

STATE OF IDAHO
County of Idaho

MARCH SESSION

MARCH 11, 2025

FIRST TERM DAY

9:00 a.m. The board convened with Commissioners Skip Brandt, Ted Lindsley and Brad Higgins and Kathy Ackerman, Clerk present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Higgins offered an opening prayer.

Jerry Zumalt advises the Commissioners that the storage shed adjacent to the Courthouse is subject to flooding-discussion regarding possible solutions.

9:15 a.m. Terrance Kohler, Legal Shield, presents information on a potential employee benefit through a company called Legal Shield.

9:30 a.m. Guy VonBargen, Road Department Supervisor, reviews contract with Idaho County Soil & Water Conservation District regarding the replacement of a culvert on Big Cedar-discussion. Brandt moves to approve the contract. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

VonBargen advises that he has located a great deal on a used truck that is already set up for \$58,000-value is \$90,000-discussion. Higgins moves to approve the purchase. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

VonBargen advises that Vicki Lycan will be retiring in May-they have posted this job opening.

9:45 a.m. Mike Cook regarding application to the FAA for replacement/repair of the Apron and Tiedown Area-this is a 100% grant requiring no match if approved-discussion. Lindsley moves to approve the grant application. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Cook reviews the Airport Snow Removal Plan. Brandt moves to approve the plan. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Cook presents the contract for engineering services with JUB-advises that they were the only firm who responded to the recent RFP-discussion. Brandt moves to approve the contract. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Cook advises that the Airport DBE has been sent in to the FAA for approval-this requires the County to reach out to disadvantaged businesses when going out to bid.

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Cook advises that the FAA is being reorganized-we will be working with someone new-discussion.

Cook updates on other projects to be considered in the coming year-advises that the final paint will be applied at the end of April weather permitting.

10:15 a.m. Teresa and Andrew regarding Claims:

Current Expense:	\$ 190,050.47	Road & Bridge:	\$ 86,693.47
Airport:	\$ 1,925.19	Emergency Comm:	\$ 19,228.48
District Court:	\$ 575.98	Idaho County Fair:	\$ 963.03
Title III New:	\$ 283.88	Appraisal:	\$ 56.34
Solid Waste:	\$ 20.88	Search & Rescue:	\$ 317.78
Election Consol.:	\$ 69.75	K9 Donations:	\$ 34.14
Noxious Weeds:	\$ 1,374.20	Snowmobile 25-A:	\$ 4,628.51
Waterways:	\$ 549.95	Snowmobile 25-B:	\$ 507.37
LATCF:	\$ 97,616.26	Broadband Fund:	\$ 1,170.85
Total:	\$ 406,039.53		

Brandt moves to approve the claims. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

10:30 a.m. Sandi Paul presents agreement with Idaho Department of Lands-this has been reviewed by Matt Jessup-discussion. Paul advises that she has advocated for reimbursement within one month and feels that IDL will be able to do that without any problem. Brandt moves to approve the agreement. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

10:45 a.m. Brandt moves to approve the licensing agreement with Tyler Tech, the vendor who provides our credit card services. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the minutes of the February 25 meeting. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the Boating Safety Grant with Idaho Parks and Rec. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the quote from Quality Heating for cleaning the heat exchanger. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License for Mac's Steak House. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the quote from CompuNet for 1 year renewal for our email security software. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the wage increase for Lennie Bentz for taking on supervisory duties. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the wage increase for Justin Lockett for completion of probation. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the hiring of Ellie Kaschmitter in the Sheriff's Office Civil Department. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the hiring of William Howard in Dispatch. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the hiring of Benjamin Lindsey in the Jail. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the contract with Grouse Creek GIS Solutions LLC for mapping services. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Higgins-Public Health March 20, Elk City Meet & Greet-March 22; Brandt-NACo Public Lands-April 10, IAC Board-April 23-25; Lindsley-Elk City Meet & Greet-March 22; Broadband-April 1; CEDA-April 10

Brandt moves to approve the Additional Meeting Request for himself for NACo Conference. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

11:00 a.m. Zumalt updates on the phone upgrade project, the CPF Broadband project and the BEAD project-discussion.

11:15 a.m. Jessup reviews split process in the Subdivision Ordinance-presents example showing that one owner split a parcel and deeded it to himself, creating a split-adjacent neighbor then tried to obtain a split, triggering the Subdivision Ordinance-discussion. Jessup asks the Commissioners to consider modifying the definitions in the Ordinance. Jessup advises that he has sent a letter to some property owners represented by Cooper Wright concerning this particular issue. Commission asks Jessup to put together some language for updating the ordinance.

11:30 a.m. Brandt moves to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1) b for Personnel. Lindsley seconds. Roll call-District 1-yes; District 2-yes; District 3-yes

11:42 a.m. End Executive Session

Brandt moves to approve the extended vacation request from Ron Funke. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

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11:45 a.m. Recess

1:00 p.m. Brandt opens Public Hearing on Sufficiency of Forest Service Easement at White Bird Station and Adams Camp. Jessup advises regarding the protocol for today's proceedings. Mike Stickles, Shelley Rambo, Larry Allen and Chris Meyer sworn in.

Mike Stickles presents exhibit-various widths of roadways-marked as Exhibit 1001.

Shelly Rambo testifies in favor.

Larry Allen testifies, presents exhibits, marked as Exhibit 1002 & Exhibit 1003.

Chris Meyer representing the Pathfinders testifies-requests that once the workarounds are finalized a re-validation is done reflecting the totality of the trail.

Jessup asks the Commissioners to take note of the proposed USFS easement and also the email from Meyer to Jessup from January.

Brandt suggests a meet up to look at the area and come up with a plan to present the USFS. Once that is done, the USFS could be invited to survey the area.

Ed Angelsey questions whether or not the USFS could oppose the validation-Jessup advises that there are actions that could be taken, ultimately addressed in Federal Court.

Todd Stenzel questions whether the vacation will be finalized prior to the easement being signed.

Dave Thompson questions the 50 ft vs. the 20 ft easement.

Todd Stenzel questions the 50 ft easement-Jessup affirms that through an RS2477 the 50-foot easement would be asserted.

Brandt closes Public Hearing.

Brandt moves to accept the 20 ft work-arounds offered by the USFS as a permanent easement. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

1:39 p.m. Recess

Chairman

Attest