

REGULAR SESSION, JANUARY 11, 2021

Commissioner Bolduc opened the meeting at 10:00. Commissioner Bolton, Commissioner Buhler, and the Clerk, Denise Gill was present.

OATH OF OFFICE

Commissioner Buhler gave the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officials: Shaun Gough, Gooding County Sheriff – via Zoom, Trevor Misseldine, Gooding County Prosecutor, Susan Bolton, Gooding County Commissioner and Mark Bolduc, Gooding County Commissioner.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Commissioner Buhler moved to have Commissioner Bolduc serve as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 joined the meeting and Kaitlin Leguineche, Indigent Case Worker. The board recessed executive session and returned to regular session at 10:23 a.m. Commissioners Buhler and Bolton moved and seconded to deny 4951. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Bolton and Buhler moved and seconded to approve the December 2020 Claims. Motion carried.

General \$338,971.82	Road and Bridge \$75.03	Consolidated Elections \$-0-
District Court \$2,768.89	Fair \$3,025.16	Public Health \$72.65
Hagerman Police \$1,839.01	Wendell Police \$2,645.59	Public Defense \$8,873.91
Indigent \$1,186.38	Jr. College \$ -0-.00	Landfill \$322,928.50
Revaluation \$413.59	Veterans Memorial \$-0-.00	Weeds \$308.43
Waterways \$222.31		
TOTAL \$683,033.93		

Ambulance \$13,092.42

**WENDELL PHYSICAL THERAPY
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CONTRACT**

Commissioner Bolton moved to table Wendell Physical Therapy. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GRANT
POLLY HUGGINS**

Polly Huggins discussed writing the Department of Commerce Grant for an ambulance for the county. Her concern was whether the grant would cover grant writing expense. Polly will look into the grant and let the Board know. She charges \$100 per hour for the grant writing. She anticipates 20-40 hours. Commissioner Bolton asked her to contact Director Porter and Assistant Director Kepler. If the grant is denied she will still be billing.

EMS BUILDING

Commissioner Bolduc has contacted Century Link about telephone lines and internet at the EMS Building. Commissioner Bolton contacted Safelink. Karl Souza, Building and Grounds, reported that Fire Chief Covey is requesting a monitoring system for the EMS Building. Fire alarm system personnel was to send Karl Souza quotes for monitoring systems. Commissioner Bolton moved to have Commissioner Bolduc complete and sign the Limited English Proficiency Analysis. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Bolduc the concrete cuts was not in the contractors bid. Karl Souza will be doing the concrete cuts.

Karl Souza returned to the meeting with System Tech’s proposal for a monitoring system for the EMS Building for \$1,962.70 per year for two years. Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize Karl Souza to have System Tech install the monitoring system in the EMS Building and authorize Commissioner Bolduc to sign the agreement. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 31, 2020

Commissioner Bolton moved to accept the financial statement for December 31, 2020. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Bolduc reported that J Dee Adams, CEO from North Canyon Medical Center, suggested putting in access from the EMS Building to the Hospital without getting on the highway for the inter-facility transfers.

The Board discussed an email that the Board received regarding the Bliss Highway District closing a road.

**PLANNING AND ZONING
PROGRAM FOR OFFICE**

Cathy Harris, P&Z Administrator, discussed the need to have software that will allow submission of applications, plans, surveys etc. electronically. They will acquire the equipment via a grant but must pay for the annual fee of approximately \$30,000. They discussed the need to increase building fees and potentially eliminate a position in the P&Z office. They asked Prosecutor Misseldine to look into the method to increase the fees 15% for the next meeting.

MINUTES

Commissioner Bolton moved approve the minutes for December 28, 2020. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Buhler moved to approve the minutes for January 4, 2021. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Commissioner Bolton moved to allow Missy Shurtz to participate in the FEMA training on grants. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 2:05 p.m. Commissioner Bolduc recessed the meeting until Wednesday 10:00, January 13, 2021.

/s/Mark Bolduc
Mark Bolduc, Chairman

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

/s/Ron Buhler
Ron Buhler, Commissioner

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

REGULAR SESSION, RECONVENED, JANUARY 13, 2021
FROM RECESSED MEETING JANUARY 11, 2021

Commissioner Bolduc reconvened the recessed meeting of January 11, 2021 at 10:00. Commissioners Buhler, Commissioner Bolton and Gooding County Clerk, Denise Gill in attendance.

EMS BUILDING

Commissioner Bolton reported that Safelink has made an offer to get internet services at the EMS Building. The Board left a message for Safelink to return their call.

Commissioner Bolduc reported that the EMS Building appliances are scheduled for installation this week.

Commissioner Bolduc completed the Language report required for Federal Grants.

Commissioner Buhler reported that he as contacted ITD about the speed limit and flashing lights next to the EMS Building. ITD has not responded to any of Commissioner Buhler's messages.

Commissioner Bolduc reminded the Board that the hospital would like to have an access road from the EMS Building to the hospital for inter-facility transfers.

Commissioner Bolton moved to install a hot spot at the EMS Building until they can get quotes from two internet providers. Commissioner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE GRANT

Polly Huggins reported that she spoke with Dennis from the Idaho Department of Commerce regarding a grant for an Ambulance. Ms. Huggins informed the Board there is a \$350,000 maximum on grant.

Commissioner Bolton moved to hire Polly Huggins to write the Department of Commerce Grant for an Ambulance. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

/s/Mark Bolduc
Mark Bolduc, Chairman

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

/s/Ron Buhler
Ron Buhler, Commissioner

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