

REGULAR SESSION, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

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

INDIGENT

Commissioner Buhler moved to go into an executive session pursuant to IC§31-874 to consider indigent matters. Commissioner Bolton 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 10:02 a.m. Commissioners Buhler and Bolton moved and seconded to deny 4725, 4706 and 4685. Motion carried.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Commissioner Bolton moved to amend the agenda to add the application for beer and wine license for Hummingbird Café. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

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

General \$169,200.99	Road and Bridge \$-0-	Consolidated Elections \$-0-
District Court \$8,016.47	Fair \$28,606.42	Public Health \$7,233.83
Hagerman Police \$723.48	Wendell Police \$3,733.81	Public Defense \$20,218.45
Indigent \$1,360.15	Jr. College \$-0-	Landfill \$-0-
Revaluation \$6,612.00	Veterans Memorial \$-0-	Weeds \$2,835.52
Waterways \$1,245.02		
TOTAL \$249,786.14		
Ambulance \$14,602.30		

PROSECUTOR HOMICIDE CARRYOVER FUND

Dale Bunn, CPA Eide Bailly, joined the meeting to discuss creating a Homicide Carryover Fund for the Prosecutor. Mr. Bunn explained when a homicide occurs it will take a great deal of expense to prosecute. Prosecutor Misseldine explained the process of investigating the case prior to filing charges. Mr. Bunn’s suggestion was to create a committed fund for homicide from the carryover of the general fund. Commissioner Bolton moved to make a commitment of \$100,000 out of the General Fund carryover for the Homicide Prosecutor’s carryover. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNUAL AUDIT FEE ALLOCATION

Mr. Bunn explained that the general fund is paying 100% of the annual audit/professional fees and there are other funds that have restricted purposes such as the Landfill and Indigent, as well as the Ambulance District fund. He feels it would be appropriate to have these other funds allocate to this professional fee.

**PLANNING AND ZONING
BLUEBEAM SOFTWARE AND SUPPORT**

Cathy Harris, PZ Administrator, requested Bluebeam Software and Support to allow Juan the ability to make comments, print, sign, etc. on blueprints with the OpenGov. Ms. Harris said that there is money in the grant to pay part of it and the other part will come out of our budget. Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize payment to Bluebeam for the payment of \$3,088 as quoted. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BIDEN MANDATE

President Biden on Thursday detailed an order that will mandate vaccines for everyone at businesses employing more than 100 workers. These companies must give employees paid time off to get the shot. As an alternative to vaccination, workers will be able to show a negative result from a COVID-19 test at least once a week. President Biden may request OSHA to create rule for this mandate. This order does not effect State or County employees at this time. If OSHA creates this rule the State and County may fall under this order.

COMMENTS

The Board requested that the Ambulance Director job description be emailed to them to review and discuss at their next meeting.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AUGUST 2021**

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the August 2021 financial statement. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

L2 APPROVALS

The Board reviewed the 2021 L2’s for Gooding County and the Gooding County Ambulance District. Commissioner Bolton moved to sign the Gooding County and the Gooding County Ambulance District L2’s. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**REGION IV DEVELOPMENT
BROWNFIELDS GRANT COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Bolton attended a Region IV Development meeting. Their loan division is trying to expand to get more loans out. They have had a lot of changes, a lot of employee changes. They received the Brownfield Assessment Grant. They need an appointment from Gooding County, to sit on the Brownfields Assessment Grant committee. Commissioner Buhler moved to appoint Susan Bolton to the Brownfield Committee. Commissioner Bolduc seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Region IV received some funding from the Cares grant. Their committee submitted ideas but were told they were not thinking large enough, that they need to expand these ideas a lot. They came up with three ideas; a food innovations center, the University of Idaho café project which expands dairy processing. Another idea was water and wastewater projects for cities, because the dairy processing plants located in the Jerome City are on the Jerome City water and sewer systems. And then CSI's food industry processes. The first year each project can receive \$500,000, no match, for each project. Then they move to phase two which can be up to 100 million dollars, that a 20% match is required. Commissioner Bolton explained they believe that County's and City's ARPA funds could be used for the 20% match. She commented; I wonder if some of the digesters are going to tap into some this funding. There is one for travel tourism and recreation to rebuild tourism sites that were impacted with COVID. Georgia Dimick, Region IV, suggested Gooding County develop a list of wants and needs for grants.

SOUTHERN IDAHO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Bolton met with Southern Idaho Economic Development, Ervina Covic and Connie Stopher. They are working with a company that may request a tax reduction.

PERSI

Commissioner Bolton attended the PERSI meeting where it was explained that PERSI did not feel the Juvenile Probation would be successful getting into the rule of 80. The rule of 80 is not for stressful jobs, the rule of 80 was developed for physically difficult jobs not stressful jobs. If they do get in then the rates will increase for everyone. PERSI had returns of 27.6% last year and they need 7% to breakeven.

ALCOHOL LICENSE

BEER AND WINE

HUMMINGBIRD COFFEE COMPANY

Commissioner Bolton moved to sign the Hummingbird Coffee Company, LLC, doing business as The Hummingbird House a beer and wine license. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Commissioner Buhler moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2021. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

/s/Mark 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