

March 9, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session pursuant to recess of the February 22, 2021 with Brett Barsalou Chairman, Rick Snyder and Leah Madsen present. The minutes of the February 22, 2021 were approved. The following claims were approved for payment.

Current Expense	\$ 81,313.29
Road and Bridge	\$ 38,945.60
Airport	\$ 1,190.68
Ambulance	\$ 6,728.91
District Court	\$ 10,157.32
Fair	\$ 1,500.00
Indigent and Charity	\$ 10,710.14
Revaluation	\$ 4,908.80
Solid Waste	\$ 3,662.82
Weeds	\$ 626.38
Drug Court	\$ 507.44
911 Trust	\$ 6,769.58
Court Trust	\$ 482.02
Craig Wyden Title III	\$ 600.00
Court Interlock Device Fund	\$ 134.00
Drug Enforcement	\$ 136.31
Millennium Fund Trust	\$ 2,300.00
Snowmobile Trust	\$ 43.09
Catastrophic Trust	\$ 1,308.50
Alternative Mobility	\$ 12,507.00
Revolving Weed Trust	\$ 11,368.95

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

County Agent Shannon Williams reported another good turnout for Winter School. They have put together a Jr. Livestock Beef Committee to develop a plan for steers between sale and processing time. It was November before the last steer got processed from the 2020 fair. Ag week will be from March 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 19<sup>th</sup>. Weed Supervisor Sharayh Krantz told the board she has a new hire for the full-time position, four seasonal weed techs and only need two more employees at the boat check station. She will be helping with Ag week next week. ISDA informed her they had found muscles in the moss balls at Petco. They would be looking into that further. Sharayh gave a short presentation to the board as to what the CWMA is and who is included in it. With this group there is funding available and with the county administrating there is a better possibility of receiving these funds. Lemhi County does recoup a small admin fee from all groups except the Forest Service. Sharayh had the ISDA agreements for the board to sign. Landfill Supervisor Scott Duncan has been contacted that the recycling prices are going up. He inquired about bidding our recycling out. He will be sending out the bid this week and it will close on the 18<sup>th</sup> with the bid opening will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March in the next regular board meeting. Scott is still working on the card board recycling. Scott asked about trying to get some replacement equipment with the possible land swap coming up so that they would be able to work the land. The equipment is getting up there is years and is in need of being replaced.

County Treasurer Kammy McFarland presented the interest earned report and the Auditor/Treasurer joint monthly report for the month of February 2021. Kammy reported the investment company has been working on some good investments. Interest earned to date is \$71,942.24. She reported she had listed the posted the notice of sale of the properties that would be taken for tax sale next year. She complimented Sheriff Penner for getting the warrants of distraint issued and all had been cleared up except two. County Clerk Brenda Armstrong reported there is an election on March 9<sup>th</sup>. It was the Challis School District 181 Supplemental Levy. We would need to canvas the ballots before the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. The board agreed to have a special meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March at 10:00 a.m.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 2021-5

**A Resolution with Respect to Constitutional Rights in Lemhi County**

Lemhi County will continue to vigorously support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Idaho.

WHEREAS, after gaining independence this nation adopted the United States Constitution as the supreme law of the land; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a constitutional republic, wherein the rights of the states and the people are ensured; and

WHEREAS, the first ten amendments, known as the Bill of Rights, were adopted with the stated purpose of “extending the ground of public confidence in the Government” to “best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution;” and

WHEREAS, freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of religion, the right to peaceably assemble, the right to due process under the law, and the right of the people to keep and bear arms are some of the many rights preserved in the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, equal rights for men and woman and civil rights for all citizens regardless of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin are secured by the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is a state within the United States and has full rights as a state, and a republican constitution, which ensures freedom for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Constitution protects the rights of Idahoans to freedom of speech, assembly, and to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, ALL RIGHTS contained in the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Idaho are held in highest esteem by Lemhi County; and

WHEREAS, the Elected Officials of Lemhi County oppose any law that infringes upon the constitutional rights of Lemhi County’s citizens; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lemhi County are opposed to any legislation proposed by the Idaho State Legislature, the Governor of Idaho, the United States Congress, or the President of the United States that would infringe upon the right of the people to keep and bear arms or would ban the possession and use of firearms, magazines, ammunition, or accessories necessary to citizens of Lemhi County for defense of life, liberty, and property; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lemhi County are opposed to any legislation considered by the Idaho State Legislature, the Governor of Idaho, the United States Congress, or the President of the United States that would require a firearms owner ID card, registration of firearms, or a tax on the possession of firearms or ammunition within Lemhi County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the elected officials of Lemhi County hereby affirm our oaths of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the elected officials of Lemhi County oppose any efforts by any entity to infringe on the constitutional rights of Lemhi County citizens, and will continue to defend and protect these constitutional rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the elected officials of Lemhi County encourage all Lemhi County citizens to exercise their right to vote in elections as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the elected officials of Lemhi County encourage the United States Congress and the Idaho Legislature to protect the freedoms of our citizens under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Idaho, to reject any proposed law or regulation that will infringe on or burden these freedoms or undermine the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Idaho.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

/s/ Brett Barsalou, Chairman

/s/ Richard W. Snyder

/s/ Leah Madsen

ATTEST: /s/ Brenda Armstrong, Clerk

**IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Lemhi County Economic Development Director Tammy Stringham came before the board because there is a business looking to opening their doors here. Project Mineral is a 80,000,000 dollar company. They were working with the state for a tax break and in order to do that they are needing a letter of support from Lemhi County and a possibly in-kind match. The board questioned as to what the amount would be

for the in-kind match but not figures have been supplied. Tammy did go on to say that the in kind could be in fee waivers, onetime tax break, or cash. The board asked for more information on the infrastructure. They did support businesses coming to Lemhi County and instructed Tammy to draw up a letter of support and get it the County Clerk.

**IN THE MATTER OF GEM COMMUNITY GRANT**

LCEDA Director Tammy Stringham reported the fair board had reached out to the Development Company and they contacted Commerce to see if there were any grant funds available. This isn't something they usually do but ask the fair board to put in an application. Tammy has been working with several from the fair board to get the application completed by the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. In order to qualify for this grant, they need to have an Idaho Gem Grant Application Resolution. She was coming before the board to ask them to pass the resolution. The following resolution was unanimously passed.

Idaho Gem Grant  
Application Resolution 2021-6

WHEREAS, the Lemhi County Commission is interested in the economic health of the community and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Lemhi County Commission wishes to support and encourage appropriate efforts within the community that promote economic development of the community and the economic well-being of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Commerce is offering a program specifically designed to help rural Idaho communities implement economic development strategies/projects and,

WHEREAS, this program is entitled the Idaho Gem Grant Program

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lemhi County Commission hereby supports and endorses an Idaho Gem Grant application for the Lemhi County Fairgrounds project;

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BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Lemhi County Commission designates the Lemhi County Economic Development Association as its administrative agent for this grant.

This Resolution is in full effect upon its adoption this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021

/s/ Brett Barsalou, Chairman

/s/ Richard W. Snyder

/s/ Leah Madsen

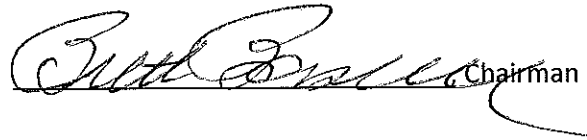
ATTEST: /s/ Brenda Armstrong, Clerk

**IN THE MATTER OF FOREST SERVICE UPDATE**

Kira Povich with the Salmon-Cobalt-Leadore Ranger Stations presented an update on the Great American Outdoors Acts and Mineral Projects. This act will fund deferred maintenance projects for five years. They are looking for projects that will be beneficial to the public. They ask if the commissioners might have any proposals to make. Mill Creek to Hayden Creek was suggested by Commissioner Snyder. Commissioner Barsalou suggested Iron Creek to Deer Gulch. Brett mentioned this is all great but how are these projects going to be maintained after the work is done. The reason these roads are in the condition they are in is because they have not been maintained. Kira stated she would have to reach out to her engineer and get back with him. He felt some of the funds should be held back to maintain these roads. Kira went on to update on the mineral's programs. The mineral project has really escalated in the past couple of years with all the interest on the forest relating to explorations. There are ten NEFA projects that are ongoing. Ken Gebhardt updated the board on timber projects that will be starting this year. Valuable information came from the public to help with fuels reduction. Included in the comments were firewood cutting, grazing rights, preserving established road, policies on decommissioning roads and preserving stand of old growth forest. They will be analyzing the comments and then moving in to the next phase of the project. There will be prescribe burning in mostly in the northern portion of the county. Commissioner Barsalou ask about the RAC proposals and if the comment time could be extended. Ken would look into that.

**IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Rick Snyder moved and Leah Madsen seconded to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a) for personnel discussion. Roll call vote was held. Snyder - AYE: Barsalou – AYE: Snyder – AYE: Madsen – AYE. After convening in regular sessions, the following decisions were entered. After reconvening in regular sessions there was no further business, the board adjourn until Monday March 22, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m. in the Lemhi County Commissioners Room #101.

 Chairman

ATTEST:  Clerk