

**REGULAR SESSION, MARCH 14, 2022**

Commissioner Bolduc opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Buhler, Commissioner Bolton and the Clerk, Denise Gill were 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, Kathy Ball and Case Worker Kaitlin Leguineche joined the meeting. The board recessed executive session and returned to regular session at 10:34 a.m. Commissioners Buhler and Bolton moved and seconded to approve 5021 and settle case 2409 for \$1,750. Motion carried.

**AMBULANCE GRANT**

Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize Commissioner Bolduc to sign request #5 for funds for the Gooding Ambulance Grant. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE  
AMENDED FOR WEST POINT**

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the amended alcohol license for West Point. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SHELL OIL  
SOLID WASTE FEE**

The Board discussed the Solid Waste fee that will be billed to Shell Oil. It was determined that the Solid Waste fee is not a tax and is not eligible for exemption under IC§63-602NN.

**WATERFOWL CLOSURE  
GRIDLEY ISLAND AND OWSLEY BRIDGE**

Prosecutor Misseldine sent letter to the Twin Falls County Commissioners regarding the issue on the waterfowl closure at Gridley Island and Owsley Bridge. Prosecutor Misseldine was contacted by Nancy Austin, Twin Falls County, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor. Ms. Austin explained that the Twin Falls County Commissioners did not feel that their citizens were being affected. They were not opposed to a meeting with the citizens. Commissioner Bolduc will speak to Russell Lemoyne regarding contacting a person from Twin Falls County that are being affected. Prosecutor Misseldine suggested putting up warning signs on or near the boat launches on the Gooding County side of the river.

**GOODING COUNTY MEETING ROOM**

Chairman Bolduc tabled use of the use of the meeting room for courtroom until the remodeling is complete, next meeting.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS  
ANNUAL REPORT**

Renee Waite, Department of Juvenile Corrections, joined the meeting. Ms. Waite reviewed the annual report for juveniles in Gooding County. Gooding County had 32 new juvenile cases in 2021. The Diversion cases were 53% successful. The juveniles in 2021 were 63% males between 14-16 years of age. Fortunately, there are more counseling providers for Juveniles' in the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District than some of the other Judicial Districts. Ms. Waite reviewed the 5<sup>th</sup> District Juvenile statistics. They are trying to keep the youth out of the court system and encourage other course of treatment.

**REGION IV DEVELOPMENT**

Jeff McCurdy, CEO-Region IV Development, and Georgia Dimick, Region IV Development, joined the meeting. Mr. McCurdy explained that Region IV Development was established 1975. They recently received a grant of \$2.9 million to create a new revolving loan fund program targeted to help small businesses. They have helped two businesses in Gooding County, one in the hospitality industry-a restaurant and a medical provider. They have assisted Gooding County with a grant to build an EMS facility for the Ambulance District, the City of Bliss with a water grant and Hagerman Fire District with acquiring new fire trucks. At this time, they are assisting the Senior Center in Hagerman with strengthening their building and waste water improvements. Region IV Development applied for Broadband grants with success in Wendell and Bliss. Mr. McCurdy explained brownfield sites. Brownfields sites are area's that are contaminated or perceived to be contaminated. Region IV applied for the funding to help these areas get cleaned up so that the community can reuse it. Region IV Development received \$300,000 grant to help identify the brownfield areas. They are working on a developing revolving loan program to help get these places cleaned up. Region IV Development received a \$400,000 grant to help with regional recovery and to help with preparing for pandemics. They asked for five to ten items from the county that they are looking for or need assistance with, i.e. infrastructure monies, water, sewer, broadband, etc.

**EMS BUILDING  
ROAD SIGNAGE SYSTEM**

The Board reviewed the revised quote from Traffic Safety Sign, for signs at the EMS building. Commissioner Bolton moved to authorized the purchase of two signs for the cost of \$15,435.00. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**HEALTH PLANS, INC.  
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize Commissioner Bolduc to sign Health Plans, Inc.- Schedule A-Schedule of Administration and Other Charges effective January 1, 2021 and Health Plans, Inc.- Schedule A-Schedule of Administration and Other Charges effective January 1, 2022. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Commissioner Bolton and Buhler moved and seconded to approve the February 2022 Claims. Motion carried.

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| General \$286,341.86       | Road and Bridge \$-0-     | Consolidated Elections \$623.86 |
| District Court \$5,449.43  | Fair \$3,148.46           | Public Health \$11,390.43       |
| Hagerman Police \$3,312.27 | Wendell Police \$5,272.36 | Public Defense \$9,096.93       |
| Indigent \$1,189.61        | Jr. College \$200.00      | Landfill \$-0-                  |

Revaluation \$773.07  
Waterways \$-0-  
TOTAL \$170,933.08

Veterans Memorial \$-0-  
ARPA Recovery \$28,696.36

Weeds \$360.57

Ambulance \$76,783.06

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes from March 7, 2022. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Buhler reported that the landfill is going to consider trying to make it so that county residents will not have to pay at the transfer station. Commercial business will still have to pay.

They will narrow down the applicants to interview for the SIRCOMM Director position this week, reported Commissioner Bolduc.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 12:45 a.m.

/s/Mark 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