

REGULAR SESSION, MARCH 29, 2021

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

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Commissioner Buhler moved to amend the agenda for Unfinished Business, Jail Annex and bid for Optical Fiber Backbone from ACS Systems. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VEHICLE BIDS

Chairman Bolduc, reported that he submitted a request for bids from Twin Falls Subaru, Larry Miller Subaru, and Wackerli Subaru. He only received two bid proposals, Wackerli Subaru did not submit a bid.

The Commissioners discussed buying one of the vehicles for Juvenile Probation from the lottery funds. They will put the old Juvenile Probation vehicle in the auction.

Commissioner Bolton moved to accept Twin Falls Subaru bid for two 2021 Forester \$28,015.90 each. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bolton moved to purchase a third vehicle from Twin Falls Subaru for the Juvenile Probation office to replace their current vehicle which will be put up for auction. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DROUGHT DECLARATION

Commissioner Bolton moved to sign Drought Declaration for upcoming season. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**EMERGENCY 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 65 - 70% of average in both the Little Wood and Big Wood basins; and
WHEREAS, based on current stream-flow predictions, Magic Reservoir will likely only have 60 to 70 days of water; and
WHEREAS, based on current stream-flow predictions, the Water master 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 Water master 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 10 to 20% 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, 2021**, 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 29th day of March 2021.

GOODING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO**

/s/Mark Bolduc

Mark Bolduc, Commissioner

/s/Susan Bolton

Susan Bolton, Commissioner

/s/Ron Buhler

Ron Buhler, Commissioner

Attest /s/Denise M. Gill, Clerk

TAX CANCELLATION

Treasurer Wines presented a tax cancellation for Personal Property which has no assets declared for PP2716 \$30.68. Commissioner Bolton moved to sign the tax cancellation for PP2716 \$30.68 for 2020 Personal Property. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Prosecutor Misseldine reported the Katey returns in April. Tracey Martin, Probation, reported she hired a new Probation officer that will go to POST in July. They have a range practice scheduled. Assessor Baldwin informed the Board that the legislature extended the deadline for circuit breaker filing to May 17th, because of the tax filing deadline. Legislatively there are still a few items pending that may affect county budget caps. He requested to use the America Rescue Plan funds be use to expand the DMV area for a waiting area with cameras to allow the waiting customers and staff can see one another. Karl is getting things ready for the marine crew on their jet skis and getting vehicles listed for auction. Treasurer Wines stated she has only four properties for auction, the number of properties haven't been this low since 2009. The sheriff's office is working the

warrants of distraint. Carol has had four transfers from different counties. She and Jamie will be going to an alcohol training. They will also be going to IAC IJJC conference. Don Gill, Fair Manager, reported the Onions Growers leveled areas at the fairgrounds. Others also donated services to the fairgrounds. He has about \$120,000 in sponsorship coming in. Terry Ruby, Weeds, reported there will be an Advisory Board meeting April. Northside Transportation has a meeting April 15 to with Highway districts scheduled. Weed employees are starting back to work April 19th. EMS, Director Porter reported that she hired one person fulltime. One ambulance is out of service. Commissioner Bolduc discussed with North Canyon Medical Center working with the Ambulance to provide additional income. Mario from the Extension Office sent an email letter introducing his AmeriCorps volunteer. Commissioner, Ron Buhler, reported ITD has not been working well to get lights provided at the EMS building. Clerk Gill told everyone that it is time to start working on FY22 budget. Cathy Harris, Planning and Zoning, reported that Juan has been super busy. Juan has about 100 job sites he is working on, 21 sets of building permits, minor land division, etc. Missy is busy with Emergency Management. Commissioner Bolduc reported they accepted bid proposals for one car for Juvenile Probation and two other cars for other county employees to use. The vehicles will have tracking systems. Sheriff Gough said he was coyote hunting this weekend. Commissioner Bolton explained she will be bringing up going to five days a work week in the next month. She stated that "she has had a ton of people in the county requesting to have the county open on a five-day work week". She had two people call last week. Treasurer Wines only has two employees in her department. She is concerned with them accruing comp time. She said that the logistics of it does not work without additional staff. Additionally, Computer Arts told her that her the problem with her printer was she did not have enough memory on her computer. Gooding County is going to be pilot "test" county for the new UAD web program and their computers need to be replaced for this new program.

ACS OPTICAL FIBER BACKBONE

Karl talked with ACS for the fiber needed at the new building. They have submitted a bid for the Board to review. They are still waiting for another bid.

GOODING SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL VISIT AND REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Barbara Messick, Kay Hults and Joe Pavkov joined the meeting to report their actions over the last year and request support for the following year. They work closely with Wood River RC&D. They have offered to help with landscaping at the new EMS building. They have been busy with Lonnie Leavell on his projects. They received a NRCS grant to pay for a tree pruning work shop and another workshop on soil health. They are offering classes online. They have an Arbor Day Celebration scheduled for Thursday, May 6th.

2021 FAIR HOUSING MONTH PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Bolton moved to have Chairman Bolduc sign the 2021 Fair Housing Month Proclamation. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 2021 marks the 53rd 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 Bolduc, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Gooding County, do hereby proclaim April 2021 to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

In Gooding County, State of Idaho.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the Gooding County
Courthouse in Gooding Idaho on this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord 2021.*

*/s/Mark Bolduc
Mark Bolduc, Chairman*

*Attest /s/Denise M. Gill
Clerk*

DIGITAL ALLY AGREEMENT

Sheriff Gough presented an agreement from Digital Ally Agreement for body cameras that sends footage straight to the cloud for storage. This agreement is to replace one body camera and one vehicle camera, at this time. He would like to eventually replace all of the cameras. Commissioner Bolton moved to sign the Digital Ally Agreement for one vehicle and one body camera. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JAIL ANNEX

Sheriff Gough presented a proposal to open the annex. POST is not having another class until October. The county has received \$104,000 in COVID funds to open the annex: \$64,000 is for wages the remaining is for other items for the reopening. They would like to start hiring jail personnel now, then send them to POST in October 2021. Sheriff's Gough's proposal shows charging the rate of \$65 per day to other counties and the State.

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. Director, Kathy Ball and Case Worker Kaitlin Leguineche joined the meeting. The board recessed executive session and returned to regular session at 11:54 a.m. The Board signed a lien and notice of hearing.

Chairman Bolduc recessed the meeting at 11:55 am and reconvened at 1:00 pm.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Cathy Harris showed the Board a photo of what Larry Peterson and Steve Branham are requesting to do a lot vacation. The Board scheduled the hearing for 1:00 pm on April 19, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Bolton and Commissioner Buhler had no meetings to report on. Commissioner Bolduc had a Sircomm meeting with no significant business.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Bolduc received an email from Architect Richard Creason regarding the EMS Building. The Board was not satisfied with Mr. Creason's the proposal. Prosecutor Misseldine will respond to Mr. Creason's email on behalf of the Board.

GOODING COUNTY HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Kurtis Workman and CJ Holmes from the Hagerman area explained they are starting a new organization, Gooding County Heritage Foundation by changing the name of the Hagerman IDEA, Inc. They would like to find a place for Gooding County historical items with personal stories. They have asked the Hagerman City about one of their buildings that is not being used for their displays. They are asking for financial support from Gooding County. They produce a newsletter for funding. They use senior's for staffing, that are funded by the department of labor. One of their activities is owl box creation. They have seven owl boxes installed now with cameras. They are asking for \$1,000 to help with the lease on the building from the City of Hagerman and a letter of support in the same matter. Their organization's focus is on Hagerman, Commissioner Bolton, remarked. They plan to do events all over Gooding County. Commissioner Bolton moved not to write a letter of support on the building. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes from March 22, 2021. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bolton adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.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