

REGULAR SESSION, MAY 10, 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 execute the Determination of Exemption or Determination of Categorical Exclusion. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION
DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
HAGERMAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT GRANT

Commissioner Bolton moved to allow Commissioner Bolduc to sign the Determination of Exemption or Determination of Categorical Exclusion. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING
ORDINANCE REVIEW

The Board continued the review of the Planning and Zoning ordinances.

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, Kathy Ball and Case Worker, Kaitlin Leguineche joined the meeting. The board recessed executive session and returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m. Commissioners Buhler and Bolton moved and seconded to suspend 4966 and deny 4970. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Buhler moved to adopt May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Month. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there is a proven connection between good mental health and overall personal health; and

WHEREAS, mental illnesses affect almost every family in America; and

WHEREAS, people with mental illnesses recover if given the necessary services and support in their communities; and

WHEREAS, people with mental illnesses make important contributions to our families and our communities; and

WHEREAS, millions of adults and children are disabled by mental illnesses every year; and

WHEREAS, only one out of two people with serious form of mental illness seeks treatment for his or her mental illness; and

WHEREAS, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the most effective way to reduce stigma is through personal contact with someone with a mental illness; and

WHEREAS, good mental health is critical to the well-being of our families, communities, schools, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, greater public awareness about mental illnesses can change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illnesses;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Bolduc, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Gooding County, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS 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 10TH day of May in the year of our Lord 2021.

/s/Mark Bolduc
Mark Bolduc, Commissioner

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Buhler reported that the Landfill is up over 11% from last year. Gooding County shares will increase from 6.9% to 7.2%. Gooding County is up more than the other seven counties. They will keep their gates locked due to people metal detecting and the liability reasons.

SHERIFF
REOPENING OF JAIL ANNEX

Sheriff Gough joined the meeting to discuss the reopening of the Jail Annex. Sheriff Gough doesn't believe Gooding County should open the Jail Annex due to the fact that Twin Falls County is opening additional bed space. Twin Falls County pays their jail staff 11% more than Gooding County at this time. The Board agreed with the Sheriff not to reopen the Jail Annex.

2021 FAIR AND RODEO
RIGGIN' RALLY

Don Gill, Fair Manager, joined the meeting. He stated that the Fairgrounds is booked each weekend through September. Along with weddings and birthdays they have a PBR Bull riding event, Idaho Wool Growers 100th Anniversary Ram Sale and two high school rodeos. Browns amusement carnival is coming back for the fair. Lola Fitzpatrick will have a petting zoo. They will have a display with the history of the barns, the fair and the Calvary set up during the fair. Along with the other fair events they will have a "Lil Buckeroo's Dummy Roping" and the "Mechanical Bull Riders World Championship". The Extreme Bulls will be replaced by the Bares, Broncs, Bulls and Breakaway event. Don is going to have a new film and production crew, Stu Pierson, this year. The Gooding Pro Rodeo will be seen on the Cowboy Channel on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Friday and Saturday, it will be televised by the Wrangler Network.

While Don was in Texas last month he was approached by the Steiner's requesting to have a Riggins' Rally in Gooding. They love coming to Gooding because there is an audience that knows and appreciates rodeo. The event will be shown live on the Cowboy Channel. A Riggins' Rally is set up much the same as a PBR, only with bareback riding. The PRCA will match \$7,500 of added money. Other venues have had successful Riggins' Rally's. It will be on Sunday after the Pendleton rodeo. Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize Don Gill to hold a Riggins' Rally on September 19, 2021. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WHITE CLOUD

The University of Idaho requested White Cloud to put in a proposal to provide internet services at the fairgrounds. The service White Cloud provides to the University of Idaho, is known as the Iron Network. White Cloud would like to put up a sixty-five-foot tower on the fairground's property. Commissioner Bolduc explained that the Board has looked at another internet provider. White Cloud explained they cannot provide service at the EMS building.

White Cloud suggested contacting the Elko County Rodeo for reference to their service. They will need to run wiring in the fair office building and on the fair grounds. They will put a formal proposal together for their services and email it to Commissioner Bolduc. They will provide their services to the University of Idaho, Fair offices and Weeds office and additional buildings at the fairgrounds in exchange for a tower site. They later stated, they could provide a lower internet service at the EMS building.

The previous week, White Cloud, emailed Commissioner Bolduc regarding this proposal. After consideration, the Board continued to move forward with Safelink Internet/Anthem.

PUBLIC DEFENSE
JOSEPH JAMES

Joseph James, Gooding County Chief Public Defender, joined the meeting. The Board requested Mr. James to come back today to further discuss moving his office to the new building. Commissioner Bolduc spoke with the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer where she expressed concerns of their office in the same building as the Public Defenders office. Commissioner Bolton stated after doing research, she does not think they can put the Public Defender in the new building. Commissioner Bolduc and Commissioner Buhler agreed with Commissioner Bolton. The group may revisit this matter next year.

If the Public Defense Commission comes out with additional monies for salaries, Commissioner Bolduc feels it should stay with county. Mr. James said that the additional grant monies that were received, was confusing. The Public Defense Commission has clarified the grant monies.

Mr. James will be back next week with the grant application.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Buhler and Bolton moved and seconded to approve the April 2021 Claims. Motion carried.

General \$156,744.97	Road and Bridge \$75.03	Consolidated Elections \$2,362.74
District Court \$2,028.85	Fair \$4,257.04	Public Health \$7,233.83
Hagerman Police \$1,244.05	Wendell Police \$17,560.85	Public Defense \$7,871.16
Indigent \$1,684.77	Jr. College \$00.00	Landfill \$20,000.00
Revaluation \$798.65	Veterans Memorial \$0.00	Weeds \$1,962.10
Waterways \$1,304.06		
TOTAL \$205,053.07		

Ambulance \$14,928.03

MINUTES

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes from April 26, 2021. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes from May 3, 2021. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ROAD TOUR

Chairman Bolduc recessed the meeting at 12:28 for the Board to go road tour with Bill Palacio. Mr. Palacio called and cancelled the road tour due to rain. They rescheduled the road tour for May 17, 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 1:00 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