

**STATE OF IDAHO
County of Idaho**

OCTOBER SESSION

OCTOBER 14, 2025

SECOND TERM DAY

8:30 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) d for Records Exempt from Disclosure. Lindsley seconds. Roll call-District 1-yes; District 2-yes; District 3-yes

8:40 a.m. End Executive Session

8:40 a.m. Brandt moves to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1) f for Legal. Lindsley seconds. Roll call-District 1-yes; District 2-yes; District 3-yes

9:03 a.m. End Executive Session

Brandt moves to approve the letter to the State Fire Marshal regarding change order at the new Jail. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

9:15 a.m. Teresa regarding claims:

FY2025

Current Expense:	\$ 36,624.19	County Road & Bridge:	\$ 383,177.27
Airport:	\$ 1,546.01	Emergency Comm.:	\$ 90.42
District Court:	\$ 497.96	Appraisal:	\$ 1,064.16
Drug Enforcement:	\$ 597.75	Search & Rescue:	\$ 2,909.06
Election Consol:	\$ 144.67	Noxious Weeds:	\$ 10,143.37
Snowmobile 25-A:	\$ 25.25	Waterways:	\$ 947.36
Good Neighbor:	\$ 3,741.09	Broadband Infra:	\$ 30,977.00
Total:	\$ 472,485.56		

FY2026

Current Expense:	\$ 106,918.64	County Road & Bridge:	\$ 49,256.99
Airport:	\$ 2,186.18	Emergency Comm.:	\$ 381.37
District Court:	\$ 988.84	Title III:	\$ 806.95
Appraisal:	\$ 4,837.84	Solid Waste:	\$ 377.57
Election Consol:	\$ 98.75	Noxious Weeds:	\$ 5,749.40
Good Neighbor:	\$ 72,871.23		
Total:	\$ 244,597.36		

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Higgins moves to approve the claims for FY25 and FY26. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

9:23 a.m. Ackerman regarding updated claims form, threshold for limits of authorized projects and expense reporting on projects-discussion. Commission directs that department heads will be responsible for keeping track of their own expenditures unless they specifically ask the Auditor's Office for support. Discussion regarding threshold for department heads to allow authorized signatures-Commission advises that they would like Department Heads to propose the threshold. Ackerman will send out an email.

9:47 a.m. Karen Crosby regarding some nuisance properties in Elk City-provides photos of three properties that have non-functioning vehicles, dumpster diving, etc.-advises that she is concerned about safety of people trying to travel on the road in addition to the properties being unsightly-discussion. Commission requests that Jessup put together a letter advising the property owners to remove items located in the right of way. Commission requests that the letter be served by the Sheriff's Office.

10:00 a.m. Brandt reopens the hearing regarding the Application for Waiver filed by the Stantons. Jessup reviews the evidence provided last week by the Stantons. No comments from anyone present. Brandt closes Public Hearing-moves to approve the Waiver. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor. Jessup will draft an order.

10:15 a.m. Brad Higgins updates regarding his conversation with Doug Ulmer regarding VIN inspections-advises that it was suggested that we deputize individuals to go out to communities-discussion. Continued to next week in order for Jessup to research the subject a bit more.

10:33 a.m. Brandt regarding tour of building to assess the need for safety lighting and Exit signs-Safety Coordinator Stacy Rice will bring in a proposal for the specific number of authorized lights.

10:45 a.m. Jerry Zumalt presents proposal for moving the White Bird repeater-discussion. Brandt questions regarding the approvals from last week-Zumalt advises those items have been ordered. Higgins questions what is involved in a structural analysis-Zumalt advises this is part of the process of relocating the repeater. Brandt moves to approve the purchase order for the repeater move. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Zumalt updates regarding Cottonwood Creek, Ridgeway and Fort Misery projects that were part of the Disaster Declaration from 2024-discussion.

10:57 a.m. Brandt moves to approve the purchase of lighting for the inside of the building as determined by the inspection of the building with Safety Coordinator, Stacy Rice, not to exceed \$300. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

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11:00 a.m. Brandt opens discussion regarding the York Ranch Lake project in Elk City. Lindsley updates regarding original plan for establishing a pond for the community. Jessup updates regarding the review of the proposed operating procedures and the follow-up regarding insurance coverage through ICRMP. Jessup reads letter from Joshua Palken regarding his concerns. Tom York regarding the proposed depth of the pond. Julia York regarding her opinion that the property was never intended to be a gift to the community-defines what she feels is the role of a project manager-advises that per the National Guard, they will not continue work on the project without the site being engineered. Mike Edmondson representing Elk City Water & Sewer and himself, presents analysis of the watershed and environmental factors that the project might impact. Edmondson expresses concern about the County being involved in the project at all-feels that all of the liability would fall on the County. Julia York addresses liability concerns. Jon Menough advises that his experience as an engineer and in water systems has created some concerns about the project impacting water sources. Greg Coon advises that he, too, is concerned about water impacts-feels a study should be done. Tom York advises that he feels the water source would be adequate-a trailer court with 19 homes was previously supported in that area. Tally York expresses support for the project. Debbie Layman expresses support for the project. Edmondson questions water rights and whether or not any water rights have been secured. Julia York advises that all maps and designs have been conceptual, advises that the proposed operating procedures are vital for all parties to understand roles and work together. Joyce Dearstyne advises that FOC is a 501c3 non-profit organization and that they were approached for grant-writing services in order to move the project forward. Edmondson expresses concern that this might be precedent setting for the County. Brandt advises how the County got involved and what he thought we were committing to—proposes that the community may want to consideration incorporating. Brandt advises that the proposed operating procedures are problematic. Julie York reiterates that they are not making a gift-discussion. Jamie Edmondson questions the status of the lease-discussion. Commission authorizes Joyce Dearstyne to work towards finding grant funding for an engineering and hydrology study. No further work will happen until this is accomplished. Julia York requests proof that the County will work with the property owners-Jessup advises that the Commission will be able to review proposed updated procedures at the meeting next week. Higgins advises that he would still like to put together a community meeting.

12:35 p.m. Brandt moves to approve the minutes of the October 7 meeting. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the grant agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office for the Gibler Ranch. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the letter appointing Emma Edwards to the Idaho County Historic Preservation Commission. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the Notice to Proceed on Ridgewood Drive Culvert Replacement. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

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Brandt moves to approve Idaho County Resolution 2025-20 supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the seeding agreement for TeePee Springs. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the seeing agreement for the Clearwater Complex. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the Additional Meeting Request for Higgins for Stibnite. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Additional Meetings-Brandt-October 23rd NACo Public Lands.

12:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Attest