

REGULAR SESSION, MAY 3, 2021

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

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Commissioner Bolton moved to amend the agenda to do an alcoholic beverage license transfer. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WEST POINT
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the alcoholic beverage license transfer to Eagle Point LLC, doing business as West Point. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SAFELINK INTERNET

The Board discussed an agreement presented by Safelink for tower usage in exchange for internet service for County offices. Safelink would like the county to enter into the agreement.

Commissioner Bolton move to table Safelink until next week. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Bolduc recessed the meeting at 10:15 and opened the Ambulance District meeting.

AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Jon Kepler, Assistant Director, introduced a new employee. Regarding the grant for a new Ambulance and equipment; Commissioner Bolton reported the Dept of Commerce, Dennis Porter said he sent it to the Governor and still waiting to hear.

The EMS Personnel expressed they want to have the drive way paved at the EMS Building. Commissioner Bolduc mentioned that financial status of the Ambulance District and the opportunities to make it better. Commissioner Bolduc asked Director Porter to look into North Canyon Medical Center proposals and bring them to the Board.

Commissioner Bolton stated the landscaper will be at the EMS Building on Wednesday to install irrigations and plant trees on Friday with Board members, Rotary and maintenance crew.

Chairman Bolduc adjourned the Ambulance District meeting at 10:35 a.m.

TERMINATION OF INTEREST IN LEASE WITH STATE OF IDAHO

Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize the signing the Termination of Interest in Lease with the State of Idaho. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS
RESOLUTION 2021-05-03**

Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize the destruction of records for the Treasurer, Resolution 2021-05-03. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***Gooding County Resolution
Authorizing Destruction of Records***

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05-03

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOODING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE THIRD DAY OF MAY 2021, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED TO WIT:

WHEREAS, Idaho Code 31-871 requires the Board of County Commissioners to authorize destruction of records that are not required to be retained as permanent records and that have met the minimum retention period provided by the county's record retention schedule and are no longer required by law or for county business; and,

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer Wines has proposed for destruction certain records that have exceeded their minimum retention; and,

WHEREAS, approval for the destruction of the below listed records has been obtained from the Idaho State Historical Society, when required, and the County Attorney, as provided by Idaho Code 31-871.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Gooding County Commissioners hereby authorizes the immediate destruction of the original paper records and that such destruction occur under the supervision of the Board of Gooding County Commissioner's Clerk.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of May 2021.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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
Denise M. Gill, Clerk

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 and Case Worker Kaitlin Leguineche joined the meeting. The board recessed executive session and returned to regular session at 11:04 a.m. Commissioners Buhler and Bolton moved and seconded to deny 4967. Motion carried.

JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted their seconded quarterly jail inspection for 2021. They found nothing adverse.

**HB308 ONE TIME TRANSPORTATION
SURPLUS FUNDING APPROPRIATION**

Denise Gill, County Clerk informed the Board Gooding County received approximately \$13,000 to used on any transportation need, from HB308 One Time Transportation Surplus Funding Appropriation. The funds are presently in a trust account.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Commission Bolton reported that REDS has created a flyer on local farmers markets and REDS pamphlet with information that someone is interested in starting a business in the area.

Commissioner Bolton believes the REDS is worth the money the county contributes. In Hansen, ID a couple created a company that will create cosmetics for companies.

Commissioner Buhler, informed the Board, Southern Idaho Solid Waste evaluated an employee for the employee's annual increase. Some of the other commissioners on the Board did not like their evaluation method. Commissioner Buhler disagreed with the others thoughts.

Commissioner Bolduc recessed the meeting at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

JAIL ANNEX INSPECTION

The Board went to view the jail annex building. They are considering reopening the facility.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Joe James, Public Defender Employee, joined the meeting at the request of the Board. They discussed the space they would like to provide to Mr. James for his public defense work. Mr. James explained the payment he receives is a facility allowance. This includes his utilities and other office expenses. Mr. James went through his expenses in running his office. Moving him and the other Public Defense attorneys the county would have to invest into stand-alone phone lines, servers, copiers etc. Whereas, Juvenile Probation is moving into the building; IDAPA requires that juveniles not be in the same area as adult defendants. He is requesting a conference room and a reception area separate from the juveniles. Another issue is the confidentiality with their server and the phones. Their facility allowance covers their travel expenses. He said the county is paying less than when the county started the public defense back in 2015. The facility allowance covers the "B" and "C" portion of a normal county department budget. Mr. James further explained that moving their office may jeopardize the county's ability to be awarded grant funds from the PDC. In addition, there would need to be a confidential area that they could store their paper files.

Later in the day, Commissioner Bolton questioned what to do with the Public Defender. They will have the clerk contact the Public Defense Commission regarding their eligibility for grants from the Public Defense Commission.

JIM HAWKINS

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN UPDATE

Jim Hawkins, Columbia Benefits, joined the meeting. Mr. Hawkins, presented to the Board, documents from the county insurance plan. His documents showed good reports, including the prescription plan. He has negotiated a new contract with local providers and the Mayo Clinic labs that is active today. The new plan allows an employee to have labs drawn locally and sent to the Mayo Clinic. Commissioner Bolduc suggested while we have an employee that is high risk they should keep contributing highly to fund until that employee is no longer working for the county. Mr. Hawkins explained that the County needs to establish a Look Back Period policy. Mr. Hawkins presented a contract for aggregate and specific excess loss insurance. Prosecutor Misseldine will review the contract for the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a letter from Twin Falls County Commissioners letting the Board know that their rates at Snake River Juvenile Detention Center will be increasing October 1, 2021 to \$195.00 per inmate per day. They will discuss the letter at their next meeting.

The Board received an email from Christine Gretsch with the concerns with Shaw's Shooting Range. Prosecutor Misseldine will respond to Ms. Gretsch.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 2:55 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