

REGULAR SESSION, APRIL 11, 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 Indigent Case Worker, Kaitlin Leguineche, joined the meeting. The board recessed executive session and returned to regular session at 10:04 a.m. Commissioners Buhler and Bolton moved and seconded to deny 5019. Motion carried.

**PLANNING AND ZONING
ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL**

Juan Martinez, Gooding County Building Inspector, explained that the office is in need of a Permit Tech-Plan Reviewer; to review plans prior to passing the plans along to Juan for approval. When plans are submitted there are several items that are required. The group discussed the pay scale to classify this position. Juan will have the new system, OpenGov, up and running, where a new person can learn plan reviews. They did explain, to a present employee, that they were going to ask for this new position – should they be interested. The employee said she would be interested if the pay was the same as she presently makes. The Board tabled the issue until the following meeting.

**CITY OF WENDELL
WAIVE BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR WENDELL HIGH SCHOOL**

Commissioner Bolton moved to waive the building permit fees for Wendell High School. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bolton moved to go into executive session pursuant to IC§74-206(b) to hear compliant. Cathy Harris, Planning and Zoning Administrator and Juan Martinez, Building Inspector are requested to stay in for the executive session. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bolton-Yes, Buhler– Yes, Bolduc-Yes. Chairman Bolduc vacated the executive session at 11:02 a.m.

ANTHEM BROADBAND

Jasen Herr, Anthem Broadband, and Georgia Dimick, Region IV Development, joined the meeting. Georgia Dimick joined via Zoom. Georgia explained that on May 15, NOVA and NTIA grants are coming out. Anthem needs to apply for the Planning Grant. Anthem will prepare a Broadband Plan for Gooding County. Jasen Herr brought up applying for a grant to purchase property and develop a training center. Mr. Herr further explained there is a 3 million grant “Connecting Communities”, that they could apply for to acquire a bank of computers, wages, etc for the training center. Ms. Dimick followed up by saying that the Government loves partnerships on these grants. The group discussed items that they need to put into these grants. Don Gill, Fair Manager, mentioned that the Gooding Armory maybe coming available which would be an ideal site for a training center.

**2022 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
SENATOR, MICHELLE STENNETT
REPRESENTATIVE, SALLY TOONE
REPRESENTATIVE, NED BURNS**

Representative Toone, Representative Burns and Senator Stennett joined the meeting. Rep. Toone stated, “It was an interesting 81day session”. They had nearly 1000 pieces of legislation drafted this year; 325 signed by the Governor, two laws without signatures; and 6 vetoes. Representative Toone further stated the redistricting will realign all 35 districts. There were 38 voting/ballot pieces of legislation with ten passing; Ban Ballot Boxes-failed, and Ballot collections-failed, again. They increased circuit breaker to \$300,000 or 150% median assessed valuation of the county. They created the state Public Defense Fund to relieve counties of financial responsibility of indigent legal defense. They created the Public Schools Health Insurance Fund to provide onetime payments for school districts to join the state medical and dental program. Seventy-six Million in early literacy, \$1,000 bonuses for all and allows for licensed professional counselors to work in schools. Library Commission-loss of \$300,000 for e-books; loss of \$3.2 million for telehealth for harmful material and many more.

ROOF-PROSECUTOR BUILDING

The Board reviewed bids for replacing the roof on the prosecutor’s building. Three bids were received. Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the bid from Canyon Construction Services LLC for \$35,908.27. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

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

General \$204,005.65	Road and Bridge \$19.58	Consolidated Elections \$308.53
District Court \$3,136.40	Fair \$5,101.43	Public Health \$17,066.75
Hagerman Police \$2,343.03	Wendell Police \$3,884.12	Public Defense \$6.91.77
Indigent \$2,407.29	Jr. College \$-0-	Landfill \$-0-
Revaluation \$387.94	Veterans Memorial \$-0-	Weeds \$2,841.64
Waterways \$1,035.60	ARPA Recovery \$1,683.05	
TOTAL \$251,138.71		
Ambulance \$48,752.55		

BUDGET HEARING DATES

Commissioner Bolton moved set the Gooding County Budget hearing on August 29th at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bolton moved to set the Gooding County Ambulance District on August 29th at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PARKINSON’S AWARENESS MONTH

Commissioner Bolton moved to Proclaim April as Parkinson’s Awareness Month. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2022 Gooding County, Idaho
Supporting the designation of April as Parkinson’s Awareness Month

Whereas Parkinson’s disease affects one million people in the United States, is the second most common neurodegenerative disease, is believed to be caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors, and is a leading cause of death according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

Whereas it is estimated that Parkinson’s costs the United States \$58 billion every year, of which the federal government shoulders \$29 billion, leaving American families to cover the remaining \$29 billion every year;

Whereas it is estimated that, by the year 2037, the number of people with Parkinson’s in the U.S. will nearly double, and the disease will cost America at least \$79 billion every year.

Whereas the symptoms of Parkinson’s disease can include dementia and cognitive impairment, tremors, slowness of movement, “freezing” in place, inability to walk and maintain balance, speech difficulties, depression, losing the ability to swallow, and a variety of other symptoms;

Whereas The Michael J. Fox Foundation’s Parkinson’s Progression Markers Initiative works hand in hand with federal and state efforts to identify causes of Parkinson’s in an effort to one day, prevent Parkinson’s;

Whereas there are tens of millions of family caregivers, friends, and loved ones whose lives are greatly affected by Parkinson’s disease;

Whereas more research and increased education and community support services are needed to find better treatments and a cure as well as maintain dignity for those living with the disease today;

NOW, THEREFORE; The Gooding County Commissioners of Gooding County, Idaho, do hereby proclaim April as Parkinson’s Awareness Month in 2022.

Gooding County Commissioners

Mark E Bolduc

Susan Bolton

Ronald Buhler

Attest: Gooding County Clerk, Denise Gill

EMERGENCY DROUGHT DECLARATION

Commissioner Buhler moved to Declare a Disaster; an Emergency Drought Declaration. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY DROUGHT DECLARATION OF THE GOODING COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Wood River Basin is facing the likelihood of a drought in the upcoming irrigation season; and
WHEREAS, the snow-packs are currently only 53 - 64% of average in both the Little Wood and Big Wood basins; and
WHEREAS, based on current stream-flow predictions, Magic Reservoir is storing 32,000 acre-feet of water and will likely only deliver 43 days of water; and
WHEREAS, based on current stream-flow predictions, the Watermaster will likely curtail 90 to 95% of all Big Wood River natural flow water rights above Magic Reservoir and 100% of all natural flow rights below Magic Reservoir; and
WHEREAS, based on current stream-flow predictions, the Watermaster will likely curtail 90 to 95% of all Sliver Creek/Little Wood River natural flow rights below the Little Wood/Silver Creek confluence; and
WHEREAS, approximately 50 to 60% of the irrigated agricultural land in Gooding County will be affected; and
A DISASTER EMERGENCY AS DEFINED IN Idaho Code §46-1002, is an imminent threat of a disaster or condition threatening life or property; and
WHEREAS, Idaho Code §46-1002 is in existence in Gooding County, Idaho to declare a local disaster emergency to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance, there under;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Gooding County, Idaho, Board of Commissioners hereby declares a disaster. That disaster was created by drought conditions creating and imminent threat of life, property and public safety and;

This Emergency Declaration shall expire on **December 31, 2022**, unless otherwise extended by this Board.

These conditions require the activation of the response and recovery of all applicable local disaster emergency plans and;

Such disaster may require State of Idaho disaster assistance to supplement local efforts to protect, rehabilitate and replace public property and to provide a coordinated multi-agency effort to mitigate, avert and lessen the threat and impact of the disaster.

Adopted this 11th day of April 2022.

GOODING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Mark E. Bolduc

Mark E. Bolduc, Commissioner

/s/Ronald Buhler

Ronald Buhler, Commissioner

/s/Susan M. Bolton

Susan M. Bolton, Commissioner

Attest: /s/Denise M. Gill

Denise M. Gill, Clerk

MINUTES

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes from April 4, 2022. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Commissioner Bolduc reported that SIRCOMM hired Robb Vawsor as the new Director and Christy Churchman as the Assistant Director.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.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