STATE OF IDAHO ) : ss. Monday, October 7, 2024
County of Bingham )

# THE BOARD OF BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION. The following matters were considered:

PRESENT:

Chairman Manwaring Commissioner Jackson

Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk

### **CASH WARRANTS**

Cash Warrants were approved in the amount of \$78.00, \$78.00, \$78.00, \$78.00, \$78.00, \$78.00 and \$13,884.00, for a total of \$14,430.00.

#### **CLAIMS**

Claims for fiscal year 2024 were approved in the amount of \$348,640.78.

Claims for fiscal year 2025 were approved in the amount of \$374,737.27.

### **PAYROLL**

Payroll Claims were approved in the amount of \$904, 210.07.

### PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS

The Board approved Personnel Action Forms, which were as follows:

Salary Increase Form:

HR Director/Risk Manager

HR Technician
Patrol Deputy
SRO Patrol Deputy
SRO Patrol Deputy

Solid Waste Operator

Lead Scale House Operator Emergency Communication Officer Lead Emergency Communication Officer Emergency Communications Officer Emergency Communications Officer

Evidence Clerk

Chief Deputy Treasurer Deputy Court Clerk Probation Officer

Juvenile Probation Chief Admin (Sr Probation Officer)

Lead Probation Services Secretary

Employee Status Sheet:

Chief Deputy Prosecutor

### **COLLEGE OF EASTERN IDAHO**

The Board approved and signed one (1) Certificate of Residency, which was sent to the College of Eastern Idaho for the following Bingham County student: Miranda L. Kracl.

#### COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO

The Board approved and signed three (3) Certificate of Residency documents, which were sent to the College of Southern Idaho for the following Bingham County student's: Ashtyn L. Hamilton, Emery Ann Hayes and Kaydence A. Andrus.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Cash Warrants, Claims, Administrative Documents and Personnel Action Forms for October 7, 2024. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

REQUEST FROM THE BINGHAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO USE COURTROOM 1 ON OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M., TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR THE INTERIM BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 1, WHICH IS NOW VACANT

The Board met to make a decision regarding the request from the Bingham County Republican Central Committee to use Courtroom 1 on October 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., to interview candidates for the Interim Bingham County Commissioner for District 1, which is now vacant.

The Board had no concerns in regards to the submitted request.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the request from the Bingham County Republican Central Committee to use Courtroom 1 on October 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., to interview candidates for the Interim Bingham County Commissioner for District 1, which is now vacant. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

### ALCOHOL LICENSES

The Board approved Alcohol Licenses for the following businesses:

Blackfoot Elks Lodge #1416 License No. 25 Broulim's #9 License No. 26 Stoor's Market License No. 27 La Moderna Mexican Market

License No. 33- Transferred

Los Gavilanes Mexican Grill License No. 29 El Jaliciense Mexican Restaurant License No. 30 Bridge Street Saloon License No. 31 Tumbleweed Saloon License No. 32

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Retail Alcohol Beverage License as presented. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

### STAFF MEETING

Present: Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk

> Debbie Cunningham- Chief Deputy Assessor Troy Lenhart- Road & Bridge Supervisor

Scott Reese- Parks & Recreation/Emergency Services

Sheri Landon- Court Supervisor

Laraine Pope- Human Resources Director Jason Marlow- Building Maintenance Supervisor Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director

Shawn Hill- Probation Department

Bill Haight- IT Department Matt Galloway- IT Director

Jordyn Nebeker- Chief Deputy Sheriff

Jeff Gardner- Sheriff

Tanna Beal- County Treasurer Danette Miller- Elections Office

Ryan Jolley- Prosecuting Attorney/ County Legal Counsel

Excused:

Cody Lewis- Treatment Court Jimmy Roberts- County Coroner Gordon Croft- Blackfoot Chief of Police

Julie Buck- Extension Office Donavan Harrington- Assessor Dusty Whited- Public Works Director Laura Lora- Payroll/Indigent Services

The Commissioners met with department heads and Elected Officials for the October 2024 Staff Meeting. Chairman Manwaring conducted the Staff Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Manwaring conducted.

Approval of Minutes for Staff Meeting held in September 2024: There were no changes to the September 2024 staff meeting minutes and said minutes were approved as written.

Special Presentation: Matt Galloway reviewed the options of potential new telephone systems and stated that he has met with seven (7) different companies. The system that he would prefer is through Cisco. If anyone would like to see how the product would work, please visit the IT Department as they have been testing the products. The last week in October, Mr. Galloway will be approaching the Board of County Commissioners to present his proposal and request that the Board make a decision.

Safety Concerns: None.

Employee Years of Service Recognition: Clerk Eckhardt recognized Julie Pulley for ten (10) years of service to Bingham County. Julie is the main Recorder in the office, handles land recordings, marriage licenses and alcohol licenses. Clerk Eckhardt stated that one thing she admires about Julie is that when she goes home at night, her desk is always clean. Julie does a lot for the Clerks Office and she appreciates all of her hard work.

Julie Pulley stated that ten (10) years has gone my quick. She enjoys working for the county and getting to interact with everyone.

Troy Lenhart recognized Dee Walters for ten (10) years of service to Bingham County. Dee Walters is a Truck Driver/Blade Operator. He is a good employee, works hard and never complains.

Chairman Manwaring: Stated that he would like to remind everyone of the Food Drive that the county is holding, which will continue until October 15, 2024.

Commissioner Eric Jackson: Stated that he would like to remind everyone that it is still harvest time and to pay extra attention to the trucks and equipment on the roads.

Clerk Pamela Eckhardt: Stated that October 16<sup>th</sup> is the last day to submit claims for fiscal year 2024. The 2023 audit has been completed and came back as a clean audit. Clerk Eckhardt stated that she would be meeting with each department to review the cash handling process per the request of the outside auditor. Clerk Eckhardt added that she would like everyone to be cautious of their credit card use as there has been an increase in fraud issues.

Debbie Cunningham: Had no updates at this time.

Troy Lenhart: Had no updates at this time.

Scott Reese: Stated that the Rockford Airport project is complete, which included a 2 1/2-inch overlay completed by Gale Lim Construction who was awarded the bid. The parks have been winterized as of Friday.

Sheri Landon: Had no updates at this time.

Laraine Pope: Stated that NCPERS life insurance open enrollment is occurring until the end of November, which is only \$16.00 per month and said rate will never change.

Ms. Pope stated that she would like to remind everyone of the flu clinic occurring this Thursday, October 10, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m., wherein walk-ins are available but if anyone would like to make an appointment, please contact Human Resources.

Tiffany Olsen: Stated that she attended the American Planning Association Conference in Moscow and gave a brief overview of the same.

Shawn Hill: Had no updates at this time.

Ryan Jolley: Had no updates at this time.

Jeff Gardner: Had no updates at this time.

Tanna Beal: Had no updates at this time.

Matt Galloway: Stated that there has been an increase in spam emails and to be cognitive in what is coming through emails. Mr. Galloway stated that he would also like to remind everyone to participate in the Knowbe4 trainings that are available.

Debbie Cunningham asked Mr. Galloway if when a spam email is received the employee should be advising the IT Department, to which Mr. Galloway stated that is correct. Please forward spam emails to IT so that they are aware.

Danette Miller: Stated that early voting will begin October 15, 2024 through November 1, 2024. As of today, there have been 1,700 absentee ballots mailed out.

Clerk Eckhardt added that cell phone stipends have been approved and the employees that receive a cell phone stipend will be receiving a check today.

Chairman Manwaring stated next Staff Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Nothing further.

SHERIFFS OFFICE

Present: Jeff Gardner- Sheriff

Jordyn Nebeker- Chief Deputy Sheriff Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk

The Board met with Sheriff Jeff Gardner to discuss updates within the Sheriffs Office and other agenda items.

Discussion was held in regards to the approval and signing of Contract Agreement between Day Wireless Systems and Bingham County, along with decision in regards to the Purchase Order for said project.

Sheriff Gardner stated the reason that Clerk Eckhardt is in attendance is to be sure that all funds are expended for the grant to complete the 911 servers in Bannock County. Clerk Eckhardt stated that \$178,076.00 has been paid towards the project, with \$101,182.00 still owing. Sheriff Gardner stated the grant amount was \$279,000.00, which has been fully received and is located within the fund balance. Clerk Eckhardt is suggesting to pay the remaining \$101,182.00 from fiscal year 2024, as the budget has to be opened for 911 in order to account for the grant. Therefore, it would be beneficial to the county if that funding could be paid in full with the grant.

Sheriff Gardner stated the second portion of discussion to be held is in regards to the radio tower upgrades. The plan was to pay as much funding out of fiscal year 2024 budget as possible, a potential portion from PILT and the remaining from fiscal year 2025 budget. Sheriff Gardner would like to pay for as much as possible, out of fiscal year 2024 and any fund balance remaining after the grant is completed. Clerk Eckhardt stated that \$75,000.00 could be contributed from the 911 budget, which would leave a fund balance of three months in there to cover the first part of fiscal year 2025. Currently there is \$500,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2024 PILT Fund that is available within the budget and could use \$200,000.00.

Therefore, \$200,000.00 would be paid from 2024 PILT Fund, \$75,000.00 to be paid from 2024 911 Fund and the remaining would be paid from Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve payment in the amount of \$101,182.29, for the Vesta Grant. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve payment to Day Wireless in the amount of \$200,000 (Paid from 2024 PILT Fund), \$75,000.00 (Paid from the 2024 911 budget) and the remaining to be paid from Fiscal Year 2025 budget. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 14-30, 2024

The Board met to approve Commission Minutes for August 14-30, 2024.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve and sign the Commissioner Minutes for August 14-30, 2024, as written. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

### TAX INQUIRY DOCUMENTS

The Board met to approve and sign Tax Inquiry documents submitted by the County Assessors Office, which were as follows:

RP1338000	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for homeowners exemption for 2024
RP8015500	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for homeowners exemption for 2024
RP1145200	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for homeowners exemption for 2024
RP0524202	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for homeowners exemption for 2024
RP1284809	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for homeowners exemption for 2024

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve and sign the Tax Inquiry documents submitted by the County Assessors Office. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

### **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Present:

Jason Marlow-Building Maintenance Supervisor

The Board met with Jason Marlow to discuss updates within the Building Maintenance Division, which included jail expansion project updates and other miscellaneous updates.

### SOLID WASTE AGENDA ITEMS

Present:

Derrick Going-Solid Waste Supervisor

The Board met to discuss several Solid Waste agenda items.

Discussion was held in regards to approval of Solid Waste Winter Hours, wherein there have been no changes made to the hours. Said winter hours will be as follows:

### **Moreland Central Transfer Station**

Beginning Monday, November 4, 2024 until Monday, March 3, 2025, the Bingham County Moreland Central Transfer Station's winter hours will be: Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Aberdeen Landfill**

Beginning Monday, November 4, 2024 until Monday, March 3, 2025, the Aberdeen Landfill will only be open Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Solid Waste winter hours as presented. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

Discussion was held in regards to the submitted Prior Approval for Major Purchase of the currently leased Rav4 from Bancorp. Said purchase is in the amount of \$31,000.00 and is to be paid from Fund: 23-70-899-00. Said Rav4 is used by the Solid Waste Department when individuals go to training or to bring deposits into the courthouse. It is financially better to purchase the vehicle instead of leasing due to the increase in lease payment.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Prior Approval for Major Purchase of the currently leased Rav4 from Bancorp. Said purchase is in the amount of \$31,000.00 and is to be paid from Fund: 23-70-899-00. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

Next, discussion was held in regards to the approval of Bingham County Resolution 2024-34, a resolution declaring certain Bingham County property not necessary for use in Bingham County, Idaho, specifically for the Solid Waste Department for a Powell 10-foot by 35-foot in ground scale from the Rattlesnake Landfill that is being replaced.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Bingham County Resolution 2024-34, a resolution declaring certain Bingham County property not necessary for use in Bingham County, specifically for the Solid Waste Department for a Powell 10-foot by 35-foot in ground scale from the Rattlesnake Landfill. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried and said resolution was adopted as follows:

### BINGHAM COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34

# A FORMAL RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BINGHAM COUNTY PROPERTY NOT NECESSARY FOR USE IN BINGHAM COUNTY, IDAHO

WHEREAS, The Bingham County Commissioners have the authority to manage county property, (Idaho Code §31-807);

WHEREAS, The Bingham County Commissioners have the authority to sell or offer for sale personal property not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) in value at private sale, (Idaho Code §31-808);

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, Bingham County, Idaho, that the following items may be sold as excess properly:

Bingham County Solid Waste Department (Rattlesnake Landfill)

Powell 10-foot by 35-foot inground scale

DATED this Z day of September 2024.

BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Mark R. Bair, Commissioner

Whitney Manwaring, Chairman

Pamela W. Eckhardt Bingham County Clerk

Eric Jackson, Commissioner

### READING & SIGNING OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

The Board met to read and sign the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. Chairman Manwaring welcomed all those present and City of Shelley Police Chief, Chad Purser, read said Proclamation, which was as follows:

### CITY OF BLACKFOOT, CITY OF SHELLEY AND BINGHAM COUNTY, IDAHO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION, OCTOBER 2024

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that effects people of all races, ages, gender, socio-economic levels, religions, backgrounds, beliefs, and

WHEREAS, domestic violence includes, physical, emotional, social, sexual, spiritual, financial, and digital abuse, and can occur between family members, intimate partners and within a dating relationship, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, law enforcement agencies in Idaho received reports of 5,940 incidents of intimate partner violence, it is important to know that many survivors of domestic violence do not report to law enforcement for a wide range of reason, and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the Bingham Crisis Center provided help to 406 people, 215 were females, 79 were male, 112 were children, 113 total bed nights, and 13,411 services were provided, and

WHEREAS, in the State of Idaho one in four homicides are intimate partner homicides, and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police, court cost, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence incidents are some of the most complex and dangerous incidents that law enforcement respond to in our community, putting their lives at risk every day in the belief that a coordinated community response is necessary to support survivors, hold offenders accountable and work toward ending the cycle of violence; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent platform to show support for the domestic violence advocates, crisis hotline staff, victim witness coordinators, prosecutors who hold offenders accountable, and law enforcement officers in our community and provides the citizens of Bingham County the opportunity to learn more about preventing domestic violence and how support for the organizations and individuals who proved critical advocacy, resources, hope and assistance to victims;

NOW THEREFORE, we do hereby proclaim the month of October as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARNESS MONTH, and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence in our community.

DATED this 7 day of October, 2024 Whitney Manwarin Marc Carrol Bingham County Commissioner City of Blackfoot Mayor Bingham County Commissioner **Bingham County Sheriff** Gordon Croft **Garrett Sandow Blackfoot Police Chief** Blackfoot, Shelley, Aberdeen City Attorney Ryan Colley Chad Purser **Bingham County Prosecuting Attorney** Shelley Police Chief Jeff Kelley City of Shelley Councilwomen City of Shelley Councilman

Scott Smith

**Executive Director Bingham Crisis Center** 

DISCUSS PAYMENT OF OPENGOV ANNUAL SERVICES INVOICE FROM IT BUDGET AND EXECUTE PRIOR APPROVAL- REQUESTED BY TIFFANY OLSEN

Present:

Matt Galloway- IT Department

Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director

Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk

The Board met to discuss payment of OpenGov Annual Services invoice from the IT Budget and Execute a Prior Approval regarding the same.

Ms. Olsen explained that the annual contract with OpenGov for FY 2024 that was marked to come out of the IT Budget. Ms. Olsen stated that when she received the invoice, she reached out to Matt Galloway, he informed her that there were some expenses and priority items that needed to be taken care of within the IT Budget and therefore, there were no funds to cover the invoice for the OpenGov contract.

Ms. Olsen stated that she is before the Board today to request that the OpenGov invoice, in the amount of \$25,553.83, from the IT budget as originally planned, although it would run the line over budget. While visiting with Clerk Eckhardt and Matt Galloway, it was recommended to seek approval from the Board prior to paying the invoice.

In moving forward, this invoice has been placed within the Planning & Development budget.

The Board had no concerns.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve payment of OpenGov Annual Services invoice in the amount of \$25,553.00 and is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-524-0020 (IT-Planning & Zoning Softwre) Fiscal Year 2024. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

### PRIOR APPROVAL- IT DEPARTMENT

Present:

Matt Galloway- IT Director

The Board met to discuss and make a decision in regards to the submitted Prior Approval for Major Purchase of Pure Storage.

Mr. Galloway explained the purpose of the proposed pure storage purchase and stated that there are currently two appliance upstairs that are used for powering servers. If something goes wrong with the current equipment, it would take days, if not weeks, to get them up and running.

Mr. Galloway stated that he has done extensive research to see what the best and most affordable route would be for this purchase. This purchase was included within the budget. Originally the quote received was in the amount of \$290,000.00 for both appliances but Mr. Galloway was able to receive a significant discount. In trying to deal with future issues, when he originally proposed the budget, he proposed to purchase 150,000.000 and make a purchase of one appliance but because there will be issues arising annually, Mr. Galloway stated that he would proposed to purchase two appliances in order to plan better for the future and to gain a discount.

The Board had no concerns.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Prior Approval for Major Purchase of Pure Storage Appliances. Said purchase is in the amount of \$207,714.20 and is to be paid from funds as follows:

Fund: 01-14-0810-0001 (IT-Capital-Servers)
Fund: 01-14-0804-0000 (IT-Capital-Computers)

\$150,000.00 \$57,714.20

Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

DECISION REGARDING VALUE OF A SURPLUS LAPTOP AND SALE OF SAID LAPTOP TO A COUNTY EMPLOYEE

Present:

Matt Galloway- IT Director

Ryan Jolley- Prosecuting Attorney/County Legal Counsel

The Board met to make a decision regarding the value of a surplus laptop and the sale of said laptop to a retired county employee.

Matt Galloway stated that the value that he would place on the subject laptop, which was declared surplus property via Bingham County Resolution 2024-33, would be \$100.00. This laptop was to be disposed of due to it reaching end of life at five (5) years.

Mr. Jolley stated pursuant to Idaho Code Section 31-808(1) any equipment under the cost of \$250.00, the county has the ability to sell privately. Therefore, there are no issues with the proposal.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the sale of the surplus laptop to a retired county employee in the amount of \$100.00. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024

PAMELA W. ECKHARDT, CLERK WHITNEY MANWAF Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk-----

STATE OF IDAHO

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Friday, October 11, 2024

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THE BOARD OF BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION. The following matters were considered:

PRESENT:

Chairman Manwaring

Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk

Via phone:

Commissioner Jackson

**CASH WARRANTS** 

Cash Warrants were approved in the amount of \$21,000.00.

**CLAIMS** 

Claims were approved for fiscal year 2024 in the amount of \$302,875.15.

Claims were approved for Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of \$209,293.51.

PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS

The Board approved Personnel Action Forms, which were as follows:

New Employee Status Sheet:

**Drug Testing Technician** 

Patrol Deputy

**Detention Deputy** 

Salary Increase Form:

Sr. Mechanic- Road & Bridge Truck Driver- Road & Bridge Truck Driver- Road & Bridge

Sheriff's Office Manager Civilian Jail Technician

Detention Deputy
Detention Deputy
Detention Corporal
Detention Deputy
Detention Deputy

Drug Court Coordinator Court Clerk Supervisor Deputy Clerk Recorder

Decision: Chairman Manwaring moved to approve Cash Warrants, Claims, Administrative Documents and Personnel Action Forms. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF TAX INQUIRY DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Board met to approve and sign Tax Inquiry documents submitted by the County Assessor, which were as follows:

RP1419970	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP8272830	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP1224900	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP1090900	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP040170	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP1319702	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024

Decision: Chairman Manwaring moved to approve the submitted Tax Inquiry documents as presented. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BINGHAM COUNTY RESOLUTION 2024-35, A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE & ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Board met to approve Bingham County Resolution 2024-35, a resolution regarding the destruction of records maintained by the Clerk's Office and Assessor's Office.

Decision: Chairman Manwaring moved to approve Bingham County Resolution 2024, a resolution regarding the destruction of records maintained by the Clerk's Office & Assessor's Office. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF AGREEMENT FOR PATHOLOGY SERVICES BETWEEN BINGHAM COUNTY AND ADA COUNTY

The Board met to approve and sign the Agreement for Pathology Services between Bingham County and Ada County.

Lindsey Dalley, Commission Clerk, confirmed that Legal Counsel had reviewed said agreement and had no issues. Ms. Dalley added that Coroner Jimmy Roberts was not available for the meeting today but had signed the document in her presence.

Decision: Chairman Manwaring moved to approve and sign the Agreement for Pathology Services between Bingham County and Ada County. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ARCO WIND & SOLAR PROJECT

The Board met to approve and sign the letter of support for the Arco Wind & Solar Project, which is to be sent to the Idaho Department of Lands for their upcoming Land Board meeting.

Decision: Chairman Manwaring moved to approve and sign the letter of support for the Arco Wind & Solar Project. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Both voted in favor, The motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSES

The Board met to approve Alcohol License's for the following businesses:

Walmart #1905	License No. 34
Colonial Inn	License No. 33
Family Dollar #26480	License No. 35
Family Dollar #26982	License No. 36
Family Dollar #31028	License No. 37
Teton House	License No. 38
El Vaquero	License No. 39
Rockin Russett	License No. 40
Tommy Vaughns	License No. 41
Hitching Post	License No. 42

Decision: Chairman Manwaring moved to approve and sign the above Alcohol Licenses. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

PRIOR APPROVAL FOR MAJOR PURCHASE OF RENEWAL OF CLEARGOV BUDGETING SUITE-REQUESTED BY CLERK ECKHARDT

Present:

Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk Laura Lora- Chief Deputy Clerk

The Board met to discuss and make a decision in regards to the submitted Prior Approval for Major Purchase of Renewal of ClearGov Budgeting Suite. Said purchase is in the amount of \$28,145.00 and is to be paid from Fund: 01-01-539-00 (Clerk- Imaging-Contract-Maintenance).

Clerk Eckhardt explained this program was purchased last year and the county is currently halfway through the implementation. She is hopeful that full implementation will be completed by fall and will be ready to fully use the program for next budget cycle. This is an additional budgeting program that assists with budgeting, tracks capital purchases and has a digital budget book that is created after all information has been input.

The Board had no concerns.

Decision: Chairman Manwaring moved to approve the Prior Approval for Major Purchase of Renewal of ClearGov Budgeting Suite. Said purchase is in the amount of \$28,145.00 and is to be paid from Fund: 01-01-539-00 (Clerk-Imaging-Contract-Maintenance). Commissioner Jackson seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL TUESDAY OCTOBER 15, 2024

PAMELA W. ECKHARDT, CLERK

Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk-----

STATE OF IDAHO ) : ss. Tuesday, October 15, 2024
County of Bingham )

THE BOARD OF BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION. The following matters were considered:

PRESENT:

Chairman Manwaring Commissioner Jackson

Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk

**BINGHAM ORDINANCE 2024-07** 

Present:

Ryan Jolley- Prosecuting Attorney/County Civil Attorney

The Board met to approve Bingham County Ordinance 2024-07, an ordinance for dissolution of the Industrial Development Corporation of Bingham County, Idaho.

Chairman Manwaring explained that the Bingham Industrial Development Corporation was created in 1984 per Bingham County Ordinance 84-7. There have been no meetings held since November 27, 2013 due to lack of quorum.

Per Idaho Code Section 50-2703, Public Corporation-Creation, dissolution (2)(a), any funds currently in the possession of the Industrial Development Corporation of Bingham County, Idaho, are to be paid or transferred to the municipality by which it was established;

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Bingham County Ordinance 2024-07, an ordinance for dissolution of the Industrial Corporation of Bingham County, Idaho. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried and said Ordinance was adopted as follows:

### BINGHAM COUNTY ORDINANCE 2024-07

# AN ORDINANCE FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BINGHAM COUNTY, IDAHO

The Industrial Development Corporation of Bingham County, Idaho, was created in 1984 per Bingham County Ordinance 84-7 (Attached as Exhibit A);

The Industrial Development Corporation of Bingham County, Idaho, has not held a meeting since November 27, 2015, due to lack of quorum;

Per Idaho Code Section 50-2703, Public Corporation- Creation, Dissolution (2)(a), any funds currently in the possession of the Industrial Development Corporation of Bingham County, Idaho, are to be paid or transferred to the municipality by which it was established;

Be it ordained by the Bingham County Board of Commissioners, as of October 15, 2024, the Industrial Development Corporation of Bingham County, Idaho, is hereby dissolved.

Passed and approved by the Board of County Commissioners, County of Bingham, State of Idaho, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:  County Sold County So	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BINGHAM COUNTY, IDAHO  Whitney Manwaring Chairman  Luc Jackson, Commissioner
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Bingham County Clerk	
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ORDINANCE NO. 84-7

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BINGHAM, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF A PUBLIC CORPORATION TO IMPLEMENT TITLE 50, CHAPTER 27, IDAHO CODE, AS AMENDED CREATING A PUBLIC CORPORATION CALLED THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BINGHAM COUNTY, IDAHO; APPROVING A CHARTER FOR SUCH CORPORATION: SPECIFYING THE POWERS, AUTHORITY AND LIMITATIONS OF SAID CORPORATION; PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE CORPORATION BY THE COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the legislature of the State of Idaho has provided for the creation of public corporations by counties of the State of Idaho, pursuant to Title 50, Chapter 17, Idaho Code, as amended (the "Act"), for the purpose of facilitating economic development and opportunities in the State of Idaho through financing by such public corporations of the project costs of industrial development facilities; and

WHEREAS the County of Bingham desires to avail itself of the authority contained in the Act by creating a public corporation for the purposes stated in the Act;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BINGHAM COUNTY, IDAHO:

Section 1. The County of Bingham (the "County") does hereby create a public corporation to carry out the purpose



of the Act. This ordinance shall not be construed to limit or restrict the purposes of the Act, but shall be liberally construed to effect such purposes.

Section 2. The name of the public corporation shall be the Industrial Development Corporation of Bingham County.

Section 3. The Corporation shall have all the powers and be subject to all the limitations and provisions contained in the Act.

Section 4. A charter (the "Charter") is hereby issued by the County to the Corporation. The Charter grants to the Corporation all powers authorized by the Act. A copy of the Charter is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference. The Charter is hereby approved pursuant to Section 50-2703 (1) of the Act. The Charter may be amended from time-to-time by the County Commissioners. The existence of the Corporation commences at the time that the enactment of this Ordinance becomes effective.

Section 5. The Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Board") shall be comprised of five (5) residents of the County appointed by the County Commission Chairman with the advice and consent of the County Commission. Of the members first appointed, one member shall serve for a one (1)-year term, two for a term of two (2) years, and two (2) for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, upon expiration of a term of

appointment, each member shall be appointed to a three (3)-year term. If a vacancy occurs during an unexpired term, the Commission Chairman with the consent of the County Commission shall appoint a member, who shall also be a resident of the County, to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, and the approval of a majority of a quorum shall be necessary for the Board to take action.

6. The affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted and carried out by the Board. The Board shall elect officers from among its own members. Such officers shall be elected at the initial meeting of the Board in each calendar year, shall serve until their successors have been duly elected, and shall include a president and a secretary and may include a vice-president and an assistant secretary. The Board may elect such other officers as it shall from time-to-time determine to be necessary or desirable. The Board shall adopt bylaws and/or rules and regulations governing the election of officers, the powers and duties of such officers, the filling of vacancies in offices, the scheduling, giving notice of, and conduct of meetings, and the conduct of the Corporation. Such bylaws, rules and regulations may be amended from time-to-time by the Board: provided that any such amendments shall be consistent with the provisions thereof.

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation but with reimbursement of expenses as may be provided by the bylaws, rules and regulations of the Board.

Section 7. No director, officer, agent, employee or official of the Corporation shall have a direct or indirect financial interest in any property to be included in or any contract for property, service or materials to be furnished or used in connection with any industrial development facility through the Corporation.

Section 8. The Corporation shall have all the powers granted by the Act. Such powers shall include, without limitation, all powers set forth in the Charter.

Section 9. The County may not give or lend any money or property in aid of the Corporation except as expressly authorized by the Act. This provision shall not preclude the County from dealing with the Corporation on an arms-length basis.

Section 10. Any net earnings of the Corporation beyond those necessary for retirement of indebtedness incurred by it shall inure to the County and not for the benefit of any other person. Alteration of the Charter of or dissolution of or audits of the Corporation shall be performed as provided by the Act and by subsequent ordinances of the County. Upon dissolution of the Corporation title to all property owned by the Corporation shall vest in the County.

Section 11. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 12. No revenue bond, or other document whereby the Corporation acquires assets shall be issued or written without making specific reference to this Ordinance creating such corporation and the charter granted to the same, drawing specific attention to the provisions of said ordinance and charter which define and limit the liability of the State of Idaho, the County, municipal or quasi municipal corporations, or agencies or subdivisions thereof. Specific portions of said ordinance and charter to be included in such reference shall be Section 9 of the Ordinance and Article VI of the Charter, and as the same may be changed, altered or amended from time-to-time; provided, however, such specific reference shall not be exclusive but shall be inclusive and such bond or document shall likewise make reference to the ordinance and charter as a whole with respect to conditions under which said bond or document are issued or written.

Section 13. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED by the Countisation of the County of Bingham, Idaho,

ATTEST)

Joan Esplit County Clerk

### EXHIBIT A

CHARTER OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT 326105

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BINGHAM, IDAHO

### ARTICLE I. NAME, SEAL AND DEFINITIONS

The name of this public corporation shall be the Industrial Development Corporation of Bingham County, Idaho.

The corporate seal of this public corporation shall be a circle with the name "The Industrial Development Corporation of Bingham County, Idaho"inscribed therein. As used in this Charter, unless otherwise required by context;

"Act" means Title 50, Chapter 27, Idaho Code, as amended (the "Act"); "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

"Corporation" means the Industrial Development Corporation of the County of Bingham, Idaho.

"Governing Body" means the Commission of the County.

"Industrial development facilities" means the same as such term means for the purpose of the Act;

"County" means the County of Bingham, Idaho.

"Ordinance" means Ordinance 84-7 of the County passed on the 10th day of September, 1984, pursuant to which the Corporation is created.

# ARTICLE II. CREATION OF THE CORPORATION AND GRANT OF POWER

The Corporation is a public corporation organized pursuant to the Act and the Ordinance. The Corporation is hereby granted all powers authorized by the Act.

### ARTICLE III. DURATION OF THE CORPORATION

Unless modified by State law or by an ordinance of the County, the duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

# ARTICLE IV. PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION

The purpose of the Corporation is to function as a public corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Act and the Ordinance and to issue tax exempt nonrecourse revenue bonds to finance industrial development facilities located within the corporate boundaries of the County. The financing of industrial development facilities within the corporate boundaries of the County is for the purpose of promoting higher employment, encouraging the development of new jobs, maintaining and supplementing the capital investments in industry that currently exist within the State of Idaho, encouraging future employment by ensuring future capital investment, attracting environmentally sound industry within the corporate boundaries of the County and to the State of Idaho, protecting and enhancing the quality of natural resources and the environment, and promoting the production and conservation of energy. This charter shall not be construed to limit or restrict the purposes of the Act, but shall be liberally construed to effect such purpose.

### ARTICLE V. POWERS OF THE CORPORATION

- 1. The Corporation shall have all the powers granted to public corporations by the Act. Such powers include, without limitation, the following powers:
- (a) To locate, construct and maintain one or more industrial development facilities;
- (b) To lease to a lessee all or part of any industrial development facility for such rentals and upon terms and conditions, including renewal of the lease or options to purchase, as its Board of Directors consider advisable and not in conflict with the Act;
- (c) To sell by installment contract or otherwise and convey all or any part of any industrial development facility for such purchase price and upon such terms and conditions as its Board of Directors consider advisable which are not in conflict with the Act;
- (d) To make loans for the purpose of providing temporary or permanent financing or refinancing of all or part of the project cost of any industrial development facility, including the refunding of any outstanding obligations, mortgages, or advances issued, made, or given by any person for the project costs; and to charge and collect interest on the loans for the loan payments upon such terms and conditions as its Board of

Directors consider advisable which are not in conflict with the Act:

- (e) To issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing all or part of the project cost of any industrial development facility and to secure the payment of the revenue bonds as provided in the Act; provided that issuance of revenue bonds for facilities pursuant to the Act shall not preclude the issuance of additional revenue bonds in connection with the same facility, and provided that any subsequent bond issue shall recognize and protect any prior pledge made for any prior issue of revenue bonds;
- (f) As security for the payment of the principal of and interest on revenue bonds issued and any agreements made in connection therewith, to mortgage, pledge, or otherwise encumber any or all of its industrial development facilities or any part of the parts thereof, whether then owned or thereafter acquired, and to assign any mortgage and repledge any security conveyed to the Corporation, to secure any loan made by the Corporation and to pledge the revenues and receipts therefrom;
- (g) To sue and be sued, complain, and defend in its corporate name;
- (h) To make contracts and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient for the carrying out of its business.
- (i) To make a corporate seal and to use the same by causing it, or a facsimile thereof, to be impressed or affixed or in any manner reproduced;

- (j) Subject to the limitations of Section 50-2706 of the Act, to borrow money, accept grants from, or contract with any local, state or federal governmental agency or with any financial, public or private corporation;
- (k) To make and alter bylaws not inconsistent with this Charter or the Act for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Corporation;
- (1) To collect fees or charges from users or prospective users of industrial development facilities to recover actual or anticipated administrative costs;
- (m) To execute financing documents incidental to the powers enumerated in this sub-section;
- (n) To have any and all other powers granted to public . corporations under the Act; and
- (o) To adopt resolutions authorizing any of the actions provided for herein;
- 2. Revenue bonds issued pursuant to the Act shall bear the seal of the Corporation, which may either be physically impressed thereon or printed as a facsimile thereof, and the signature of the President of the Board, or in his absence and in his stead, the Vice-President, and the signature of the Secretary of the Board, or in his absence and in his stead, the Assistant Secretary. The signatures may either be manual or facsimile, or a combination thereof.

### ARTICLE VI. LIMITATIONS ON THE CORPORATION

- 1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation beyond those necessary to retire indebtedness incurred by it shall inure to the benfit of, or be distributable to, anyone other than the County. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, title to all property owned by the Corporation shall vest in the County.
- 2. The County may not give or lend any money or property in aid of the Corporation except as expressly authorized by the Act. This provision shall not preclude the County from dealing with the Corporation on an arms-length basis.
- 3. The Corporation may not issue revenue obligations except upon the approval of the County and upon the approval of the County within whose planning jurisdiction the proposed industrial development facility lies.
- 4. No revenue bonds may be issued by the Corporation unless the Board makes a finding that in its opinion the interest paid on the bonds will be exempt from income taxation by the Federal Government.
- 5. Revenue bonds issued by the Corporation shall not be considered to constitute a debt of the State of Idaho, of the County or of any other county corporation, municipal corporation, quasi-county corporation, subdivision or agency of the State of Idaho or of said County, or to pledge any or all of the faith and credit of any of those entities.

- 6. Revenue bonds issued by the Corporation shall be payable soley from the revenues derived as a result of the industrial development facilities funded by the revenue bonds, including, without limitation, amounts received under the terms of any financial documents or by reason of any additional security furnished by the user of the industrial development facility in connection with the financing thereof, and money and other property received from private sources.
- 7. Each revenue bond issued by the Corporation shall contain on its face statements to the effect that:
- (a) Neither the State of Idaho nor the County or any other county corporation, municipal corporation, quasi-county corporation, subdivision or agency of the State or County is obligated to pay the principal or the interest thereon;
- (b) No tax funds or governmental revenue may be used to pay the principal or interest thereon; and
- (c) Neither any or all of the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State of Idaho, the County or any other county corporation, municipal corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, or other subdivision or agency thereof is pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on the revenue bond.
- 8. The Corporation may incur only those financial obligations which will be paid from revenue received pursuant to financing documents, from fees or charges paid by users or

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prospective users of the industrial development facilities funded by the revenue bonds, or from the proceeds of revenue bonds..

- 9. The Corporation has no power of eminent domain nor any power to levy taxes or special assessments.
- 10. The Corporation has no authority to incur or create any liability that permits recourse by any contracting party or member of the public to any assets, services, resources, or credit of the County or any municipal or quasi-municipal corporation, or agency or subdivision thereof.
- 11. The County shall have access to the books and records of the Corporation at all times.
- 12. The Corporation may not operate any industrial development facility as a business other than as lessor, seller, or lender. The purchase and holding of mortgages, deeds of trust, and other security interests, and contracting for any servicing thereof, is not considered the operation of an industrial development facility.
- 13. The Corporation may not exercise any of the powers authorized in Article V or issue any revenue bonds with respect to any industrial development facility unless the industrial development facility is located wholly within the boundaries of the County, except that energy facilities and solid waste disposal facilities may be located partially or wholly outside the boundaries of the County upon approval of the County and

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planning and zoning approval of each county or city within whose planning jurisdiction the proposed industrial development facility lies.

- 14. The Corporation shall be subject of all other limitations set forth in Section 50-2706 of the Act, which limitations are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- 15. No revenue bond, or other document whereby the Corporation acquires assets shall be issued or written without making specific reference to this Ordinance creating such corporation and the charter granted to the same, drawing specific attention to the provisions of said ordinance and charter which define and limit the liability of the State of Idaho, the County, municipal or quasi-municipal corporations, or agencies or subdivisions thereof. Specific portions of saidordinance and charter to be included in such reference shall be Section 9 of the Ordinance and Article VI of the Charter, and as the same may be changed, altered or amended from time-to-time; provided, however, such specific reference shall not be exclusive but shall be inclusive and such bond or document shall likewise make reference to the ordinance and charter as a whole with respect to conditions under which said bond or document are issued or written.

# ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION OF THE CORPORATION

1. Management of the affairs of the Corporation shall

reside in the Board, the Board shall be comprised of the members as provided, and subject to the exceptions set forth, in the Ordinance.

2. The members of the Board shall elect officers as provided in the Ordinance. The Board shall oversee the activities of the Corporation, establish or implement policy, participate in corporate activities as necessary and have stewardship for management in determination of all corporate affairs.

### ARTICLE VIII. RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF DIRECTORS

- 1. No director, officer, agent, employee or official of the Corporation may have a direct or indirect financial interest in any property to be included in any contract for property, service or materials to be furnished or used in connection with any industrial development facility financed through the Corporation.
- 2. Every person who was or is a party to, or is threatened to be made a party to, or is involved in, any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or a person of whom he is the legal representative is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as its representative in any other enterprise, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Corporation to the fullest extent legally permissable under the laws of the

State of Idaho, from time-to-time, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgment, fines and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement), reasonably incurred or suffered by him in connection therewith. rights of indemnification shall be enforced in any manner desired by such person. Such rights of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights which such directors, officers or representatives may have or hereafter acquire, and without limiting the generality of such statement, they shall be entitled to their respective rights of indemnification under bylaw, agreement, provision of law, or otherwise, as well as their rights under this Article. The Board may adopt bylaws and/or rules and regulations from time-to-time with respect to indemnification to provide at all times the fullest indemnification permitted by the law of the State of Idaho, and may cause the Corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as its representative in any partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred in any such capacity or arising out of such status, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person.

ARTICLE IX.
BYLAWS

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The Board of Directors shall adopt bylaws and/or rules

and regulations to provide such rules for governing the Corporation and its activities as are not inconsistent with the Ordinance, this Charter and the Act, which action requires a majority vote of the whole Board. The Board may provide in the bylaws or rules or regulations for all matters relating to the governance of the Corporation, including but not limited to matters referred to elsewhere in this Charter for inclusion therein, and for the following:

- 1. The existence of committees and duties of any such committee;
  - 2. Regular and special meetings of the Board;
  - 3. Retention of staff or personnel;
    - 4. The relationship between the Corporation and County; and
- 5. Such other matters which may become necessary or important to the proper functioning of the Corporation.

### ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER

This charter may be amended by Ordinance of the County.

### ARTICLE XI. COMMENCEMENT OF THE CORPORATION

The existence of the Corporation shall commence at the time the enactment of the Ordinance becomes effective. A true and correct copy of this Charter, certified by the Clerk of the County as being on file with the County and having been duly issued by the County, together with a certified copy of the Ordinance, shall be filed in the permanent records of the Corporation.

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EXHIBIT A

# ARTICLE XII. MISCELLANEOUS

Audits, dissolutions, alterations of this Charter, trusteeships, and other matters affecting the Corporation shall be in compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance and Act.

DATED this 10 day of Light, 1984.

BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board met to hold an Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(e), to consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which this governing body is in competition with another governing body. Commissioner Jackson moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(e), to consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which this governing body is in competition with another governing body. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both in favor. The Board moved into Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Jackson moved to go out of Executive Session. Chairman Manwaring seconded. The Board moved out of Executive Session at 12:15 p.m.

Decision: There was no decision to be made on the record.

### MEETING WITH GEOBITMINE TO RECEIVE PROJECT UPDATES

Present: Troy Lenhart- Road & Bridge Supervisor

Kraig Edwards- Weeds Supervisor

Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director

Ryan Jolley- Prosecuting Attorney/County Civil Attorney

Dusty Whited- Public Works Director

Addie Jo Jackman- Planning & Development Assistant Director

Via Zoom: Jay Jorgensen- GeoBitmine

Alicia Atkinson- GeoBitmine Krysta Aten-Schell- GeoBitmine

Teresa McKnight- REDI

The Board met with GeoBitmine to receive project updates.

Chairman Manwaring stated there is an issue with a second utility box being placed in the right-of-way. Chairman Manwaring stated that he is aware of emails from Rocky Mountain Power who stated at one point it was believed that the utility boxes were owned by the power company, which is not the case but in fact they are owned by GeoBitmine. Krysta Aten-Schell agreed that there was some confusion as to who owned the utility boxes. Mr. Whited stated that the email he received was from Juan Ramiro, with Rocky Mountain Power, stating that the vault and the cabinet are in fact owned by GeoBitmine. Ms. Aten-Schell stated she had received an email from Ned Bennett, with PacifiCorp, stating that Rocky Mountain Power believes that the utility box is customer owned as well.

Chairman Manwaring stated in the mix of things, the application that was turned in originally that Mr. Whited reviewed showed only one utility box and he was not sure of where the second utility box came into the plan. Ms. Aten-Schell stated that the first utility box was the original primary vault but that GeoBitmine was told that they needed to provide secondary switch gear, which is the second box on site. The layout showed the original primary vault with the 45-degree angle and Rocky Mountain Power asked that it be revised.

Chairman Manwaring stated the main issue is that the second utility box has been placed within the rightof-way, which causes safety issues for the county and that the county should have been notified prior to the box being placed.

Mr. Whited asked Ms. Aten-Schell when the decision was made that there needed to be a secondary utility box and why there was not a permit or updated site plan submitted to the County? Ms. Aten-Schell stated that she would need to check the drawings but she believes that it was around the time that GeoBitmine was submitting for the right-of-way permit and that it may have come after the original approval. Ms. Aten-Schell stated she knows that there was back and forth because the electrical drawings did not go to the county for permit review and therefore, she would have to look at the drawing dates to be sure.

Chairman Manwaring reiterated that when something is within the right-of-way, it is a safety issue and if there were to be an accident, the county would be responsible.

Chairman Manwaring asked for a site update and if the project was operational as there was a site visit conducted today (October 17, 2024) and it seems that there are boxes running. Ms. Aten-Schell stated when she was on-site on inspection day, there were testing of electrical fans being conducted but she is not certain. Jay Jorgensen stated that there was testing of different fans and electrical equipment and that the sole capacity is 6 megawatts but the investors are aware the only testing of equipment is being completed. Therefore, what was heard by county employees was testing of fans but not operating without a Certificate of Occupancy. Chairman Manwaring stated for final approval from Planning & Development is stairs over the flood wall, final elevation certificate and flood wall installed. Ms. Aten-Schell stated that the issue with the flood wall curb is the question of the transformer location for the vault. If there was an alternative path of leaving it where it is, the concrete curb could be installed within one week. If that is not an option, other options need to be explored.

Mr. Whited stated that one thing that the county will need for the vault is a drawing showing what is going to be required for a curb. Mr. Whited stated there was conversation held with Ms. Aten-Schell via telephone but that he would need a drawing showing specific requirements. Ms. Olsen stated that information is part of the Flood Plain Development Permit that the county is waiting on, is the design and specification on that flood wall protection and as of right now that has not been provided. Ms. Aten-Schell stated that information has not been provided as GeoBitmine wanted to understand the position and location of the vault. The intention is that the concrete curb be built immediately at the edge of the existing vault and at the vault itself, it only needs to be 4-inches high above the existing grade and that is not going to interfere with cabinet doors. Ms. Aten-Schell they have already measured and will include the secondary switch cabinet as well and will have to be offset from that one 10-feet but it is on the side of the property and not the roadway side of the property and as the grade slopes down, more of the wall will be exposed. Ms. Aten-Schell stated that said drawing can be provided to the county.

Ms. Olsen stated that Gwen Inskeep, County Surveyor, was out on the property looking at some of the structures and updating the survey when she observed that there was equipment running, which caused concern with Legal Counsel, herself, Dusty Whited and the County Commissioners. Ms. Olsen referred to Commission Minutes from the meeting held on August 7, 2024, when GeoBitmine had asked for the equipment to be turned on while processing building permits and prior to being issued. The minutes are clear and stated that equipment is not to be turned on for testing or anything until the Certificate of Occupancy's are issued.

Ms. Olsen stated she met with a staff member of GeoBitmine while on site who stated that equipment had been on and that the project had been in testing phase for a little while. Ms. Olsen stated that is something that the county wanted to understand what was going on because it is not the understanding of the county under the Stop Work Order, wherein there was to be no equipment turned on because it is not flood protected and not an approved CO. Ms. Aten-Schell stated that was her understanding as well and that there was not to be equipment on but believed that the discussion during the last meeting held was that there was electrical testing that needed to be completed but that is the extent of what she knew GeoBitmine was doing. Jay Jorgensen agreed with Ms. Aten-Schell.

Chairman Manwaring asked how long the testing of equipment would be conducted, to which Ms. Aten-Schell stated once they have the C of O, and are fully operational, that testing period is supposed to be approximately three (3) months to gather heat data but have an engineering team, that will be meeting them on the heat capture design but the field-testing data is needed in order to proceed.

Ms. Olsen stated that she looked at the electrical permits that GeoBitmine has with the state and it does look like those were approved on August 15, 2024 and asked Ms. Aten-Schell if the equipment being testing would need to have been testing to be sure it was running as a part of that electrical inspection and stated that she wants to be sure that the project is not in the bitcoin mining testing HVAC phase prematurely. Ms. Aten-Schell stated that she does not believe that they have been and asked Mr. Jorgensen if he had any comments on what has been occurring on site as he has been more present. Mr. Jorgensen stated to his understanding, they do not have control over the software and that there is no bitcoin mining going on but that it is testing of the operation of the equipment for the heat but again no mining being generated. Mr. Jorgensen added that they are aware there is not to be operating occurring until the C of O is issued.

Ms. Olsen stated that she would defer her next question to Legal Counsel and stated that it is clear from the minutes and meeting held previously that nothing was going to be turned on according to the Building Official, until the CO's were issued. The point of asked GeoBitmine for a testing phase was to test the equipment to get the HVAC correct. Ms. Olsen stated from being on site today, it is more than observed that things were turned on as she saw several of the temporary structures, the ACVR, fans were moving and the main point again is that that equipment is not flood protected and with the Flood Plain Permit, it has not been inspected or issued to guarantee flood protection is met.

Mr. Jorgensen stated that his understanding is that the fans are operational and running but there is no bitcoin mining occurring. Mr. Jorgensen asked if they are allowed to have any power on at all, including to the network shed or to have internet. Ms. Olsen stated under the Stop Work Order that is still in effect, Chase Clark, Building Official, stated that they could run all of the underground wires into those structures because that was a safety issue but that is all that could be done and the structures could not be turned on and in operation because they are not flood protected underneath an approved CO.

Chairman Manwaring stated that he is not opposed to having surveillance cameras operating but that would be added to the Commission Agenda on Friday for approval. Commissioner Jackson stated that he also would be in favor of allowing power for security purposes only. Mr. Jorgensen stated he appreciates the Commissioners but according to what Tiffany Olsen is stating, no electricity at all for any reason. Ms. Olsen stated the minutes state that GeoBitmine can turn on power for testing upon completion of flood plain matters, elevation permits, inspections and that building permits could then be issued. Therefore, no power can be turned on for any level of testing until the CO's are issued and she was under the impression that Ms. Aten-Schell was following that with as diligently as she was working on the building permit submissions. Ms. Aten-Schell stated that was certainly the case and that obviously her mind has been the design realm of the project and focusing that all requirements for permit applications are met, which she made the effort to do. Ms. Aten-Schell stated it sounds as though there was a crosswire about commissioning of systems and although she understands a stop work order for a job means there is an issue with a permit. All work was stopped and the permits were submitted and asked if they could continue with the electrical installation, which to her mind would have included commissioning of systems but if that is not the cause, they would certainly address that until issues are resolved. Ms. Aten-Schell stated she could provide the plans for the curb location and asked that once the drawing is issued, what the process would be for determining if the plan is allowable, as the last she understood from the communications was that there did not seem to be a variance or pathway to allow the curb to remain.

Mr. Whited stated that there is no variance for the ordinance and that there is still missing information. The location of the wall is going to be critical, among a few other pieces of information. Mr. Whited stated that the county is looking at any options that are available in order to help with the issue but the required information is needed. Again, Mr. Whited stated there is not a variance for private utilities to be within the right-of-way, which is why he wanted to figure out who has the ownership of the second box because if it had been under the ownership of Rocky Mountain Power but since it is privately owned it makes the situation difficult.

Ms. Aten-Schell clarified that the ownership of the vault has been problematic as it was the understanding of GeoBitmine that this was the decision of Rocky Mountain Power as to the placement and she believes that was their understanding as well. Ms. Aten-Schell stated that she would like to reiterate that there was no intention of not following any guidelines or rules. She stated that she appreciates the understanding of the county and its assistance in finding a path forward.

Ms. Aten-Schell asked if it was feasible to transfer ownership of the of the utility box to Rocky Mountain Power, if they were amenable to that option. Mr. Whited stated if Rocky Mountain Power is willing to take ownership, that would definitely change things because the difference is as a public utility, state law allows the right to be in the public right of way but under private ownership, it is an encroachment and cannot be in the public right-of-way. It is a very clear line between public utilities and private utilities. Ms. Aten-Schell stated in her mind it would be work asking Rocky Mountain Power if they would take ownership. She does

not see it being a liability from the perspective of Rocky Mountain Power and she would be willing to look into that option.

Mr. Whited explained to Ms. Aten-Schell that all documents, including the survey, pertaining to the project, have clearly shown that right-of-way as a 35-foot. Ms. Aten-Schell stated that she does not recall the 35-foot right-of-way being shown on the survey exhibit but that she would review that document.

Ms. Olsen stated during the meeting on August 1, 2024 with herself, Krysta Aten-Schell, Jay Jorgensen and Chase Clark, right after the Stop Work Order was issued and Ms. Aten-Schell provided notes that she had taken wherein it also shows that "Tiffany and Chase confirmed that GeoBitmine is allowed to complete the electrical terminations at the structures to ensure wiring is safely completed but cannot turn on until structures are fully permitted. Ms. Olsen stated that is fairly evident and supports conversations and recollections and it is important that those structures do not have power running until they are fully permitted. Ms. Aten-Schell stated she believes all are in agreeance with that. Mr. Jorgensen stated that he would have fans shut off right away.

Chairman Manwaring asked for the status of the greenhouse as all are aware of the December 31, 2024 deadline, per the signed lease. Ms. Aten-Schell stated the project was over budget and revised the footprint of the greenhouse, which she has been working on revised site plan information. During one of the last conversations held, she believes that one of the Commissioners was that they would like to approach the board in November when GeoBitmine had a more solid milestone schedule from the greenhouse vendor that had clear finish dates so that a timeline is known in order to ask for any possible amendment or an addendum to the current lease, stating that due to project conditions there will be additional time and to set a new operational date. Ms. Aten-Schell stated that it is cost issue and the investors were not going to add to the budget, which meant that the size of the greenhouse needed to be adjusted. The revised drawings will be available soon and she will provide the same to the county for review.

Chairman Manwaring asked for a status update on the water right transfer, wherein Mr. Jorgensen explained that GeoBitmine will be drilling its own well and will be using the existing rights of county but will have two separate wells, that way there will not be any confusion on metering of the water, which has been determined by Rocky Mountain Environmental. At the time that Commissioner Bair was in office and assisting with this matter, to his knowledge that was where the plan left off. It was confirmed that the location of the new well will be shown in the updated site plan. Ms. Olsen stated that conversation regarding the well should start sooner than later. From a planning perspective on where the well is that also takes the Boards approval as infrastructure on the property but there are certain setbacks from wells to septic systems, structures and property lines and not knowing what the footprint is for the new greenhouse, that will need to be aware of what the plan is. There is also a distance requirement from a well to a well. Ms. Olsen asked for clarification from Mr. Jorgensen that the plan is to use the water rights that GeoBitmine has ascertained by transfer at the location of a new well, to which he confirmed.

Chairman Manwaring asked if GeoBitmine has an independent project manager or anything similar for proceeding, to which Ms. Aten-Schell stated there would be a general contractor that will hold a single contract and will be responsible for all coordination but internally there has been more discussion with the electron team and investors about project management from their side as well so that any changes or issues are coming up because things were sped along, can be addressed in a timely manner.

Chairman Manwaring clarified that Dusty Whited will work on the right-of-way issue and that GeoBitmine should be in contact with Rocky Mountain Power on ownership of the utility box. Upon any updates all individuals will need to email Ms. Olsen, to keep up to date on what is occurring. The Board will add an agenda item for Friday morning to confirm approval to allow internet and electricity to be running onsite for security usage only.

Nothing Further.

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2024

Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk-

MÉLA W. ECKHARDT, CLERK

STATE OF IDAHO

: ss. )

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

**County of Bingham** 

THE BOARD OF BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION. The following matters were considered:

PRESENT:

Chairman Manwaring

Commissioner Jackson

Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk

APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE

The Board met to approve one (1) Alcohol License, which was as follows:

The Short Stop

License No. 43.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Alcohol License as presented. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2024 COMMISSION MINUTES

The Board met to approve and sign Commission Minutes for the month of September 2024.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve and sign Commission Minutes for the month of September 2024. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF MODEL AIRPLANE LANDING STRIP AGREEMENT WITH BLM

The Board met to approve and sign the Application of Renewal of Model Airplane Landing Strip Agreement with BLM.

Chairman Manwaring explained that this model airplane landing strip is utilized by several Bingham County Citizens and therefore, renewal of said agreement is necessary and beneficial.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve and sign the Application for Renewal of Model Airplane Landing Strip Agreement with BLM. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

APPROVAL & SIGNING OF PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH COURT DISTRICT MANAGER- ADULT AND JUVENILE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The Board met to approve and sign the Personal Services Agreement for Mental Health Court District Manager- Adult and Juvenile Seventh Judicial District.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve and sign the Personal Services Agreement for Mental Health Court District Manager- Adult and Juvenile Seventh Judicial District. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Present: Jeff Gardner- Sheriff

The Board met with Sheriff Gardner to discuss updates with the Sheriff's Office, which included an update on the jail expansion project and jail inmate population.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Present: Dusty Whited-Public Works Director

Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk Laura Lora- Chief Deputy Clerk

Laraine Pope- Human Resources Director

The Board met to discuss updates within the Public Works Division, along with other agenda items.

Discussion was held in regards to the request for one (1) additional Solid Waste Truck Driver position. Mr. Whited explained that there was discussion held during budget planning in regards to the proposal for one (1) additional Solid Waste Truck Driver. Currently there is one Solid Waste Truck Driver and when that employee is off on vacation, they are using a Road and Bridge Truck Driver. Therefore, it would be beneficial to have an extra driver.

Chairman Manwaring nor Commissioner Jackson had any concerns in regards to the submitted request.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the request for one (1) additional Solid Waste Truck Driver position, at the salary of N15 Step 1, with the ability to offer up to an N15, Step 3. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

Next, discussion was held in regards to the submitted Prior Approval for Major Purchase of 2 conveyors for the crusher. Said purchase is in the amount of \$74,000.00 and is to be paid from Fund: 02-46-803-00.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Prior Approval for Major Purchase of 2 conveyors for the crusher. Said purchase is in the amount of \$74,000.00 and is to be paid from Fund: 02-46-803-00. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

MEETING WITH MAGGIE MANN TO RECEIVE A PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE FROM THE SOUTHEST IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH

Present: Maggie Mann- Southeast Idaho Public Health

The Board met with Maggie Mann to receive a public health update from the Southeast Idaho Public Health.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Present: Laraine Pope- Human Resources

The Board met with Laraine Pope to receive updates from the Human Resources Department, which included current recruitments, currently closed positions and discussion regarding increase in ICRMP insurance cost.

MEETING TO RECEIVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE H&M ESTATES SUBDIVISION

Present: Addie Jo Jackman- Planning & Development

The Board held a meeting to receive the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve the H & M Estates Subdivision. Chairman Manwaring welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were held

Addie Jo Jackman, Assistant Planning & Development Director, presented Staff Report for the record.

Based on the entire record and Staff Report, the Board finds:

- a. The Board found that the Application met the requirements in Bingham County Code Section 10-4-2(B) as the purpose of an Agriculture Zone is to preserve and protect the decreasing supply of agricultural land. This zone also is established to control the infiltration of urban development into agricultural areas which will adversely affect agricultural operations. The Application contains one lot in a much larger parcel size than required in the Agriculture Zoning District at 14.66 acres, is compatible with the surrounding area, and will continue to be farmed after the addition of one single family residence. Additionally, the proposed lot will have direct access off of 700 N Highline Road subject to permitting by Bingham County Road and Bridge; and
- b. The Board found that the Application still met the requirements of Bingham County Ordinance Section 10-14-4(A) because the Application was completed and included all items listed in 10-14-4(A) 1-23; and
- c. In determining the acceptance of the proposed Subdivision, the Commission considered the objectives of the ordinance and reviewed Section 10-14-4(D)(3).
  - The Board found the Application is consistent with the Bingham County Comprehensive Plan with the proposed lot size being greater than the minimum lot size in an Agricultural Zoning District with a Comprehensive Plan Map Area of Agriculture as referenced in Section 10-14-4(D)(3)(c); and
  - in reference to Section 10-14-4(D)(3)(d), the Board found the proposed Subdivision is requesting to have an individual septic system, subject to permitting from the Idaho Department of Public Health and a culinary well, subject to permitting from the Idaho Department of Water Resources; and
  - 3. there were no concerns addressed relating to the public's financial capability of accommodating services pursuant to Section 10-14-4(D)(3)(e); and
  - 4. there were no concerns related to health, safety, or environmental problems presented pursuant to Section 1-14-4(D)(3)(f).
- d. The Board found that the Application met the requirements in Bingham County Code Section and 10-14-4(B) as irrigation water will be assessed by the Snake River Irrigation Company utilizing one (1) inch/acre from the total 21.16 inches/acres of irrigation rights owned on the overall property by Jerry and Marshal Ivie in an open ditch system with the addition of an individual culinary well, septic system and drain field; and
- e. The Board found that the proposed Subdivision is considered to be consistent with the Bingham County Comprehensive Plan Map Area of Agriculture; and
- f. A brief discussion was held in regards to the condition put in place by the Planning & Zoning Commission, wherein Chairman Manwaring confirmed with Addie Jo Jackman, Planning & Development Assistant Director, that it was found that the ditch was not required to be buried, to which Ms. Jackman confirmed was correct.
- g. Commissioner Jackson had no concerns and stated that the Application met all requirements.

### **DECISION**

Commissioner Jackson moved to uphold the decision of the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve H and M Estates Subdivision, consisting of one (1) 14.66-acre residential lot to be created from a 21.16- acre parcel, located at 899 E. 700 N., Shelley, Idaho in an Agriculture zoning designation as proposed by Jerry and Marsha Ivie, subject to the following condition:

1. Plat changes as recommended by the Bingham County Surveyor with exception of burying the ditch in the frontage of the proposed subdivision shall be made.

Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

Request for Reconsideration/Judicial Review: Upon denial or approval of a Zone Change, with adverse conditions, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-6535(2)(b), the Applicant or affected person seeking Judicial Review of compliance with the provisions of this section must first seek reconsideration of the final decision within fourteen (14) days. Such written request must identify specific deficiencies in the decision for which reconsideration is sought.

Regulatory Takings: Additionally, the Applicant may request a regulatory takings analysis as per Idaho Code Section 67-8003. An affected person aggrieved by a final decision concerning matters identified in Section 67-6521(1)(a), Idaho Code may within twenty-eight (28) days after all remedies have been exhausted under local ordinance, seek Judicial Review as provided by Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code.

MEETING TO RECEIVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FREEDOM ESTATES SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAT

Present: Addie Jo Jackman- Planning & Development

The Board held a meeting to receive the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve the Freedom Estates Subdivision Preliminary Plat. Chairman Manwaring welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were held.

Addie Jo Jackman, Assistant Planning & Development Director, presented Staff Report for the record.

Based on the entire record and Staff Report, the Board finds:

- a. The Board found that the Subdivision Application met the purposes and use of the "R/A" zone as Bingham County Code Section 10-4-2 (C) provides for the establishment of low-density single-family dwellings with lot sized sufficient for individual sewer and water facilities. The Application contains lot sizes compatible with the surrounding area with lots proposing to be between 1.00-1.95 acres for single-family dwellings with individual sewer and water facilities, is compatible with existing residential and agricultural land uses in the immediate area, and has access to utilities. Adequate service by roadways is provided with Lots 1,2 and 6 having direct access to 25 S Grant Avenue with remaining lots 3,4 and 5 proposing access from a new 50-foot wide private road/easement on the west side of the Planning and Zoning Commission also found the County Public Works Director did not identify any concerns pertaining to the number of approaches nor the distance between approaches; and
- b. The Board found that the Application still met the requirements of Bingham County Ordinance Section 10-14-4(A) because the Application was completed and included all items listed in 10-14-4(A) 1-23; and

- c. The Board found that the Application met the requirements of Bingham County Code Section 10-14-4 (B)(a) and (f) as the Board took into consideration the previous septage disposal on the property creating potential adverse conditions as well as potential impacts on health, safety or environmental problems and what condition(s) were appropriate to address these concerns; and
- d. In determining the acceptance of the proposed subdivision, the Board considered the objectives of the ordinance and reviewed Section 10-14-4(D)(3).
  - The Board found the Application is consistent with the Bingham County Comprehensive Plan with proposed lot sizes that are consistent with the minimum lot size in a Residential/Agricultural Zoning District with a Comprehensive Plan Map Area of Residential Agriculture as referenced in Section 10-14-4(D)(3)(c); and
  - 2. In reference to Section 10-14-4(D)(3)(d), the Board found the proposed Subdivision is requesting to have individual septic systems on each lot, subject to permitting from the Idaho Department of Public Health; and
  - 3. There were no concerns addressed relating to the public's financial capability of accommodating services pursuant to Section 10-14-4(D)(3)(e); and
  - 4. Pursuant to Section 10-14-4(D)(3)(f), health, safety, or environmental concerns were raised by the Department of Environmental Quality who submitted testimony (Exhibit T-5A) regarding septage concerns and provided recommendations to require the Applicant to provide historical loading data, crop uptake data, timelines when septage was applied and the date when application ceased along with past and present soil sampling to show any long-term effects from septage land application. The Applicant's Representative informed the Planning & Zoning Commission that the property owners would conduct soil and well water sampling, regardless if a condition was placed on the approval of the subdivision, based upon the concerns expressed by the Department of Environmental Quality. With that, the Board agreed with the Planning & Zoning Commission and that the testing samples should be provided to the Planning & Development Services Department for review and notification of the historical septage land application shall be given to the Idaho Department of Public Health for their consideration.
- e. The Board found that the Application met the requirements in Bingham County Code Section 10-14-8(B) as irrigation water will be assessed by the Wearyrick Ditch Company and delivered through a new pressurized irrigation system, with a 10-foot wide easement on each lot, utilizing 16 shares. The Commission anticipated that the upgrades to the irrigation system may resolve previous issues with irrigation overflow and understood that construction plans of such system will be required prior to Final Plat; and
- f. Chairman Manwaring referred to (T-1) testimony from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, who provided a letter stated the DEQ was informed that the property at the location of this proposed subdivision was previously used for land applying septage from Randy Young's Septic Pumping Service, wherein DEQ recommended that the County require the Applicant to provide the historical loading data, crop uptake data, timelines when septage was applied and the date when application ceased, along with the past and present soil sampling to show that long-term effects from septage land application activities are not present. Chairman Manwaring stated there was no condition put in place by the Planning &

Zoning Commission and asked Addie Jo Jackman, Assistant Planning & Development Director, when the required information was to be submitted.

Ms. Jackman stated that was the recommendation of DEQ and that a condition placed. It was heard from Chris Street at the Public Hearing that such data historically could not be located. Ms. Jackman stated there was further discussion by the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding whether the request by DEQ was appropriate or could be handled through another measure outside of placing such a specific condition, wherein it was determined by the Planning & Zoning Commission that so long as Southeastern Idaho Public Health Department was notified, that such use was once a use on the property, they would be comfortable with allowing the Application to proceed.

Ms. Jackman stated that it was also heard from the Chris Street that there are mitigation measures as far as complex septic systems and water testing to assure safety.

- g. Chairman Manwaring stated there was an issue presented by a surrounding owner in regards to runoff, wherein Chris Street stated that a pressurized system would be placed and help with that issue.
- h. Commissioner Jackson had no concerns regarding the Application; and

### DECISION

Commissioner Jackson moved to uphold the decision of the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve the Freedom Estates Subdivision consisting of six (6) residential lots located at 755 W. 25 S., Blackfoot, Idaho on approximately 7.06 acres in a Residential/Agriculture zoning designation by Jason and Rebecca Young, subject to the following condition:

1. Southeastern Idaho Public Health Department be notified of the previous land use.

Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

Request for Reconsideration/Judicial Review: Upon denial or approval of a Zone Change, with adverse conditions, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-6535(2)(b), the Applicant or affected person seeking Judicial Review of compliance with the provisions of this section must first seek reconsideration of the final decision within fourteen (14) days. Such written request must identify specific deficiencies in the decision for which reconsideration is sought.

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THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 2024

PAMELA W. ECKHARDT, CLERK

Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk-----

WHITNEY MANWARING, CHAIRMAN

STATE OF IDAHO ) : ss. Friday, October 18, 2024
County of Bingham )

THE BOARD OF BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION. The following matters were considered:

PRESENT:

Chairman Manwaring Commissioner Jackson

Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk

### **CASH WARRANTS**

Cash Warrants were approved in the amount of \$3,382.68, \$8,156.01, \$8,159.16, \$1,960.00 and \$34,583.54, for a total of \$56,241.39.

### **CLAIMS**

Claims to be paid from Fiscal Year 2024 budget were approved in the amount of \$425,677.67.

Claims to be paid from Fiscal Year 2025 budget were approved in the amount of \$55,689.37.

### PERSONNAL ACTION FORMS

The Board to approve Personnel Action Forms, which were as follows:

New Employee Status Sheet:

Patrol Deputy

Part-Time Emergency Communications Officer

Detention Deputy Scale House Operator

Salary Increase Form:

Weeds Superintendent/Public Works Assistant

Administrative Assistant- Public Works

Road & Bridge Supervisor

**Probation Officer** 

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Cash Warrants, Claims, Administrative Documents and Personnel Action Forms for October 18, 2024. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

DECISION TO ALLOW GEOBITMINE TO HAVE INTERNET AND ELECTRICAL OPERATING FOR SECURITY/SECURITY FOOTAGE

Present:

Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development

Chase Clark- Building Official Gwen Inskeep- County Surveyor

The Board met to discuss and make a decision to allow GeoBitmine to have internet and electrical operating for security/security footage purposes only.

Chairman Manwaring stated there was a meeting held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, with GeoBitmine due to an issue with the Stop Work Order in place and the fact there were fans operating for testing.

Chairman Manwaring stated there had been issues wherein equipment and other items had been stolen. Discussion was held in regards to if GeoBitmine was allowed to have internet running in order to have functioning cameras for security purposes. Chairman Manwaring stated that he does not have an issue if

there is power to the security system in order to monitor equipment. Commissioner Jackson stated that he was in concurrence and had no issues.

Chase Clark, Building Official, stated that there was a Stop Work Order put in place to stop any work until GeoBitmine had received the proper permits. Recently the Stop Work Order has been lifted and there has been a permit approved but GeoBitmine still does not have a Certificate of Completion.

Ms. Olsen stated that she is in support of having a security camera running but within the motion, she would propose that the Board stated that a Certificate of Completion is required before any equipment can be turned on.

Chase Clark stated that he agreed with Ms. Olsen and that he is supports having a camera operating but his concern is the flood protection of structures and large utilities.

Ms. Olsen stated that there may be a breakdown in communication or clear understanding from when the Board meets with GeoBitmine or when she and Chase Clark meet with them. In this event, she has drafted a letter that she will be sending to Jay Jorgensen and Krysta Aten-Schell, which spells out what items are going to be required in order for GeoBitmine to obtain their Certificate of Occupancy, which are as follows: installation and inspection of the stairs over the flood wall, the county is still working on how to proceed with the illegally placed electrical infrastructure in the public right-of-way, GeoBitmine will continue to work with Public Works to determine that location for the 8x8 electrical service vault and cabinet, the county will need to see engineered designed specifications for the flood wall or the concrete curb that will go around the electrical infrastructure that will be uploaded to their flood plain development permit and be designed to meet FEMA standards, which will be required regardless of where cabinet is. Further, the Building Official, Chase Clark, will need to approve that design, GeoBitmine will install and will receive an inspection to be sure that criteria is met. Ms. Olsen stated that final certificates of elevation will be needed for all permitted structures and in the event the cabinet is moved, there will be a new certificate of elevation required. GeoBitmine will also need to provide an updated phase 1 site plan for approval. Therefore, there are quite a few items that are outstanding in order to obtain a Certificate of Completion.

Ms. Olsen stated that there will be a weekly meeting with all county team members and GeoBitmine every Monday at 10:00 a.m., in order to increase communication to be sure that the information being received is understood by all. Chairman Manwaring stated due to this project being on county property, especially to protect the county, communication needs to be open for all individuals involved to be on the same page.

Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to allow GeoBitmine to have internet and electrical operating for security purposes only. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL TUESDAY OCTOBER 22, 2024

PAMELA W. ECKHARDT, CLERK

Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk-----