

STATE OF IDAHO
County of Idaho

MAY SESSION

MAY 6, 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.

Brandt moves to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1) b for Personnel. Higgins seconds. Roll Call-District 1-yes; District 2-yes; District 3-yes

9:04 a.m. Jordan Zwygart, Zwygart John & Associates, presents review of the FY2024 Audit. Brandt moves to approve the Audit Report for FY2024. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

9:30 a.m. Kathy Ackerman requests that Idaho County pay the Administrative Fee associated with our employee Flexible Savings Plan-advises that this fee would be offset by the savings in payroll taxes and would allow any returned funds to come directly back to the County. Lindsley moves to approve the County payment of the FSA Administrative Fees. Brandt seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

9:45 a.m. Sandi Paul updates the Commissioners regarding project for funding under Good Neighbor Authority-advises that nine projects are scheduled for Idaho County totaling around \$4,000,000.00. Paul advises that the Road Department also has about 9 miles of chip sealing that will be covered by GNA-this will finish up the chip sealing that was started last year. Paul advises that there are also possible Weed Department projects that have not been determined-discussion. Paul updates regarding recent meeting in Boise for the Idaho Forest Restoration Partnership. Brandt updates regarding meeting he recently had regarding the Western Pacific Timber lands in the Lochsa area. Paul advises that we still do not have a Schedule A agreement-discussion.

10:31 a.m. Ted Lindsley presents quote for painting the Airport Managers residence for \$3500-discussion. This will be considered at budget time.

10:45 a.m. Joe Slichter and Doug Nelson present update on the status of the two FEMA projects, TeePee Springs and Clearwater Complex. Slichter updates regarding the funding component-since this was part of disaster recovery, the funding will come through—not part of the recent Federal funding freeze. Slichter advises that the agreement expires in September with finalization of the project in November. Discussion regarding authorizing the new Weed Superintendent Scott Dunning to sign the claims that go to the Idaho Office of Emergency

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Management as the County representative—Slichter and Nelson will continue to work on the details of the projects. Brandt moves to authorize Scott Dunning to sign the claims for these projects. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

11:05 a.m. Dana Harris and Patrick Schon, Payette National Forest, present update on the seasonal outlook. Schon advises that they are sitting at about the same staffing level as in previous years-discussion. Schon updates regarding equipment and support available, as well as a couple of proposed fuels projects.

11:45 a.m. Brandt moves to approve the minutes of the April 29 meeting. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Joe Slichter. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the hiring of Tiffany Neilson in the Road Department. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the pay increases for Andrew Ottoson and Teresa Merrick in the Auditor's Office. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the quote for the purchase of a trailer for elections-up to \$4,489. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the hiring of Caleb Banta in Detention. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the Order Granting Variance re: Rylaarsdam. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with Brandt and Higgins in favor. Lindsley abstains.

Brandt moves to approve the additional meeting request for Brandt for meeting with Larry Craig and Mark Ray. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt regarding salaries for Elected Officials-directs Ackerman to work on compiling salary information for counties that are similar in size, plus Clearwater County and Valley County.

12:0 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Chairman

Attest