

REGULAR SESSION, MARCH 27, 2023

Commissioner Bolduc opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Buhler 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 Bolduc seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Buhler– Yes, Bolduc-Yes. Deputy Clerk, Jackie Fuqua and Deputy Prosecutor Dillman joined the meeting. The board recessed executive session and returned to regular session at 10:10 a.m. Commissioners Buhler and Bolduc moved and seconded to approve 4986. Motion carried.

Prosecutor Misseldine joined the meeting and Deputy Prosecutor Dillman vacated the meeting 10:21 a.m.

FY2024 BUDGET HEARINGS

Commissioner Buhler moved to hold the FY2024 Budget Hearing for Gooding County at 10:15 a.m. August 28, 2023 and FY2024 Budget Hearing for Gooding County Ambulance District at 10:30 a.m. August 28, 2023. Commissioner Bolduc seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Commissioner Buhler moved to Proclaim the Month April 2023 Fair Housing Month. Commissioner Bolduc seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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WHEREAS, April 2023 marks the 55th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Human Rights Commission Act has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1969; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all-regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin-is a fundamental goal of our nation, state and city; and

WHEREAS, equal access to housing is an important component of this goal-as fundamental as the right to equal education and employment; and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability and

WHEREAS, housing choice impacts our children’s access to education, our ability to seek and retain employment options, the cultural benefits we enjoy, the extent of our exposure to crime and drugs, and the quality of health care we receive in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the laws of this nation and our state seek to ensure such equality of choice for all transactions involving housing; and

WHEREAS, ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principles, practices, rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, only through continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Idahoans can barriers to fair housing be removed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark E. Bolduc, Chairman of the Gooding County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2023 to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

In the County of Gooding, State of Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at Gooding County in Gooding County Courthouse on this 27th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2023.

/s/Mark E. Bolduc

*Mark E. Bolduc, Chairman
Gooding County Board of Commissioners*

/s/Denise M. Gill

*Denise M. Gill, Clerk
Gooding County*

MIDDLE SNAKE REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE COMMISSION

Lew Pence, Chairman, of the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission, joined the meeting. Mr. Pence had the Board watch a video explaining Middle Snake River water right uses and distribution of the water. Another video showed the value of water to the Magic Valley and the issues with Middle Snake River. The moss and drought cause a number of problems. The quality water in Middle Snake River must be protected to preserve the Middle Snake for future generations. The Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission meets the third of Wednesday of the month. Their executive board is made of a Commissioner from each of the designated counties; Twin Falls, Lincoln, Cassia, Jerome and Gooding. Mr. Pence feels this Commission is important and the actions they have taken have been successful. With the passing of Bob Muffley, the Commission is in need of a secretary. Additionally, Mr. Pence would like Gooding County to designate a County Commissioner to serve on the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission. Chairman Bolduc requested the selection of a Commissioner to serve on Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission be put on the next agenda.

GOODING SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Gooding Soil Conservation District, Kay Hults, Chairman, Joe Pavkov, Secretary/Treasurer and Michael Potucek, NRCS member, joined the meeting. Mrs. Hults explained what the Soil Conservation District has done the last year and what they are

planning the next couple of years. They are proactive in their mission and are looking for more volunteers. Mario de Haro Marti, University of Idaho Extension Educator, organizes and runs the community garden in the city of Gooding.

2022 JUVENILE JUSTICE REPORT

Alicia Batiste, Juvenile Justice 4th District Liaison Supervisor, joined the meeting. Ms. Batiste is filling in until the 5th District Liaison is appointed. Carol Johnson, Gooding County Chief Juvenile Probation officer, was in attendance. Ms. Batiste explained that the juvenile arrests have decreased and the Diversion cases have increased, since 2020, in Gooding County. Gooding County's juvenile recidivism is lower than the national average. Carol explained that they are developing Assessment Centers in Idaho. Ms. Johnson has a business in mind in Gooding County to ask to develop an assessment center. The State funding has continued to decrease over last three years. Ms. Johnson said that they are seeing younger juveniles.

EMERGENCY MANAGER SHSP FUNDS

Missy Shurtz, Emergency Manager, asked the Commissioners if they are still in need of funding for the security at the courthouse. She has had a request for funds from the City of Gooding Police department for computers in their cars. Commissioner Bolduc replied that SHSP funds are designated for courthouse security for the next 2 years.

ANNEX REMODEL

Karl Souza, Building and Grounds Supervisor, presented the bids for the remodel on the annex building for the Coroner office and the Sheriff Office evidence room. Karl Souza is going to do the interior remodel.

Commissioner Buhler moved to go out for bids to replace the roof. Commissioner Bolduc seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Buhler moved to accept the bid of \$5,325.00 for a security gate at the annex from Longhorn Fencing. Commissioner Bolduc seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Commissioner Buhler moved to approve the minutes from March 20, 2023. Commissioner Bolduc seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

COMMITTEES

No Committee meetings.

Chairman Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

/s/Mark E. 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