

REGULAR SESSION, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

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

PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION

Jared Ricks, Public Defense Commission and Joe James, Gooding County Chief Public Defender, joined the meeting via Zoom. Mr. Ricks reported the Public Defense Commission is hiring for the State Public Defender position. The state will take over October 2024, until then the counties will have the responsibilities of the Public Defense. Mr. Ricks did not have the answer to the question; will Gooding County still be responsible for the office accommodations for the Public Defense office, whereas Gooding County pays a monthly stipend to the county in house Public Defender, Joe James, for his office space. They discussed the need for conflict Public Defenders. There will also be a local Judicial District Public Defender.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Board scheduled a special meeting for the Commissioners on September 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. to approve the final claims of FY2023.

Chairman Bolduc recessed the regular session and opened the Ambulance District at 10:30.

**AMBULANCE DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING**

Jon Kepler, EMS Director, reported that the fee for the billing service is going up \$1.00 per billable call. Kepler informed the Board that his committee is working on Gooding County EMS's fund raiser to be held on September 16th, 2023. Commissioner Bolduc asked about the overtime. Kepler reported that it has gone down, due to the call volume going down. He had no news on the ordered Ambulances.

Chairman Bolduc adjourned the ambulance district at 10:34 and reconvened the regular session.

LEASE ON BUILDING

Chairman Bolduc has contacted the owners of the building on Main Street. The owners are willing to arrange to allow Gooding County to lease a portion of their office during the courthouse construction. This space will be used for offices for the Judges, a Deputy Court Clerk and space for the Commissioners to meet. Commissioner Bolduc stated that the owners were positive in being able to work something out for the County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Buhler presented documents pertaining to Southern Idaho Solid Waste District.

**COMMISSIONERS
INTERVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Board selected individuals to serve on the interview committee for the Planning and Zoning Administrator interviews: Prosecutor Misseldine and the Gooding County Board of Commissioners.

**MISDEMEANOR PROBATION
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

Tracey Martin, Chief Misdemeanor Probation Officer, joined the meeting. Ms. Martin reported that they currently have 122 people on adult probation, in various status. In July, Officer Rothe and herself attended the Northwest Alcohol Conference and attended several trainings. She is a POST instructor. She recently taught an introduction class in Law Enforcement Reporting Writing for law enforcement agencies in Gooding County. They also attended a class on Understanding High Risk Domestic Violence Cases.

FY2024 BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Bolduc Opened the Budget Hearing at 11:30 a.m. and closed the hearing at 11:32 with no public in attendance.

Commissioner Bolton moved to adopt resolution 2023-09-05 for FY2024 Budget. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-09-05

**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 meeting room on Monday, September 5, 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 budget as follows: **Salaries \$5,507,849, Benefits \$2,256,631.00 and Other Expenses \$8,063,028,** for a **Total Budget of \$15,827,508.00** (A copy of the entire budget is available at the clerk's office.)

Adopted this 5th day of September 2023.

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/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

RECOVER FORGONE HEARING

Chairman Bolduc opened the public hearing to Recover Forgone at 12:00 p.m. No public in attendance. Chairman Bolduc closed the hearing at 12:03 p.m.

Commissioner Bolton moved to adopt resolution 2023-09-05a to recover forgone in the amount of \$190,510. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**GOODING COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2023-09-05a**

WHEREAS, Gooding County intends to include \$190,510 in forgone amount in its FY2024 budget, and

WHEREAS, Gooding County requires this extra revenue to meet the demands for a capital project to remodel the courthouse and maintenance and operations; 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 September 05, 2023 that the above stated amount be included in the property tax to be levied in 2024.

DATED this 05th day of September, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bolton moved to go into executive session pursuant to IC§74-206(f) Communicate with Legal Counsel. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Roll call: yes-Bolton, yes-Buhler, yes-Bolduc. Deputy Prosecutor Dillman attended the executive session. Chairman Bolduc vacated the executive session at 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 12:24 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