

**REGULAR SESSION, FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

Commissioner Bolduc opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Buhler, Commissioner Eames, Prosecutor Misseldine and the Chief Deputy Clerk, Jackie Fuqua, were present.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Karl Souza, Building and Grounds, joined the meeting to discuss estimates for a new fleet vehicle from Twin Falls Subaru for \$39,900, and one from Stateline Auto Ranch in Fruitland, for \$38,800. The Commissioners tabled a decision to see what the budget looks like in a few months. Commissioner Buhler made a motion to take the Ford Focus out of the carpool and assign it to Prosecutor Misseldine for his use. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Eames. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE- CONTRACT WITH SAWTOOTH CORRECTIONAL MEDICINE**

Commissioner Bolduc read the Medical Services contract between Gooding County and Sawtooth Correctional Medicine. Commissioner Eames made a motion to extend the contract from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Buhler. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Buhler moved to approve January 20, 2026, minutes. Commissioner Eames seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Bolduc received a call from David Clark concerning the Legion Hall in Gooding. The State is relinquishing this charter to Gooding County. The keys to the building are being kept in the vault in the Clerk's office. The board is waiting to receive a letter from the State to figure out what to do next with the building.

Commissioner Bolduc recessed the regular session and opened the Ambulance District meeting at 10:30 a.m.

**AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

Director Kepler attended a training session concerning billing for non-transported calls. Gooding County is one of the few that do not bill for non-transport calls. System Design West is working up a policy that Director Kepler will have legal counsel look over, that adds a flat rate for non-transport refusals. In the new policy, residents with insurance would have their insurance billed and any remaining balance would be written off. Non-residents would receive a bill.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the Ambulance District and reconvened the regular session at 10:45 a.m.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

Commissioner Eames reported the Health Department had an issue with a septic system near Tuttle. A property owner put his own septic in without approval and had issues. It has been resolved and the Health Department is working with the owner who is complying. Commissioner Buhler said Mid-Snake River Water would like to have someone from Planning and Zoning come to or join in via Zoom, their monthly meetings. Commissioner Buhler will speak with Mike Kerswell to see if he could do it or have someone from his staff attend.

Commissioner Bolduc recessed the regular session and opened the public meeting at 11:00 am

**PUBLIC HEARING- BLOCK GRANT FROM IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

Commissioner Buhler, Commissioner Eames, Prosecutor Misseldine, Chief Deputy Clerk, Jackie Fuqua and Mabelle McFarland from Frontier Community Resources were present. No one from the public attended. Mabelle McFarland gave a brief synopsis of the grant that was used to purchase the new ambulance. She states the purchase of the new ambulance and needed accessories were less than the awarded grant amount, therefore Director Kepler was able to purchase additional equipment for other ambulances in the fleet. All invoices must be in by April 2026, so reimbursement can be made to the county. Director Kepler is working on getting her those invoices.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the public meeting and reconvened the regular session at 11:11 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Buhler moved to go into executive session pursuant IC§31-874 Indigent matters. Commissioner Eames seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Eames-Yes, Buhler-Yes, Bolduc-Yes. Commissioner Buhler made a motion to approve case #26-01-5053 for rent assistance. Commissioner Eames seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Board recessed the executive session at 11:25 a.m.

**BROADBAND**

No Broadband business on this day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment on this day.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

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Mark E. Bolduc, Chairman

Vern Eames, Commissioner

Ronald Buhler, Commissioner

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Jackie Fuqua, Chief Deputy Clerk

