

**REGULAR SESSION, OCTOBER 2, 2023**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Buhler moved to go into executive session pursuant IC§31-874 Indigent Matters. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bolton-Yes, Buhler-Yes, Bolduc-Yes. The Board closed the executive session at 10:13 a.m.

**RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INVASIVE QUAGGA MUSSEL EMERGENCY**

Commissioner Bolduc explained the Twin Falls County as Declared an Emergency for the Invasive Quagga Mussel. Because Gooding County Snake River connects with Twin Falls County area of the river, it is necessary to make the declaration.

Commissioner Bolton moved to sign Resolution 2023-10-02 Declaring an Invasive-Quagga Mussel Emergency. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Resolution: 2023-10-02  
RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INVASIVE QUAGGA MUSSEL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Twin Falls County is currently experiencing a severe impact from invasive quagga mussel in the Snake River; and

**WHEREAS**, the Snake River is the boundary between Gooding and Twin Falls Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, there is risk to life, property, and public infrastructure as a result of quagga mussel within waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a peril to public safety and property due to the potential impact to water delivery systems as a result of this invasive species; and

**WHEREAS**, with the invasive quagga mussel condition in the nearby waterways, State emergency assistance is critically required to supplement local efforts to protect the Snake River, canals, and other waterways, as well as to protect our agriculture climate, and lessen the threat of the disaster.

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 46-1011 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to declare a local disaster emergency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Gooding County Board of Commissioners that the invasive quagga mussel conditions in the Snake River is hereby declared a local disaster emergency and that this emergency will remain in effect as directed until otherwise terminated by resolution of the Board; and

That the Board hereby requests that the Governor of the State of Idaho declare a quagga mussel emergency for Gooding County and take administrative actions to lessen the severe impacts of this invasive species condition in Gooding County.

Approve and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 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

**MELODY FINLEY  
WEST NILE VIRUS**

Melody Finley, resident of Gooding County, joined the meeting to discuss Gooding County creating an Abatement District for mosquitos spreading the West Nile Virus. Prosecutor Misseldine explained that he would look into the issue and contact Melody Finley.

**CAMAS COUNTY  
PROBATION SERVICES**

Agreements were presented to the Board to provide misdemeanor probation and juvenile probation services to Camas County. This is additional work for the Gooding County employees, which may require them to work on their time off. Prosecutor Misseldine suggested that the Chief Probation Officers pay be increased \$1.00 per hour and require them to fit it into their regular schedule.

Commissioner Buhler moved to sign both agreements with Camas County for Probation services. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADULT PROBATION**

Tracey Martin, Chief Misdemeanor Probation Officer, reported that they currently have 124 cases in various statuses. They attended the Juvenile Justice conference in Nampa. Officer, Daniel Corsini, is attending training to be a POST Certified Fire Arms Instructor. Gooding County Magistrate Court, has begun an informal domestic violence court. Anyone sentenced on a

domestic violence charge is eligible for the program. Officer Martin is planning on meeting with Camas County Commissioners, Prosecutor, Clerk's Office and Sheriff.

**JUVENILE PROBATION  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Carol Johnson, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer reported that Jamie Price, Deputy Probation Officer, and herself are working with Judge Ingram on a hazing incident. They will include the Wendell schools. The circle will help the kids understand the harm they caused and how it affected the victim. The Idaho Department of Juvenile Probation, is scheduled to complete a probation review on the Gooding County Juvenile Probation department, explained Ms. Johnson. Jeff Miller is the new District 5 Liaison for the Department of Juvenile Corrections. Judge Dolan is retiring. Joint Powers is meeting October 11<sup>th</sup> 2023. They have 24 currently on probation, 5 on diversion, 5 pending disposition.

**CITY OF HAGERMAN  
IMPACT AREA**

Rick Fritz, City of Hagerman Council President, questioned the Ordinance on the Impact area. Prosecutor Misseldine explained the history of City of Hagerman and Gooding County negotiations on the area impact. Prosecutor Misseldine has explained this matter to their legal counsel, approximately two years ago.

**POLLING PLACES  
NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION**

Commissioner Bolton moved to designate the follow Polling Places for the November 7, 2023. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that the County of Gooding will be conducting a Consolidated Election, to be held on November 7, 2023, at the designated polling places listed below:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN: that in accordance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 each of the polling places includes parking spaces, path of travel, entrances, exits and voting areas accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**Hagerman City Council 4 Year Term- 2 Positions**

#7 HAGERMAN AMERICAN LEGION HALL  
\*City Voters Only 281 State St N, Hagerman

**Wendell School District #232 – Trustee Zone 3**

#4 WENDELL CITY MAIL BALLOT PRECINCT  
\*Zone 3 Voters Only

#5 WENDELL RURAL WENDELL SENIOR CENTER  
380 1<sup>ST</sup> Ave E, Wendell

**ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING** GOODING COUNTY LEGAL BUILDING  
714 Main St., Gooding

GIVEN under my hand and seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2023.

/s/Mark E. Bolduc  
Mark E. Bolduc  
Chairman of the Board

**MINI CASSIA DETENTION CENTER AGREEMENT**

Commission Bolton moved to sign the amended Mini Cassia Detention Center Agreement. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WIND AND SOLAR PROJECTS**

Prosecutor Misseldine explained a moratorium on Wind and Solar Projects that would be effective in 182 days. He questioned the matter due to the fact Gooding County has a new Planning and Zoning Administrator. The Board will think about it and have it on the agenda as an action item in the weeks to come.

Commission Bolduc recessed the regular session and opened the Ambulance District meeting at 11:47 a.m.

**AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

Director Kepler presented the annual collection statistics reports for the Board to review. Commissioner Bolton promoted a mental health first aid program that is going to be held at North Canyon Medical Center on October 20, 2023. Kepler reported that he received a call on the ordered ambulance and it is going to be several months before they receive it.

Chairman Bolduc adjourned the Ambulance District and reconvened the regular session.

**LEGAL COUNSEL FOR TELLECOMM PROJECTS**

Chairman Bolduc explained to Prosecutor Misseldine, that last week, Eminent Technical Solutions introduced the Board to legal counsel, River Oaks Communications. Gooding County will need this type of Counsel should Gooding County receive the Broadband Grant. Prosecutor Misseldine was in favor of hearing outside legal council.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The Board reviewed the change orders 8, 9, 10, and 11, from Peterson Brothers Construction.

**MEDICAL SERVICES UPDATE**

Commissioner Bolton moved to sign the Amendment to Medical Services Contract with Sawtooth Correctional Medicine. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WENDELL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Bolton moved to have Commissioner Bolduc sign the Amended Wendell Law Enforcement Agreement. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT 5**  
**GOODING COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE**

Commissioner Buhler nominated Commissioner Bolton to represent Gooding County on the Public Health District 5. Commissioner Bolduc seconded the motion carried. Motion carried.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Karl Souza reported that the foundation at 714 Main Street needs attention. The foundation is eroding away. Souza suggested starting with rain gutters and a drain field.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Bolton moved to go into Executive session pursuant to IC§74-206(a) personnel matter. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Yes-Bolton, Yes-Buhler Yes-Bolduc. The board recessed the executive session at 1:15 p.m.

**QUAGGA MUSSEL**

The Board listened to the Idaho Department of Agriculture report the Quagga Mussel.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

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| <u>/s/Mark E. Bolduc</u> _____ | <u>/s/Susan M. Bolton</u> _____ | <u>/s/Ron Buhler</u> _____  |
| Mark E. Bolduc, Chairman       | Susan M. Bolton, Commissioner   | Ronald Buhler, Commissioner |

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