

**REGULAR SESSION, OCTOBER 24, 2022**

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

**FAIR**

Don Gill, Fair Manager, joined the meeting. Mr. Gill presented a quote from Techline for arena lighting for \$46,510. Commissioner Bolduc asked if the old lights would be useful somewhere else? Mr. Gill has had a company say they would like to do some work for their sponsorship and putting the old lights in another place may be something they could do. Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the purchase of the budgeted lights for the arena. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Don reviewed the ticket price increases for next year. RV storage was increased to \$2.00 a foot from the \$1.50 a foot.

**EXTENSION OFFICE**

Mario de Haro Marti, Extension Agent, received a USDA grant to convert the large meeting room at the fairgrounds to a class room with an overhead projector, speakers, screen, microphones and lap top. He is going to improve the acoustics in the room with grant funds. He will need to have Karl Souza, Gooding County Building and Grounds, do the installation of the sound boards, with the approval of the Commissioners. The Board gave their approval for Karl Souza to do the work. Mr. de Haro Marti is planning a meeting, with a Commissioner in attendance, to review the 4-H animal vet check procedure. Mario and Don's suggestion is to have a veterinarian do a daily check of all the 4-H animals. The veterinarian would only be responsible to the Extension Office 4-H programs. Late November, the Extension office will do their quarterly report. Mario plans to do educational programs in the communities.

**UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO  
AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Bolton moved to approve the contract for 2022-2023 with the University of Idaho. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Missy Shurtz, Emergency Manager, was asked here today to give an update on the Emergency Operation Plan. She was told by the Idaho Office of Emergency Management, with her position being part time, that it would take two to three years to update it. She further said that she needs to renew the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mrs. Shurtz says that with her responsibilities with Planning and Zoning she does not have enough time. She feels that the County is missing out on a lot of money that she does not have enough time to apply for. Commissioner Bolduc learned that the county needs Emergency Housing. Mrs. Shurtz says that she only has two days a week to work on the Emergency Management. She further explained that her Planning and Zoning job description is changing. Commissioner Bolduc said that she needs to keep working at Emergency Management. At the meeting he was told that Gooding County was behind. Commissioner Bolton feels that building is going to slow down and we have hired another person in Planning and Zoning that they may have to be laid off.

**PUBLIC DEFENSE  
CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FEES**

Joe James, Public Defender, came to discuss the Conflict Public Defender fees. He said that there is a high demand for attorneys. Prosecutor Misseldine was the only office that was not looking for attorneys, he found out attending the Prosecutor Conference. They are struggling to find Conflict Attorneys. Commissioner Bolton moved to raise the Conflict Public Defense fee to \$80 per hour. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried. They chose not to include any mileage at this time.

**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**

Karl Souza explained that they need a new diagnostic machine to diagnosis the problems in the vehicles. Commissioner Buhler moved to approve the purchase of the diagnostic scan tool. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

Cathy Harris, Planning and Zoning Administrator and Ordinance Officer, Cindy Scott, joined the meeting. Cathy brought the plans for the Jentzch property. She reviewed the surveyor plans. The Jentzch would like to split a lot that will create a lot not large enough to build on, according to the Ordinance. The Board stated the Ordinance will not allow such splits and asked Cathy to let the Jentzch know.

There are a couple other developments planning on going in the county. They do have an application for a family club house.

**ROD THOMAS  
AG PERMIT**

Rod Thomas has applied for an Ag Building Permit. He says that it will be for tractors cold storage. He said that the road to the building site is a private road and he does not need an easement. The property is on the highway but has no access from the highway. He told Ms. Harris that he was going to build it and hoped she could get his permit done, during the time he was building. Cathy feels that this is not an Ag Building and he needs a commercial building permit. He does not want to provide his plans. He needs to show that he has access or an easement from neighboring property. He needs to meet the setbacks, explained Prosecutor Misseldine.

**CITY OF WENDELL  
BUILDING INSPECTR AGREEMENT**

Cathy Harris said that the City of Wendell was reluctant to agree to an increase of the building inspection fee where they had already set their budget. Prosecutor Misseldine has put the Building Inspector Agreement on his calendar to start the renewal process in July next year.

Chairman Bolduc recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**SHERIFF OFFICE**  
**WENDELL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Gough joined the meeting at the request of Commissioner Bolton. They reviewed accounting of the Wendell Police Department. Sheriff Gough increased the fees from last fiscal year and again this fiscal year.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Chairman Bolduc recessed the regular session and opened the Board of Equalization. Assessor Baldwin presented the Occupancy Roll. Chairman Bolduc recessed the Board of Equalization.

**CLAIM**

Commissioner Buhler moved to approve the claim to Laughlin Ricks Architecture, LLC. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**

Commissioner Buhler moved to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License renewals for El Cazador, Silver Spur, Zeppes Pizza, Simerly's, Swenson's, Wilson Club and Steve's Quick Service. Commissioner Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CITY OF HAGERMAN**  
**BUILDING INSPECTOR AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Bolton moved to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Hagerman for Building Inspector Services. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Bolton moved to accept the minutes from October 17, 2022. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WEST POINT HIGHWAY DISTRICT**

Commissioner Bolduc expressed his concerns for the West Point Highway District with the Shell Oil Anaerobic Digesters constructions on their roads. He felt that Gooding County could give \$50,000 out of the County Road and Bridge fund. Commissioner Buhler will contact a member of the West Point Highway District to ask him to attend the Commissioners meeting October 31, 2022.

**MEETING UPDATE**

Chairman Bolduc explained to Commissioner Bolton that Brooks Allen, Direct Communications, talked about getting grants for Broadband after she left the October 17, 2022 meeting.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

Commissioner Bolton talked with someone at a REDS meeting, that said they found grants that would benefit Glanbia. The Clerk, Denise Gill, will talk with Region IV Development regarding the ETS person they had with them at the last meeting, for the Broadband study.

Commissioner Bolduc reported that SIRCOMM tabled their expansion at this time.

Commissioner Bolton stopped in the Gooding Senior Citizens Center. The center was excited about the Board of Community Guardians. She gave Kasey Kliegl the Gooding Senior Citizens contact information.

**COURTROOM REMODEL**

Prosecutor Misseldine showed the new plans that Colby Ricks, Architect, had designed from Prosecutor Misseldine's ideas.

Chairman Bolduc adjourn the meeting at 2:30 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