

**REGULAR SESSION, OCTOBER 10, 2023**

Commissioner Bolduc opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Bolton, Commissioner Buhler and the Chief Deputy Clerk, Deanna Lenker were present.

**SOUTHERN IDAHO SOLID WASTE**

Commissioner Bolton moved to authorize Commissioner Bolduc to sign the Second Amendment to the Property Lease Agreement Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion, Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Commissioner Buhler and Commissioner Bolton moved and seconded to approve the additional claims for September 2023 approved. Motion carried.

General \$60,952.64	Road and Bridge \$485.08
Consolidated Elections \$-0-	District Court \$-0-
Fair \$-0-	Public Health \$-0-
Hagerman Police \$-0-	Wendell Police \$-0-
Revaluation \$-0-	Jr. College \$-0-
Veterans Memorial \$-0-	Weeds \$401.58
Waterways \$-0-	Landfill \$-0-
ARPA Recovery \$317,985.17	
TOTAL \$317,985.17	

Ambulance \$90.80

Commissioner Buhler and Commissioner Bolton moved and seconded to approve the claims for October 2023 approved. Motion carried.

General \$98,282.25	Road and Bridge \$-0-
Consolidated Elections \$4,420.23	District Court \$789.85
Fair \$2,002.52	Public Health \$15,383.03
Hagerman Police \$541.13	Wendell Police 1,932.78
Revaluation \$-0-	Jr. College \$-0-
Veterans Memorial \$-0-	Weeds \$-0-
Waterways \$203.33	Landfill \$-0-
ARPA Recovery \$-0-	
TOTAL \$123,555.12	

Ambulance \$87.73

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**AUTOMOBILES**

Karl Souza joined the meeting to update the commissioners on the juvenile probation Ford Focus transmission issues that will cost around \$2,800.00 to repair. Their decision was to repair the Ford Focus.

**JAIL KITCHEN**

Karl presented the commissioners with an estimate from Evans Plumbing Inc to cut and install a floor sink, waste line for the dishwasher. Commissioner Bolton moved and Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion to approve Evans Plumbing Inc estimate. Motion carried.

**PROSECUTOR BUILDING**

Karl presented the commissioners with the estimate from Down Out Rain Gutters, for 714 Main St. Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the estimate from Down Out Rain Gutters to put rain gutters on the building located at 714 Main St. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION**

Commissioner Buhler attended the last construction meeting with Petersen Brothers Construction. Need to find out if the carpet has been ordered for the old courtroom, if it has what is the restock fee if returned at this time. The automatic door openers are an additional cost that was not figured into the original quote. Need to get quotes on putting in new hot water lines before the construction project is done, as the current 1 inch galvanized pipes are corroded down to about a quarter of an inch. The lines run overhead and would be better to replace now.

**OUTSIDE AUDIT PROPOSALS**

Christine Wines, Treasurer presented the two proposals for the outside audit bids. Commissioners reviewed the bids and would like some clarifications on the pricing. Commissioner Bolduc tabled the proposals until the next commissioners meeting.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING**

**JASON PARKER – WEEDS**

Jason Parker advised that things are starting to slow down for the winter months. Jason attended the noxious weeds superintendent meeting where there were concerns about current superintendents retiring and counties not hiring for those positions. Jason stated that they are hoping that the counties will continue the current contracts.

Commissioner Bolduc asked if the Bug crew has purchased a new truck yet. Jason advised that they are waiting until January or February to purchase. Commissioner Bolduc feels that trucks prices might be higher in the spring and that December might be a better option.

**RESOLUTION 2023-10-10**

Commissioner Bolton moved to sign Resolution 2023-10-10 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2023-10-10  
Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Gooding County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Gooding County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

**WHEREAS**, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gooding County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition be granted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO, with designation of a Green Light for Veterans, Gooding County hereby declares from **October through Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2023** a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; therefore,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Gooding County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6th through the 12th, 2023.

**Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023**

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

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Bolton moved to go into executive session pursuant IC§74-206(1a) and IC§74-206(1b) personnel matters. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bolton-Yes, Buhler-Yes, Bolduc-Yes. The Board closed the executive session at 12:39 p.m. Commissioner Bolton moved to reinstate the PTO hours for Missy Shurtz. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bolton moved to terminate the employee. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes from September 18, 2023. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes from September 20, 2023. Commissioner Bolduc seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Buhler moved to approve the minutes from September 28, 2023. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the minutes from October 2, 2023. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 1:03 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/ Deanna Lenker  
Deanna Lenker, Chief Deputy Clerk