

REGULAR SESSION, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

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

POLLING PLACES FOR MARCH 14, 2023 ELECTIONS

Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize Commissioner Bolduc to designate the polling places for the March 14, 2023. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried

Gooding Jt. School District No. 231 Supplemental Levy

#2 GOODING CITY	CO FAIRGROUNDS EXTENSION OFFICE 203 Lucy Lane, Gooding
#3 GOODING RURAL	CO FAIRGROUNDS FLOWER BUILDING 203 Lucy Lane, Gooding
ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING	GOODING COUNTY COURTHOUSE 624 Main St., Gooding

Jerome Jt. School District No. 261 Supplemental Levy

#5 WENDELL RURAL	MAIL OUT PRECINCT
ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION	Gooding Co Courthouse, 624 Main St Gooding

DISTRICT 4 CAT BOARD ELECTION BALLOT

Commissioner Bolton moved to vote for Charlie Howell for the District 4 Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program Board Member. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Commissioner Buhler moved to sign the alcoholic beverage license for the MIRAMAR. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

KITCHEN PLUMBING

Karl Souza, Building and Grounds, joined the meeting to explain that the plumbing issues in the jail kitchen with the grease trap is not under concrete and they can access the area. It was determined that additional work would need to be done. The motion in last week’s meeting is null and void. Commissioner Bolton moved to accept the bid from Evans Plumbing, Inc. to make the repairs to the plumbing in the kitchen. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT

University of Idaho, Extension Educator, Mario de Haro Marti, and staff joined the meeting. Jennifer Hamilton explained the she has used all her ARPA funds. She is working with teens that help with the children enrolled in the summer STEM camps. At this time, she is doing a science fair. She is doing classes at the Gooding School’s, ISDB and North Valley Academy. During the Gooding County Fair they had 206 entries, 4-H Coordinator, Deborah Peavler reported. Deborah has accepted a position at the University of Wyoming as an Educator. Cindy Kinder, 4-H Educator, explained the programs that she has done in the past months. These programs included Hunter’s Education. Mario reported that he received grants that provided computers and a lectern. He is working in Kimberly on compositing. Along with South Central Public Health District, they are working on immunization vaccinations for foreign workers. They purchased a green house and looking for Master Gardener’s to help with the Community Garden. Teri Dorchuck, Administrative Assistant, is currently enrolled in the Master Gardener program. Teri Dorchuck, reported that she is busy with the new financial programs that the University has been mandated to use. She also assists with the programs led by the 4-H Educators and 4-H Coordinator. Mario is still looking for grants to pay for the STEM project and funds to pay for the position.

Chairman Bolduc recessed the regular session and opened on the Ambulance District.

AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Michele McFarlane and Jeff McCurdy from Region IV Development joined the meeting.

Director Kepler presented bids from HGACBuy for Ambulances. The pricing worksheet is for \$290,139.

The Commissioners discussed the slowness in our employee health insurance paying on ambulance services.

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the purchase from HGACBuy for an Ambulance for \$290,139 and for Clerk Gill to prepare a purchase order for \$290,139. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Bolduc adjourned the Ambulance District at 11:08 and reconvened the regular session.

REGION IV DEVELOPMENT

AMBULANCE GRANT

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the purchase for a second ambulance for \$290,139 and for Clerk Gill to prepare a purchase order for \$290,139. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It will take approximately 24-28 months to receive the ambulances. This ambulance will be paid from the Department of Commerce grant.

Commissioner Bolton moved to have Chairman Bolduc sign the forms to be reimbursed from the Department of Commerce. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried. This was for the administration and application writing from Region IV Development.

Jeff McCurdy, CEO Region IV Development, explained that Region IV was developed to assist the smaller communities in southern Idaho. They have been successful with grant administration and small business loans. The Rural Economic Development program has moved back to Region IV. They received the two grants from EPA for the Brownfield

Revitalization. They would like to reach out to the communities to let individuals know the services they provide. They have been very successful in all the projects that have done for Gooding County.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize Commissioner Bolduc to sign the Employee Assistance Program agreement with KEPRO, Inc. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No committee meetings.

COURTHOUSE REMODEL

Ernie Colver, Peterson's Brothers Construction, reported that Courthouse remodel is still scheduled to begin the first of March.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed a copy of a letter from attorney, Melissa Kippes, addressed to Sheriff Gough regarding an investigation into a death.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Cathy Harris, Planning and Zoning Administrator, requested a siting team for Bettencourt expansion. Bettencourt is consolidating several dairies in support of their new digesters. Commissioner Bolton moved to sign Resolution 2023-02-06 for the siting team. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-02-06

REQUEST FOR A SUITABILITY DETERMINATION

WHERE AS, Idaho Code Section 67-6529 (E) provides for the Board of County Commissioners to submit a request to the Department of Agriculture for a suitability determination by a site advisory team for the following Proposed CAFO MODIFICATION; and,

WHERE AS, Gooding County ID is submitting a request for:

L & S Land Holdings
2930 S. 2300 E.
Wendell, ID 83355

Location of Confined Animal Feeding Operation as more commonly known as

Bettencourt Dairy #7
Barn #3 & #4
3490 S. 1600 E.
Wendell, ID 83355

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; the Gooding County Board of Commissioners requests the Department of Agriculture have a site advisory team do a suitability determination on the above proposed facility modification.

DATED THIS 6TH DAY OF February, 2023.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO**

/s/Mark E. Bolduc

Mark E. Bolduc, Commissioner

/s/Susan M. Bolton

Susan M. Bolton, Commissioner

/s/Ronald Buhler

Ronald Buhler, Commissioner

Attest /s/Denise M. Gill

Denise M. Gill, Clerk

MINUTES

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes from January 23, 2023. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

/s/Mark E. Bolduc
Mark E. Bolduc, Chairman

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

/s/Ronald Buhler
Ronald Buhler, Commissioner

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