

REGULAR SESSION, JUNE 21, 2021

Commissioner Bolduc opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Buhler, Commissioner Bolton and the Clerk, Denise Gill were present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bolduc moved to go into executive session pursuant to IC§74-206a personnel matter. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bolton-Yes, Buhler- Yes, Bolduc-Yes.

INDIGENT

No indigent matters this day. The Clerk reported they are actively pursuing collections on indigent cases due to Gooding County.

**MIDDLE SNAKE REGIONAL
WATER RESOURCE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Buhler moved to allow Commissioner Bolduc to vote yes on both Arlen Morgan and Duane Turner for appointment to the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

Commissioner Bolton moved to allow the Oxbow Diner to sell retail beer. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TELMATE, LLC

Commissioner Bolton moved to allow Commissioner Bolduc to sign the Telmate, LLC, Inmate telecommunication agreement. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes from June 1, 2021. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes from June 14, 2021. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNICATION ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Ken Robinette, Executive Director, South Central Communication Action Partnership and Randy Wastradowski, Community Services Director, joined the meeting. They discussed the affect that COVID had on them. They were classified as essential and provided services. They continued to provide food to food banks and help individuals obtain food with respect to the social distancing requirements. Idaho Power has not allowed them to go to homes. With the courts shut down and there were not any evictions during the pandemic. There were other ways that the landlords used to get their delinquent tenants out. Mr. Robinette reported, 3,314 households received LIHEAP heat bill assistance. In Gooding County 160 families and 460 individuals received family stability services. They provided food value of over \$370,286 and all programs combined with food total \$466,637 for Gooding County residents.

**ANTHEM
FORMALLY KNOWN AS SAFELINK**

Rachna Vas, Microsoft Air Band, and Jasen Herr, Anthem, joined the meeting. Ms. Vas explained that Microsoft's focus is to ensure that they partner with companies like Anthem to expand broadband connectivity to rural communities. They offer beginning training to advance training in various areas. They work with schools, parents, telehealth services, local governments, businesses and other broadband users. They offer digital skills training in Spanish as well. Deadline for grants for Broadband must be applied for by August 17, 2021 and has a one-year time to build if awarded. The application is joint with the State of Idaho and has no matching funds requirements. Denise Gill, Clerk, suggested to have an IAC District IV Zoom meeting to see which other rural counties in this area would like to be part of this consortium. Commissioner Bolton contacted the IAC District Chairman and he agreed to put together a District IV Zoom meeting June 29, 2021. They asked Jasen Herr to set up something temporarily for internet service at the fairgrounds. Jasen Herr agreed he will get the fair something set up during this busy time.

WENDELL PHYSICAL THERAPY

Lon Egbert, Wendell Physical Therapy, joined the meeting. Mr. Egbert asked the board if they would be interested in pre- hire evaluations and making current employees more comfortable. The cost is \$65 per hour for complete physical ability evaluation and \$125 per hour for work station evaluation. The Board will ask the Elected Officials if they are interested in these services.

FINANCIALS

The board tabled review of the financials until next week.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

They Board is still waiting for detail instructions on ARPA funds. They discussed asking the citizens of the county for their ideas. Commissioner Bolton moved to form a citizens advisory committee of nine; three from each Commissioner District. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Bolduc explained that the Sircomm budget is done. They gave a five percent raise to employees. The counties will not see an even amount of increase due to the change in call volume.

Commissioner Buhler received a call regarding the Weeds crew left a gate open accessing BLM land and driving to fast.

Jerome County's, Emergency Manager, is full time and during COVID she was able to get Jerome County additional monies and handled their grants, Commissioner Bolduc reported.

Commissioner Bolton adjourned the meeting at 2:35 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