

**REGULAR SESSION, APRIL 27, 2020**

Commissioner Bolduc opened the meeting at 10:00. Commissioner Bolton, Commissioner Buhler, and the Clerk, Denise Gill was present. The meeting today was conducted via Zoom

Commissioner Buhler moved to amend the agenda to add a session to meet with the Elected Officials and Department Heads regarding reopening county services. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**INDIGENT**

Commissioner Bolton moved to go into an executive session pursuant to IC§31-874 to consider indigent matters. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bolton-Yes, Buhler- Yes, Bolduc-Yes. Director, Linda Leguineche and Assistant Director, Kathy Ball joined the meeting. The board recessed executive session and returned to regular session at 10:26 a.m. Commissioners Buhler and Bolton moved and seconded to approve 4908, 4909 and deny 4706, 4917. Motion carried.

**HARDSHIP**

Treasurer Wines, presented a Hardship application on MH 8S14E057100A that was tabled from March 30, 2020. Commissioner Bolton moved to accept the Hardship application for \$439.45. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE**

Commissioner Bolton moved to nominate Helen Edwards as Gooding County South Central Public Health representative. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

Jim Benson, Veteran Service Officer, had sent in his quarterly report reflecting 4 new claims, 22 office visits, 15 out of office visits, 47 phone calls and emails, and 1 Health Care Enroll/renewal.

**EMS RELIEF FUND**

Prosecutor Pember reported that the EMS Relief Fund payment requires an accounting for expended funds. Commissioner Bolduc did not see a problem with keeping the money. Prosecutor Pember will contact Barb Porter, Ambulance Director, regarding her responsibility to the Relief Fund.

**EMS BUILDING**

The Contractor reported it is moving along a little slower than anticipated.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commission Bolduc moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC§74-206(b) Personnel matter. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bolton-Yes, Buhler- Yes, Bolduc-Yes

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**MINUTES**

Commissioner Buhler moved to approve the minutes from April 13, 17, 20 and 24, 2020. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Bolduc recessed the meeting at 11:48 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

The County Commissioners explained their plan to do a soft opening of County services beginning May 4, 2020 to the Elected Officials and Department Heads. They further explained they are having 230 masks, for the employees, made. They asked Elected Officials and Department Head their thoughts on handling a soft opening. Commissioner Bolduc said if we don't really go out there and do a big splash and we keep it fairly quiet to try to get through some of the backlog before we really open the doors up and not making a press announcement or anything like that. Treasurer Wines suggested keeping the restrooms open to the employees only in the Services Building. The other offices are doing everything they can to provide the necessary and required services to the public. Karl Souza will be working on making and installing sneeze guard panels in the areas that have requested them.

Chairman Bolduc recessed the meeting at 1:58 p.m. and reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

**EMPLOYEE'S INSURANCE**

Jim Hawkins, Columbia Benefits, joined the Zoom meeting. Mr. Hawkins explained that the addendum is still being worked on with the last changes that were just implemented. Mr. Hawkins reported that last year the employee's health insurance came in roughly 40% under budget. In the first quarter of this year he's anticipating spending \$236,000 and has only spent \$82,000. This might change once the hospitals start doing elective surgeries again.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

/s/Mark Bolduc  
Mark Bolduc, Chairman

/s/Susan Bolton  
Susan Bolton, Commissioner

/s/Ron Buhler  
Ron Buhler, Commissioner

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