

March 11, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session pursuant to recess of the February 26, 2024 meeting with Lynn Bowerman Chairman, Kim Caywood and Leah Madsen present. Leah Madsen moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024 meeting. All were in favor. The following claims were approved for payment.

FY2024	
Current Expense	\$ 290,860.49
Road and Bridge	\$ 32,674.30
Airport	\$ 2,181.96
Ambulance	\$ 75,978.15
District Court	\$ 26,588.47
Fair	\$ 1,530.80
Indigent & Charity	\$ 2,461.47
Revaluation	\$ 2,458.08
Solid Waste	\$ 10,454.68
Tort	\$ 40.14
Weeds	\$ 1,328.40
Drug Court	\$ 4,314.69
State Remittance	\$ 75.00
School District 291	\$ 133.00
School District 292	\$ 31.70
Lemhi County Library District	\$ 81.76
Lemhi County Fire District	\$ 129.94
Auditors Trust	\$ 453.38
WUI	\$ 22,000.00
Hospital Bond Payment	\$ 131.46
911 Trust	\$ 2,612.36
Court Trust	\$ 522.69
ARPA	\$ 50,932.00
Drug Enforcement Trust	\$ 2,242.64
Snowmobile Trust	\$ 1,178.76
Catastrophic Trust	\$ 292.57

#### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Mike Ernest Lemhi County Coroner update the commissioners on the draft investigation of coroners for Idaho results. He also asks the commissioner if he may obtain the extra key for his mailbox that is currently in the clerks' office. Lynn informed him that he can make an extra copy of the one he already has and that the County needs to have a copy of all keys kept in a central location. Shannon Williams Lemhi County Ag Agent gave the commissioners a monthly update for February and informed them of the upcoming events. She also informed them that AG week is coming up so her office is getting prepared for that. Curt with Lemhi County Road & Bridge updated the commissioners on quotes he has received for a new dump truck and let them know that we do get government pricing. He also informed the board that he will be replacing culverts in the Mountain View Acres area as well as Lovers Lane planning on starting around April 1. There is also a culvert that needs replaced at Tower Creek but no dates were given as to when it would start. Scott Duncan with the Lemhi County Landfill updated the

commissioners on the proposed cell expansion and the health department came out last Thursday and everything looks good but they are still working on the operational manual.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF MOU BLM & SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GROOMING**

Leah Madsen moved to signing the MOU between the BLM & Snowmobile trail grooming to enable applying for grants. All were in favor.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING PERMIT WAIVER**

A request to waive the building permit fee for Fern Waters for \$ 4,757.00 was moved to approve by Kim Caywood, all in favor.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF DISTRICT #5 ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL BOARD**

Leah Madsen moved to approve the reappointment of James Whitacker to the District #5 Animal Control Board, all were in favor.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF SCRAP METAL BID OPENING**

The scrap metal bid opening was held, only one bid was received. The bid that was received was in the amount of \$79,522 from Mill Creek Metals. After review of the bid Leah Madsen moved and all in favor to accept the bid as submitted.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PANTHER CREEK ROAD PLOWING**

Teresa Hughe, Ward Witte, and Jim Sugden addressed the board their concerns on the maintenance and plowing of Panther Creek Road in the winter. Bobbie Filbert from the Forest Service was in attendance to answer questions or provide clarification on behalf of the Forest Service. The member of the public showed concern for the safety of vehicles utilizing that road when it is designated for year-round use. They also provided copies of assessment notice and mailing addresses for those located in the area. Lynn reminded Ward Witte that no tax money paid goes to R&B so the assessments are irrelevant. Lynn questioned how many people in the area were not in favor of maintaining that road in the winter, Ward responded just Brenda's family and Travis Mowery. Conversation took place regarding adding onto the current Schedule A the County has with the Forest Service to include Panther Creek Road to Morgan Creek Summit. Another option would be if a homeowners road use agreement was formed and they could hire a contractor to take care of the road. If the county was to take it on they would probably need to contract it out or it would stretch our Road and Bridge crew to thin and the cost of equipment would be too expensive. After a lengthy discussion about the options that could be pursued Lynn Bowerman assured the citizens that he understood and has their back however he would like to have a public meeting regarding this issue as it would involve taxpayer's money and would like to see what the community thinks about the issue. The Commissioners will hold an open meeting regarding the issue on April 22 @ 1:00pm. The public in attendance was reminded that it will only be an informational meeting the time limit will be 3 minutes per person and there will be no question and answers between the public and commissioners or Forest Service if they chose to attend.

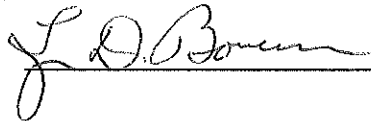
**IN THE MATTER OF LEMHI COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY CONCERNS**

Jessie Nguyen discussed with the board the need for an animal control officer within the community. Outlined areas that could be dangerous for members of the public to pick up stray or lost animals and bring to the shelter and it would be better if someone that was trained in that field were to be handling animals. The board appreciated her comments and directs her to both the City & County law enforcement and see if there is money available to support her plan.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST

 Clerk

, Chairman