

REGULAR SESSION, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

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

INDIGENT

No Indigent matters on this day.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Bolton and Buhler moved and seconded to approve the August 2022 Claims. Motion carried.

General \$263,828.36	Road and Bridge \$74.75	Consolidated Elections \$1,481.78
District Court \$2,720.84	Fair \$29,012.93	Public Health \$14,228.59
Hagerman Police \$3,119.16	Wendell Police \$33,949.17	Public Defense \$9,576.33
Indigent \$13,081.87	Jr. College \$-0-	Landfill \$-0-
Revaluation \$2,424.59	Veterans Memorial \$-0-	Weeds \$9,179.80
Waterways \$681.07	ARPA Recovery \$82,531.06	
TOTAL \$465,890.30		

Ambulance \$31,086.49

GOODING COUNTY AND GOODING COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT L2's

Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize Commissioner Bolduc to sign the L2 for Gooding County. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

L2's

Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize Commissioner Bolduc to sign the L2 for the Gooding County Ambulance District. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PAY RANGE SCALE REVIEW

The Board reviewed the Pay Range Scale. They will continue at the next meeting to include the Ambulance District.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AS OF AUGUST 31, 2022

Commissioner Buhler moved to accept the financial statement as of August 31, 2022. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution Number: 2022-09-12

Commissioner Bolton moved to adopt resolution 2022-09-12 Opposition to the Lava Ridge and Salmon Falls Wind Project. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution Number: 2022-09-12

A Resolution in Opposition to the Lava Ridge and Salmon Falls Wind Project

WHEREAS, the Salmon Falls and Lava Ridge Wind Projects have been proposed to install nearly seven-hundred (700) windmills between the two projects, with maximum heights of seven-hundred-forty (740) feet to eight-hundred-thirty (830) feet, respectively;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management has indicated that permission has been sought to install test windmills to determine the viability of similar projects in Gooding County;

WHEREAS, the Gooding County Board of County Commissioners is authorized under Idaho Code, Title 67, chapter 65, to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Gooding County through the regulation of land use within the County;

WHEREAS, the goals of said regulations are, inter alia, to protect the: (1) economy of the County; (2) agricultural, forestry, and mining lands; (3) wildlife and recreation resources; and (4) development of land in a commensurate fashion with the physical characteristics of the land;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Gooding County have direct and personal connections with the citizens of our neighboring Counties of Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls;

WHEREAS, all of the aforementioned Counties have passed resolutions in opposition to these projects;

WHEREAS, each member of the Gooding County Board of County Commissioners has spent significant time researching these projects and attending meetings to become informed about these projects;

WHEREAS, the commissioners have been speaking with citizens throughout Gooding County and receiving letters about these projects and have heard near-unanimous opposition from the citizens;

WHEREAS, the commissioners share the concerns of Gooding County citizens;

WHEREAS, the installation of a substantial number of windmills will impact the water resources, wildlife, recreation areas, and the economy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO, that Gooding County joins the Counties of Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls in their opposition to these projects, as they will disturb the rural character of South-Central Idaho by adversely affecting the Title 67, chapter 65, areas that this Board is required to protect.

Adopted this 12th day of September, 2022

Mark E. Bolduc, Chairman

Ronald Buhler, Commissioner

Susan M. Bolton, Commissioner

Attest:

Denise M. Gill, Gooding County Clerk

PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION

Jared Ricks, Public Defense Commission, joined the meeting via Zoom. Mr. Ricks wanted to visit with Board on any of question regarding the financial assistance and other needs or question they may have. Mr. Ricks explained that the county should had received funds of \$100,558.87 in which the clerk confirmed we did. Mr. Ricks stated that he has received all the year end reports that were required. The Board asked when, Mr. Ricks, thought the State would take over the Public Defense. Mr. Ricks response was sometime in the State's FY2024 or FY2025.

MINUTES

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes from September 6, 2022. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Commissioner Bolduc reported at the EMS Task meeting they discussed that Medicare is doing an audit on the ambulance billings. They are looking at what is being billed and what is being reimbursed by Medicare.

Commissioner Buhler remarked that he appreciated the help they received from the Gooding Highway District for the signs while installing the lighted signs and the EMS Building.

ICRMP
2023 POLICY

Lori Bergsma, Balanced Rock Insurance, joined the meeting. Last year and this year ICRMP increased the building values by 10%. Ms. Bergsma reviewed some of ICRMP's policy changes: ICRMP does appraisals on buildings that are over \$400,000 every six years. Their deductible for liability is \$1500, crime deductible is \$5000, and they now write notary bonds. Ms. Bergsma will come back and review the property values with the Board. They no-longer provide liability coverage for claims arising from losses because of serving alcoholic beverages at a county social event. The deductible was increased to \$20,000 for all employment practice claims. This deductible may be waived if ICRMP is consulted prior to any employment action, including termination or suspension of employment, and followed all reasonable advice provided. Fraud is not covered when committed by or at the direction of the insured. It will depend on the circumstance. Failure to report any sexual molestation or sexual abuse wrongful act as required will not be covered, it will be excluded. ICRMP added coverage of up to \$50,000 per incident and \$100,000 annual aggregate per year for active assailant expenses with no deductible. ICRMP premium increased about 11%.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 12:25 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