session and returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m. Commissioners Bolton and Buhler moved and seconded to approve 4924. Motion carried.

BUDGET REQUEST

Middle Snake River Water Resource Commission submitted their budget request for consideration.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Currently the Joint Powers Agreement concerning SIRCOM is governed by each county’s commissioner representative. It has been determined that a law enforcement member needs to be on the board with limited voting power. This additional representation will hopefully improve the organization and establishment of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Dispatch System. Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement pending legal approval. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bolton-Yes, Bolduc-Yes, Buhler-Yes.

PROPERTY TAXES

PHIL BROWN

Phil Brown joined the meeting to speak about property taxes he paid on property purchased in Wendell. The Commissioners will speak with Assessor Baldwin for clarification. Commissioner Bolton made the motion to table this issue until their next meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Buhler. Roll call vote: Bolton-yes, Buhler-yes, Bolduc-yes. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EMERGENCY MANAGEMEN AND STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS

Missy Shurtz joined the meeting to give an update on the Emergency Management Service Grant & State Homeland Security Program. Since travel has been restricted, money set aside for travel will be put back into the 2018 grant.

EMS BUILDING

A payment is due to Gary D. Jones Construction on the EMS Building. Commissioner Bolduc contacted Georgia Dimick with Region IV Development for some clarification on payments. Ms. Dimick asked to be on the agenda for next week. Commissioner Buhler made the motion to approve the claim in the amount of \$121,237.10 to Gary D. Jones Construction. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bolton-yes, Buhler-yes, Bolduc-yes. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Prosecutor Pember relayed his office is working regular hours. He anticipates his office will be very busy when August 2, 2020 arrives if the courts open back up. Sheriff Gough shared the jail is safe. There are currently 3 empty beds. The door monitoring is working well & the intent is to keep doing this screening. Sheriff Gough also reported there were many hang-up phone calls last week. Carol Johnson with Juvenile Probation reported her office had 5 new cases last week. Her office is utilizing swab testing for drug testing right now. These tests are really expensive. Cindy Kinder reported the extension office is open regular hours & following state protocols in regards to social distancing and hand sanitizing. Tracey Martin reported that adult probation had a couple of new cases last week. Drug & alcohol testing started back this week. Tracey & Daniel both qualified at the range last week. Daniel will be restarting POST again which was closed due to the COVID19 virus. He will be able to complete classes online and then attend actual POST for 1 week. Assessor Baldwin said the assessment notices will be mailed this week. There has been an 11% to 25% increase in values. Assessor Baldwin said he is not allowing appraisers into peoples’ homes. The DMV is only allowing 2 people at a time in the building. Cathy Harris said it is business as usual in her office. She asked that the public restroom remain closed to the public. There have been 60 building permits issued since the first of the year. This number includes new builds & additions. Terry Ruby with Tri-County Weeds reported the COVID19 virus has not affected the weed department. He has a meeting this afternoon with the Jerome Commissioners. Don Gill reported that he will know by July 15, 2020 as to whether the fair/rodeo will be a go. If so, he has picked up a new sponsor for the rodeo. He also reported he has a few activities scheduled & will be practicing social distancing protocol.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bolduc moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC§74-206(b) for personal matter and IC§74-206(c) for interest in real property. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Board exited Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting at 12:35.

PUBLIC SAFETY BOND ELECTION

Commissioner Bolduc asked Sheriff Gough to join the meeting to discuss the Public Safety Bond Election. It was decided at this time to not move forward with a bond election in light of the current economic situation. This matter will be addressed at a future time.

MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes for May 18, 2020.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

/s/Mark Bolduc
Mark Bolduc, Chairman

/s/Susan Bolton
Susan Bolton, Commissioner

/s/Ron Buhler
Ron Buhler, Commissioner

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