

REGULAR SESSION, AUGUST 28, 2023

Commissioner Bolduc opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Buhler, Commissioner Bolton and the Clerk, Denise Gill were present.

MINUTES

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes August 21, 2023. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GOODING COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Bolduc opened the budget hearing at 10:15 a.m. Andy West, University of Idaho, joined the meeting to discuss the extension office budget. Mr. West expressed his concern about the budget set by the Commissioners of \$100,000. The Board explained that due to lack of positions not filled at the extension office they should have sufficient funds to use in FY2024. The Board and Mr. West split difference allowing an increase of \$16,800 for a total of \$116,800 for their budget.

Chairman Bolduc explained that the Board would like to recover the forgone of \$190,510. The budget will be republished and a statement to recover the forgone with a schedule hearing. Commissioner Bolduc moved to recess the Gooding County Budget Hearing and Recover Forgone hearing until September 5, 2023. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried

AMBULANCE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Bolduc opened the Ambulance District Budget Hearing at 10:46 a.m. No public in attendance. Commissioner Buhler moved to adopt resolution 2023-08-28 for the Gooding County Ambulance Districts FY2023-2024 Budget. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-08-28

GOODING COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ENSUING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 COUNTY OF GOODING, STATE OF IDAHO

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §31-1605 provides that the Board of County Commissioners will hold a budget hearing on or before the Tuesday following the first Monday in September of each year following the publication of notice of said budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Gooding County Commissioners met at the Gooding County Courthouse on Monday, August 28, 2023, pursuant to the designated published time; so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that upon conclusion of said hearing, the Gooding County Board of Commissioners determined and fixed the amount of the FY2023-2024 Gooding County Ambulance District budget as follows: **Salaries** \$759,083.00, **Benefits** \$293,706.00 and **Other Expenses** \$932,134 for a **Total Budget** of \$1,984,923.00. (A copy of the entire budget is available at the clerk’s office.)

Adopted this **28th** day of **August 2023**

BOARD OF

COMMISSIONERS

GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO

/s/Mark E. Bolduc

Mark E. Bolduc, Commissioner

/s/Susan M. Bolton

Susan Bolton, Commissioner

/s/Ronald Buhler

Ronald Buhler, Commissioner

Attest /s/Denise M. Gill

Denise M. Gill, Clerk

AMBULANCE DISTRICT

RECOVERING FORGONE RESOLUTION 2023-08-28a

Commissioner Buhler moved to adopt resolution 2023-08-28a recovering \$570 in forgone in its FY2024 budget. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GOODING COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2023-08-28a

WHEREAS, Gooding County Ambulance District intends to include \$570 in forgone amount in its FY2024 budget, and WHEREAS, Gooding County Ambulance District requires this extra revenue to meet the demands for a capital purchase of an ambulance; and

WHEREAS, Gooding County has met the notice and hearing requirements in Section 63-802, Idaho Code,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the majority vote taken by the Gooding County Commissioners on August 28, 2023 that the above stated amount be included in the property tax to be levied in 2024.

DATED this 28th day of August, 2023

/s/Mark E. Bolduc

Mark E. Bolduc, Commissioner

/s/Ronald Buhler

Ronald Buhler, Commissioner

/s/Susan M. Bolton

Susan M. Bolton, Commissioner

Attest: /s/Denise M. Gill

Denise M. Gill, Clerk

EMERGENCY MANAGER
METAL DETECTOR AND X-RAY SCANNER

Missy Shurtz, Gooding County Emergency Manager, reported that she received approval from Idaho Emergency Management on the metal detector and the x-ray scanner for the secure entrance.

ELITE RESTORATION

The Board reviewed proposals from Elite Restorations. Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the Elite Restoration bid of \$5,193.31 for repairs to the walls, ceiling and floor of the men's restroom in the Prosecutor's building. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HPI
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize Chairman Bolduc to sign the HPI Amendment No. 2. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IDAHO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
CONFERENCE

Chairman Bolduc explained the Idaho Office of Emergency Management is conducting a conference, that they will pay for our emergency manager and one commissioner's, registration and accommodations. Commissioner Bolton will attend the conference, as well as, the Gooding County Emergency Manager.

EMERGENCY MANAGER POSITION
CHANGE TO FULL TIME

Commissioner Bolton moved to change the Emergency Management position to full time at 35 hours per week, beginning October 1, 2023. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OFFICE SPACE

The Board discussed the need of additional office space while the courthouse remodel goes on, approximately six months. Commission Bolduc has contacted a property owner regarding a lease of their building to house court personnel and have a meeting room for the Commissioners. Commissioner Bolduc is waiting to hear from the property owner.

HAROLD DIMOND
WINDMILLS IN GOODING COUNTY

Harold Dimond and Carolyn Dimond joined the meeting. Mr. Dimond is concerned with the BLM's proposal, to bring wind turbines in the county. He suggested creating an ordinance to prohibit BLM actions. Mrs. Dimond reported on a meeting that she attended of the Twin Falls, County Commissioners. She is requesting Gooding County to follow the Twin Falls County Commissioners in creating a moratorium on the wind turbines. The moratorium would allow time to create an Ordinance governing these projects. One big concern is the interruption the wind turbines causes to the SIRCOMM communications.

COURTHOUSE REMODEL UPDATE

The Board reviewed the Prime Contract Change Orders, issued from Peterson Brothers Construction. There is damaged carpet in the front of the Clerk's office must be replaced, due to a broke waterline caused by Peterson Brothers Construction. Andy Coates agreed that is a Peterson Brothers expense. The Board called Andy Coates, to ask to be notified when a change order has been approved at the bi-weekly meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Bolton received two complaints that Building Permit applications, filed in June and had not been approved or disapproved in late August. Commissioner Bolton explained that she contacted personnel in the Planning and Zoning Office and the building permits have been issued.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

/s/Mark E. Bolduc
Mark E. Bolduc, Chairman

/s/Susan M. Bolton
Susan M. Bolton, Commissioner

/s/Ron Buhler
Ronald Buhler, Commissioner

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