

## **REGULAR SESSION, MARCH 30, 2026**

Commissioner Bolduc opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Buhler, Commissioner Eames, Prosecuting Attorney Misseldine, Mike Elliott, Sheriff Gough, Shelly Bates, Lincoln County Sheriff Rene King, Chad Hoeft, Jeromy Smith and the acting County Clerk, Jackie Fuqua was present.

### **SHERIFF- DISCUSSION ON BUDGET FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**

Shelly Bates explained that for some time now, some maintenance on vehicles was coming out of the Sheriff's budget while others came out of Karl's. Lease vehicle maintenance is not done by Karl, but he does county owned vehicles, except for brake work. The Sheriff believes a five-year lease is too long and would like three-year leases instead. Commissioner Bolduc said there could be adjustments to next year's budget. He also voiced concerns that vehicles were left running for long periods of time with no one in them. Sheriff Gough explained that when the officers get back from calls that may have video that needs to be downloaded, they must leave the vehicle running while it downloads. He says it might also be a case of a K-9 in the vehicle needing heat or air.

### **WENDELL RURAL FIRE- REQUEST TO WAIVE BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

Commissioner Eames made a motion to waive the building permit fees for Wendell Rural Fire District's addition to their existing fire station in the amount of \$2,123.71. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **BROADBAND**

Commissioner Bolduc said Idaho Power asked to be on next week's agenda to discuss the polls down River Road. There are some safety concerns. E.T.S. is aware and has also been invited to attend the meeting.

### **MINUTES**

Commissioner Buhler moved to approve March 23, 2026, minutes with some corrections. Commissioner Bolduc seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Buhler said Mike Kerswell from Planning & Zoning has now officially been voted to be on the Mid-Snake Water Board.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Commissioner Bolduc and Commissioner Buhler attended the Board of Equalization training that was held at the Gooding Extension Office last Thursday. It was a repeat of last year's training. There were only three County Commissioners present and two of them were Commissioners Bolduc and Buhler.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Buhler moved to go into executive session pursuant IC§74-206(b) personnel matters. Commissioner Eames seconded. Roll call vote: Buhler-Yes, Bolduc-Yes, Eames-Yes. The Board recessed the executive session at 11:00 a.m.

### **SHELLY BATES- REQUEST FOR NEW COMPUTER FOR SECURITY CAMERAS**

The Sheriff's office is requesting a new desktop computer to add another level of security for the building with the camera system. The computer would be at the security checkpoint in the front entrance. The commissioners request privacy screens be placed on the monitors. Commissioner Eames made a motion to approve the purchase of the computer from E.T.S. for \$2,091.98. Commissioner Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **ETS- FINAL DATA CENTER QUOTE**

Scott Linsley and Michael Bibelheimer from E.T.S. presented the final quote for the third phase of the project. In this phase network equipment will be migrated from the current location in the courthouse, to the M.D.F., or fiber hut building. The last quote is for \$187,077.78. The Commissioners were given a tour of the completed M.D.F. on this day.

### **BOBBIE WYLIE-ENTERPRISE FLEET ANALYSIS**

Bobbie Wylie from Enterprise Fleet Management gave a summary presentation on how the program works and it's benefits. She also gave a 10-year profile and analysis of Gooding County's vehicles. The Commissioners will have further discussion on the options presented for the upcoming budget.

Commissioner Bolduc recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

### **SHERIFF & SHELLY BATES- DISCUSS WENDELL PD FUND LINES**

Sheriff Gough and Shelly Bates brought concern about the Wendell Police Department funds not being in the right line in the budget that they should be in. The Sheriff and Shelly say the remaining balance at the end of the fiscal year should roll back into the same line for the next year but that has not happened. They are unsure where the money is, but Shelly is working to try to find out. Normally, the Clerk's office pays quarterly reimbursements on behalf of the Sheriff's office out of a fund line for SIRCOMM, but there have been several quarters of reimbursement payments to the County that have not been paid. Going forward the Sheriff's Office will submit the claim when the invoice is provided. The Sheriff wanted to get talks started on this issue and wondered how this was missed by the auditors. The Board asked Shelly to continue looking into this and asked Treasurer Wines to assist as much as she can. They will wait for an update when one can be made.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susan Bolton asked for an update on the Broadband project. Commissioner Bolduc explained that we are in phase three of three. The final quote and timeline of completion were discussed.

### **BRYLEE DRURY- DISCUSS WARNING FOR CAMPAIGN SIGNS**

Those present were, Brylee and Noah Drury, Witney Beaver, Sheriff Gough, Treasurer Wines, Teresa Neal, Chad Hoeft, Susan Bolton, Mike Elliott, Prosecutor Misseldine, the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk. Mrs. Drury gave a synopsis of the concerns she had with the warnings she received from Prosecutor Misseldine. She says she personally didn't place a sign in the county legal building and didn't know the county banner on the county website she copied and placed on her advertisements needed prior approval. She stated this was her first time campaigning and felt she didn't receive enough guidance pertaining to campaign signs. She made a sticker of her own and asked permission to place it over Gooding County's

banner on all signage going forward in her campaign. The Commissioners and Prosecutor Misseldine found it agreeable. She also wants to lodge complaints about other candidate signs she has seen around the county that may be in violation. Prosecutor Misseldine asked her to email him the locations of the signs and who the candidates are. He will investigate the matter.

**TREASURER WINES- UPDATE ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH**  
Treasurer Wines said there were some fund lines in the budget that needed to be cleaned up for some time and she has finally been able to figure out how to clean them up. The Commissioners would like her to go over it with the Clerk’s office and see if it can be cleaned up without opening prior budgets or not. They would like an update as soon as possible.

Commissioner Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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| <u>/s/Mark E. Bolduc</u> _____ | <u>/s/Vern Eames</u> _____ | <u>/s/Ron Buhler</u> _____  |
| Mark E. Bolduc, Chairman       | Vern Eames, Commissioner   | Ronald Buhler, Commissioner |

Attest: /s/Jackie Fuqua  
Jackie Fuqua, acting County Clerk