

STATE OF IDAHO        )  
                              : ss.               Monday, December 2, 2024  
County of Bingham     )

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

**PRESENT:**               Chairman Manwaring  
                              Commissioner Jackson  
                              Commissioner Jensen  
                              Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk

**STAFF MEETING**

**Present:**               Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk  
                              Donavan Harrington- Assessor  
                              Debbie Cunningham- Chief Deputy Assessor  
                              Sheri Landon- Court Supervisor  
                              Joni Murphy- Magistrate Court Clerk  
                              Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director  
                              Dusty Whited- Public Works Director  
                              Kraig Edwards- Public Works  
                              Jordyn Nebeker- Chief Deputy Sheriff  
                              Mary Reyes- Probation Division  
                              Tanna Beal- County Treasurer  
                              Cody Lewis- Treatment Court  
                              Julie Buck- Extension Office  
                              Matt Galloway- IT Director  
                              Gordon Croft- Blackfoot Chief of Police

**Excused:**               Jimmy Roberts- County Coroner  
                              Scott Reese- Parks & Recreation/Emergency Services  
                              Laraine Pope- Human Resources Director  
                              Jason Marlow- Building Maintenance Supervisor  
                              Laura Lora- Payroll/Indigent Services  
                              Danette Miller- Elections Office  
                              Shawn Hill- Probation Department  
                              Jeff Gardner- Sheriff  
                              Ryan Jolley- Prosecuting Attorney/ County Legal Counsel

The Commissioners met with department heads and Elected Officials for the December 2024 Staff Meeting. Commissioner Jensen conducted the Staff Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Jensen conducted.

Approval of Minutes for Staff Meeting held in November 2024: A change was made to add the update provided by Julie Buck and said minutes were approved as written.

Special Presentation: None.

Safety Concerns: None.

Employee Years of Service Recognition: Sheri Landon recognized Joni Murphy for ten (10) years of service to Bingham County and stated that Joni works in the Magistrate Division, specifically on Civil cases for Judge Colson, Judge Hansen and any visiting Judge. Sheri stated that Joni is efficient, dedicated to her job, takes pride in her work and any assignment you give her, you know that it will be done to the best of

her ability. Sheri stated that when Judge Colson became Judge he had little experience with Civil work and between Joni and another clerk, he advised her that they were critical in helping him, which is one of the nicest compliments that a Clerk can receive. Joni is a great employee and one of the hardest working Clerks that she has worked with.

Joni Murphy: Stated that she is blessed to work with the people that she works with and she loves her job. Sheri Landon added that prior to working for the county, Joni worked for Baker and Harris, which brought a lot of experience with her. Joni added that prior to working for Baker and Harris she worked for Ada County Jail for ten (10) years as well.

Jordyn Nebeker: Recognized Jon Croxford for twenty-five (25) years of service to Bingham County. Jordyn stated that Jon was a huge mentor to him when he initially went to Patrol and he appreciates him. Jon was a part of the multi-agency SWAT team known as SRT and was good at giving advice to the younger deputies that may tend to run into risky situations. Jon worked in the jail for close to ten (10) years and although had a lot of times wherein he was not chosen to be promoted, he worked hard and is now a Sergeant over patrol.

Mary Reyes: Recognized Shawn Hill for twenty-five (25) years of service to Bingham County and read a letter on behalf of Shawn Hill, which states that He would like to thank Bingham County for allowing him to have a career in the criminal justice system in Idaho. He appreciates and enjoys working with all of the professionals that he has worked with throughout the State of Idaho and Bingham County. In addition to his responsibilities of being the Director of Probation Services for Bingham County, he also serves as the President of Idaho Association of Counties Misdemeanor Probation Administrative Association, Chair of Idaho Council for Juvenile Interstate Compact, a member of Idaho Juvenile Training Council and is also currently a member of the Fort Hall Drug Court Team. All of this he does as a representative of Bingham County and a professional in the Idaho Criminal Justice System. He would like to thank the Board for the recognition and it has been his pleasure to work for Bingham County.

Chairman Whitney Manwaring: Stated that he would like to thank all employees for their dedication and it is nice to hear that employees enjoy working for Bingham County.

Commissioner Eric Jackson: Had no updates at this time.

Commissioner Drew Jensen: Stated that he would like to thank everyone for making Bingham County a good working environment.

Clerk Pamela Eckhardt: Stated that she has provided all department heads and Elected Officials with expenditure reports, which included a summary and detailed report. For those that made changes in expense lines, there has been some items that were not placed in the correct line and she would like everyone to review their expenditures to be sure they are placed properly.

Clerk Pamela Eckhardt gave an update on behalf of Danette Miller in Elections, and stated that Bingham County was chosen as one of the eight (8) to do an audit by the Secretary of State's Office, which was completed at 100% with no issues. There were two (2) teams of Boise State Accounting students that came and reviewed three precincts by hand count. Clerk Eckhardt stated that she would like to compliment the Elections Office for their success and the way that the audit was organized and held. She would also like to thank Sheriff Gardner and Chad Kent for the Law Enforcement presence during the audit. As soon as Bingham County was chosen for the audit, all ballots were taken to be impounded and sealed in the Sheriff's Office. At the time of the audit, those ballots were brought into Commission Chambers

Donavan Harrington: Had no updates at this time.

Dusty Whited: Stated that the mountain roads are officially closed as of yesterday but there is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, to discuss reopening the mountain roads until weather no longer allows.

Sheri Landon: Stated that she would like to remind everyone that the breakroom upstairs is available for use again as the District Court remodel project is complete and the Clerks are moved back into the District Court office.

Tiffany Olsen: Stated that she has two (2) vacant positions for Building Inspectors and one (1) vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission, serving within the Shelley/Firth Area not inside of the Area of Impact. If anyone knows of anyone that may be interested please direct them to her office. The previous Building Official had resigned from the county and Jake Martin has been promoted to that position, wherein he will have several courses and certificates to complete prior to getting his Building Official Certification.

Cody Lewis: Stated that Misdemeanor Drug Court Graduation will be held December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m., and Felony Drug Court Graduation will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Jordyn Nebeker: Had no updates at this time.

Tanna Beal: Stated that taxes are due December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Julie Buck: Stated that Carmen Willmore is holding a Kidding and Lambing School on December 13, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. There will be an Herbs and Seasonings Class held on December 9, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. through 7:15 p.m., at the Extension Office. Lastly Reed Findlay will be holding an Ag Economic Seminar this month. All information can be located on the University of Idaho Extension Office Facebook page or calling the Extension Office.

Matt Galloway: Had no updates at this time.

Chief of Police- Gordon Croft: Stated that Idaho State University POST Graduation will be held on Friday, wherein the Blackfoot Police has one officer graduating. He would like to give a huge thank you to Erin Hidalgo for running the Santa's Helpers program. On Saturday the kids will meet at the Elks Lodge, then will be taken to Walmart to shop with a cop. This has been a great program and something they look forward to every year.

Chief Croft added that the Chamber Christmas Light Parade will also be held Saturday and therefore there will be road closures downtown.

Commissioner Jensen stated next Staff Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Nothing further.

#### REVIEW OF OPTIONS FOR PURCHASE OF NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND POTENTIAL DECISION-REQUESTED BY MATT GALLOWAY

Present:           Matt Galloway- IT Director  
                      James Coy- First Digital  
                      Jason Hiltan- First Digital  
                      Teresa Hottel- Summit Communications  
                      Jacon Knowlton- Summit Communications

The Board met to review options for purchase of new telephone system and potential decision.

Presentations were reviewed and both entities had the opportunity to answer any questions the Board had.

Chairman Manwaring stated that he would like to receive input from each department head and elected official as to which company they would prefer.

No decision was made at this time.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Present: Jason Marlow- Building Maintenance

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

DISCUSSION & DECISION REGARDING PURCHASE OF EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR LHTAC BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT- REQUESTED BY DUSTY WHITED

Present: Gwen Inskeep- County Surveyor  
Kraig Edwards- Public Works  
Dusty Whited- Public Works Director

The Board met to hold discussion and make a potential decision regarding the purchase of easement and Right-of-Way for LHTAC Bridge Replacement Project.

Mr. Edwards stated this project is for two bridges. The first one is on Country Club Road Over Little Sand Creek and the second one is on 400 North over the Corbett Slough. The proposed documents before the Board today are for the purchase of right-of-way and temporary easements for both bridges. Chairman Manwaring confirmed that this request is to widen the bridges.

Gwen Inskeep stated that she was unaware that this was occurring until Wednesday when she was sent the plans. There are a few small corrections that should be made to the Warranty Deed documents and also a couple of questions that she has for the Board as well. Specifically, within the acreage and the values proposed, along with the change of Grantee from Bingham County Road and Bridge to Bingham County. There is also an encroachment issue on the one for Corbett Slough that should be addressed. Mr. Whited will forward the proposed changes onto LHTAC for updating to the documents.

Mr. Whited confirmed that once these documents are approved, LHTAC will contact the landowners in regards to the proposal. Commissioner Jensen questioned what would happen if the landowner does not accept the offer, wherein Mr. Whited explained that LHTAC would have to negotiate with the landowner.

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the LHTAC Offer along with making the changes proposed by the County Surveyor. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4, 2024



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



WHITNEY MANWARING, CHAIRMAN

STATE OF IDAHO        )  
                              : ss.                Wednesday, December 4, 2024  
County of Bingham    )

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PRESENT:               Chairman Manwaring  
                              Commissioner Jackson  
                              Commissioner Jensen  
                              Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk

**CASH WARRANTS**

One (1) Cash Warrant was approved in the amount of \$49,991.00.

**COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO**

The Board approved one (1) Certificate of Residency document, which was sent to the College of Western Idaho for the following Bingham County student: Dayani Gomez.

**COLLEGE OF EASTERN IDAHO**

The Board approved one (1) Certificate of Residency document, which was sent to the College of Eastern Idaho for the following Bingham County student: Jeremiah E. Behling.

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve and sign Cash Warrants, Claims and Administrative documents for December 4, 2024. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

**TAX INQUIRY DOCUMENTS**

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

MH352532IWO24A	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for the Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP0465605	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for the Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP1040300	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for the Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP0520817	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for the Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP2060800	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for the Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP1192600	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for the Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP0537000	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for the Homeowners Exemption for 2024

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve Tax Inquiry documents submitted by the County Assessor. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Present:               Dusty Whited- Public Works Director  
                              Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director  
                              Troy Lenhart- Road & Bridge Supervisor

The Board met with Dusty Whited to discuss updates within the Public Works Division and other agenda items.

Mr. Whited explained the proposed amendments to be made to the Bingham County Road Standards Manual in order to remove verbiage regarding cluster and group mailboxes. There were several changes that are to be made and Mr. Whited would proceed with making said changes. After said changes have been made, he will provide said changes to Lindsey Dalley, Commission Clerk, to place within a Resolution for final approval by the Board.

Discussion was held in regards to re-opening mountain roads weather permitting and until further notice. The Board was in favor of re-opening the mountain roads due to there being no snow. Chairman Manwaring reviewed the proposed resolution in regards to this matter and asked for a motion on the same.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve Bingham County Resolution 2024-46, a Resolution and Order changing the use of county roads. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried and said resolution was adopted as follows:**



BINGHAM COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2024-46

RESOLUTION AND ORDER CHANGING THE USE OF COUNTY ROADS

Pursuant to Idaho Code §31-714, 67-7109(5) and the Bingham County Snowmobile Trail Ordinance, it is hereby resolved and ordered by the Bingham County Commissioners as follows:

**Section 1: Road Use Change.** The Following roads shall be re-opened to use by conventional motor vehicles commencing at 9:00 a.m. on the December 4, 2024, weather depending and until further notice:

Wolverine & Sellars Creek Road from the mouth of the Narrows at approximately 1606 East Wolverine Road in Section 11, T 2S, R38 EBM to 2550 E 400 N, the intersection of Blackfoot Reservoir Road and Sellars Creek Road. Also, the Taylor Creek Road from the intersection with Wolverine Road north to just south of Blatter Farms at approximately 1735 E 1000 N. Also, from the Blackfoot Reservoir Road/Sellars Creek intersection north to the Bingham County line. This opening also applies from the intersection of the Blackfoot River Road and the Cedar Creek Road at approximately 1510 E 100 N to the Lincoln Creek Road easterly to the Bingham County, Caribou County line. And further east to the Blackfoot Reservoir Road north to the Sellars Creek intersection. Also includes Long Valley Road.

**Section 2: Notice**

Notice of the road use change will be posted at each public entrance to the roadway and advertised in The Idaho State Journal/Post Register. For further information and map locations, contact Bingham County Road and Bridge between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 208-782-3173.

DATED: December 4, 2024



ATTEST:

  
Pamela W. Eckhardt  
Bingham County Clerk

BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSION

  
Whitney Marwaring, Chairman

  
Eric Jackson Commissioner

  
Drew Jensen, Commissioner

PUBLIC HEARING IN REGARDS TO REQUEST FOR ROAD VALIDTION PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE TITLE 40, CHAPTER 2, GENERALLY LOCATED AT 580 WEST BEEHIVE DRIVE, BLACKFOOT IDAHO, REQUESTED BY ED GORDER JR.

Present:       Dusty Whited- Public Works Director  
                  Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director  
                  Gwen Inskeep- County Surveyor  
                  Troy Lenhart- Road & Bridge Supervisor  
                  Ed Gorder Jr- Applicant  
                  Kaylynn Gorder- Applicant

The Board met to hold a Public Hearing in regards to the request for Road Validation pursuant to Idaho Code Title 40, Chapter 2, generally located at 580 West Beehive Drive, Blackfoot, Idaho, requested by Ed Gorder Jr. Chairman Manwaring welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were held.

Mr. Whited explained that he has been contacted by Mr. Gorder approximately one (1) year ago in regards to the possibility of a private road, Beehive Drive, becoming an official county public road. He stated that that Public Works surveyed the road and made recommendations as to things that needed to be completed so that if the Board did choose to accept the road, the road would meet county standards. Mr. Whited stated that during the last meeting held, the Board stated if Mr. Gorder chip sealed on top of the other improvements that had been made, they would be in favor of accepting the road. Kaylynn Gorder confirmed that a fog seal was also completed on the road.

Mr. Whited stated that Mr. Ed Gorder has met all requirements and is in favor of Beehive Drive being accepted as a county public road.

Discussion was held in regards to Mr. Gorder contacting Black Diamond Paving in order to request a document confirming the one-year warranty on work completed to Beehive Drive. Mr. Gorder confirmed that he would do so and would provide said document to the Commission Clerk.

Chairman Manwaring reviewed the Commission Packet prepared by the Commission Clerk for the record confirming that all requirements had been met. Commission Clerk confirmed that all fees had been paid by the Applicant and therefore there is nothing further due at this time.

Mr. Gorder stated that he had nothing to add other than he would like to thank the Road and Bridge Department for working with him on this matter.

Chairman Manwaring asked if there was any testimony in favor, wherein there was none.

Chairman Manwaring asked if there was any testimony in neutral, wherein there was none.

Chairman Manwaring asked if there was any testimony in opposition, wherein there was none.

The Public Hearing was closed to public testimony and the Board held deliberation, which was as follows:

Chairman Manwaring stated that Mr. Gorder has met with the Board several times and has met all requirements. Therefore, he is in favor accepting Beehive Drive as a county public road.

Commissioner Jackson stated that he appreciates the Applicant making the changes as required by Road and Bridge in order to meet requirements.

Commissioner Jensen stated that in listening to Mr. Whited and Mr. Lenhart speak prior to the Public Hearing, there was mention of large rocks that are to the side of the road and asked if there was a chance of moving those so as to not be in the way and not damage county snow plows or other equipment. Mr.



Gorder stated that he would do so and will get in contact with the other lot owner who also has a large rock that may be in the way.

Nothing Further.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the validation and acceptance of 580 West Beehive Drive, requested by Ed Gorder Jr. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The Motion carried. Chairman Manwaring added that Mr. Gorder will contact Black Diamond Paving to request documentation confirming the one-year warranty on the work completed on the road.**

#### MEETING TO SIGN FINAL PLAT FOR WOODSY ACRES AT CREEK COVE SUBDIVISION & KAMBRIDGE SUBDIVISION

Due to a scheduling conflict this matter is requested to be continued until 11:30 a.m., due to Chairman Manwaring not being available and there is no quorum, due to Commissioner Jensen voting on the two items in his previous position as Planning & Zoning Commission Member.

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to continue the signing of Woodsy Acres at Creek Cove Subdivision and Kambridge Subdivision, to 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

#### APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

**Chairman Manwaring moved to appoint Commissioner Jackson as Temporary Chairman. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

#### DISCUSSION & POTENTIAL DECISION REGARDING VEHICLE FOR THE EXTENSION OFFICE

Present: Julie Buck- Extension Office

The Board met to hold discussion and make a potential decision regarding the Extension Office vehicle.

Julie Buck explained that the 2010 Dodge Caravan currently assigned to the Extension Office has developed an electrical problem. Ms. Buck stated that she was driving the van one afternoon in the dark and the dash lights completely go out randomly. The van was taken to the Public Works shop and the mechanics could not find what is causing the issue. Since then another issue wherein the windows go up and down on their own. At this point, Ms. Buck stated that she is not sure the van is worth putting funds to fix the issues.

Ms. Buck mentioned that currently the Extension Office also has a Toyota Tundra that is being utilized and when needed a Rav4 is borrowed from the county fleet. This is not an issue but they would eventually like to have a second vehicle that they are able to take out of town to trainings.

Ms. Dalley advised Ms. Buck that there is almost always two (2) Rav4's if one is ever needed for their office. The only time they are both being used is when Elected Officials are in Boise for Conference.

Discussion was held in regards to the possibility of obtaining a vehicle from the Sheriff's Office once they trade out their leased vehicle, which would occur in the Spring. Ms. Dalley stated that she would do additional research to see what other possibilities there may be for the Extension Office.

Ms. Buck stated that she would be in agreeance to that and anything available would be appreciated but in the meantime, the Extension Office would continue using the Toyota Tundra or borrow a Rav4 from the county fleet.

No decision was made.

CONTINUANCE OF MEETING TO SIGN FINAL PLAT FOR WOODSY ACRES AT CREEK COVE SUBDIVISION AND KAMBRIDGE SUBDIVISION

This matter is requested to be continued again as Chairman Manwaring is still not present and there is no quorum, due to Commissioner Jensen voting on the two items in his previous position as Planning & Zoning Commission Member.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to continue the signing of Final Plat for Woodsy Acres at Creek Drive Subdivision and Kambridge Subdivision due to lack of quorum. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor.**

MEETING TO SIGN FINAL PLAT FOR WOODSY ACRES AT CREEK COVE SUBDIVISION AND KAMBRIDGE SUBDIVISION

Present: Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director  
Chris Street- HLE

The Board met to approve and sign the Final Plat for Woodsy Acres at Creek Cove Subdivision and Kambridge Subdivision.

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve and sign the Final Plat for Woodsy Acres at Creek Cove Subdivision and Kambridge Subdivision. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL FRIDAY DECEMBER 6, 2024

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

WHITNEY MANWARING, CHAIRMAN

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

PRESENT: Chairman Manwaring  
Commissioner Jensen  
Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk  
EXCUSED: Commissioner Jackson

CLAIMS

Claims were approved in the amount of \$265,371.87.

PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS

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

Salary Increase Form: Bailiff  
Patrol Deputy  
Detention Deputy

	Patrol Deputy
	Patrol Deputy
	Patrol Sergeant
	SRO Patrol Deputy
	Detective
	Deputy Clerk/Elections Assistant
	Crusher Lead
	Sign/Traffic Count Tech
	Truck Driver R&B
	Crusher Operator
Employee Status Sheet:	Building Inspector to Building Official
	Truck Driver to Crusher Operator
	Crusher Operator to Truck Driver
	Detention Sergeant to Detention Lieutenant
New Employee Status Sheet:	Truck Driver R&B

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

**REQUEST TO APPOINT TIFFANY OLSEN AS THE INTERIM BUILDING OFFICIAL AND FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR**

Present: Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Zoning Director  
 Laraine Pope- Human Resources Director

The Board met to discuss the request submitted to appoint Tiffany Olsen as the Interim Building Official and Floodplain Administrator.

Laraine Pope stated that she had completed research with ICRMP to see if Tiffany Olsen could be appointed as the Interim Building Official and Floodplain Administrator, although she does not have the certifications or experience, wherein she was informed there were no issues with her appointment. She was informed that this occurrence happens frequently in which someone with no experience is appointed on a short-term basis in order to continue conducting business.

Ms. Olsen stated with the vacancy of the Building Official position, Jake Martin, previous Building Inspector, is working towards his certification but in the interim process all permits when issued have a signature of the Building Official and that signature is now her signature as the Department Head and is default to running the administration of Planning and Development. Ms. Olsen stated it is her responsibility and the same thing with the Floodplain Administrator role, wherein there are occasionally community acknowledgement forms on Floodplain Applications that require a signature and this will allow her the authority to do so.

Ms. Olsen stated that the Department of Water Resources is assisting in reviewing elevation certificates during the interim timeframe. Ms. Olsen stated that she and another employee within Planning & Development are working to learn about said forms as they are not the easiest to complete and often have several corrections.

Commissioner Jensen stated that he is concerned about Ms. Olsen's workload as she is already extremely busy and if she is appointed as Interim Building Official and Floodplain Administrator, he is worried she will become overwhelmed. Commissioner Jensen asked if there is anything that another department, such as the Assessors Office, could assist with, wherein Ms. Olsen stated she appreciates input from the Board on this matter and stated that Audrey Stanfield would be able to pull deeds for division right research but right now the Planning & Development Division is doing okay and not sure that assistance is needed at this time.

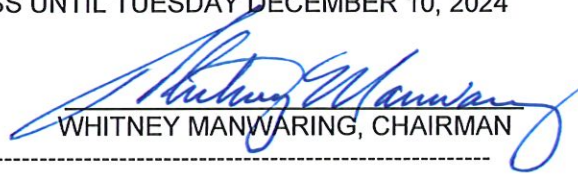
Ms. Olsen stated ideally it would be nice to have a staff member that could do drafting of decisions and research for her, which could potentially be discussed during next fiscal year budget. Ms. Olsen stated that she and Chairman have held discussions regarding code enforcement and if there may be an opportunity for her department to share those responsibilities with law enforcement. The City of Blackfoot just hired a part time Code Enforcement Officer, which is going well for them and is very effective. Ms. Olsen stated with the staff that she has now, she is not sure there is enough time to focus on code enforcement.

There was no further discussion.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to appoint Tiffany Olsen as the Interim Building Official and Floodplain Administrator. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.**

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2024

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

  
WHITNEY MANWARING, CHAIRMAN

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                              Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk  
EXCUSED:                Commissioner Jackson

**MEETING WITH GEOBITMINE REGARDING PROJECT UPDATE & REQUEST SUBMITTED BY GEOBITMINE FOR A LONGER LEASE OPTION OR OPTION TO PURCHASE THE CURRENTLY LEASED LAND OWNED BY BINGHAM COUNTY**

- Present:                Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director  
                              Gwen Inskeep- County Surveyor  
                              Dusty Whited- Public Works Director  
                              Ryan Jolley- Prosecuting Attorney/County Legal Counsel  
                              Alicia Atkinson- GeoBitmine  
                              Tommy Jorgensen- GeoBitmine  
  
Zoom:                    Jay Jorgensen- GeoBitmine  
                              Aaron Symbolik- GeoBitmine

The Board met with GeoBitmine to receive a project update and to discuss the request for a longer lease option or the option to purchase the currently leased land owned by Bingham County. Chairman Manwaring welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were held.

Alicia Atkinson gave presentation in regards to GeoBitmine and the goal of the business.

Commissioner Jensen asked a series of questions in regards to the GeoBitmine Project to become familiar. Discussion was held in regards to the property being located within the flood plain, wherein Ms. Olsen stated the best resources for GeoBitmine is to speak with Gerald Williams, Hydrology Engineer who



assisted with the project previously, who is a local and the best in the state and would be able to provide GeoBitmine with the best flood proof practices and revisit now that some of the infrastructure is no longer at the site, what that would look like to do a removal of that site in general from the flood plain.

Tommy Jorgensen asked Ms. Olsen what she meant by removal of the site from the flood plain, wherein Ms. Olsen explained that there is a form that can be completed with the Department of Water Resources and FEMA, which is called a Lomar and would be removing the flood plain designation for the subject property. Thereafter, the property would be determined to no longer be within the flood plain going through some of the mitigation measures. In the long run that may be more beneficial financially and insurance wise.

Tommy Jorgensen stated the project is backed by an investment company who shares the same goals that GeoBitmine has to take an industry that traditionally provides a need. The Letter of Intent from investors will demonstrate to the county that GeoBitmine has the financial backing to see the project from start to finish. Mr. Jorgensen stated there will be a few things in addition to the Letter of Intent that will be provided as well. Chairman Manwaring asked if there was a Letter of Intent in place with the previous investors, wherein Mr. Jorgensen stated the Letter of Intent they are currently looking at with two difference companies, the Letter of Intent is the first step, which is something that will be provided and does provide the intent to proceed but GeoBitmines intention to provide to the county are additional contracts.

Ms. Olsen stated that previously a new business name of "GeoFarms" had been mentioned and asked if that was still a name in place. Tommy Jorgensen stated that the business entity is still named GeoBitmine Idaho LLC but also have an additional one that was created more towards the food consumer side.

Ms. Olsen asked for confirmation and that currently GeoBitmine does not have a Letter of Intent, wherein Jay Jorgensen stated he has been working with potential business partners and GeoBitmine is speaking with two companies that have shown interest. However, the only thing holding them up from obtaining the Letter of Intent is waiting for delivery time from the manufacturer on the deployment of the modular solutions. The goal will be to have a full Letter of Intent by end of the week.

Ms. Olsen referred to the letter sent to GeoBitmine from Ryan Jolley, County Legal Counsel, wherein there was a section that highlights that the accessory use is secondary to the greenhouse operations. Ms. Olsen stated that Jay Jorgensen put a lot of emphasis in his last statement on the ordering of the modular facilities but asked the status of ordering the greenhouse. Jay Jorgensen stated that construction would start the greenhouse the exact same time that the Letter of Intent is executed.

Jay Jorgensen explained the companies who will be assisting with the project but stated that the companies mentioned are strictly under NDA. Jay Jorgensen explained that all items should begin simultaneously next summer so the construction of the greenhouse will be going and by the time the greenhouse is completed, that would be the goal to get the modular deployment on the data center side up and running.

Chairman Manwaring asked if the county has received elevation certificates as required, wherein Ms. Olsen stated that a draft but has not received the completed documents. Ms. Olsen stated the development team would need to work with a licensed surveyor, engineer or architect, to complete the elevation certificates for the structures that are now if they intend to be in the same location moving forward. If not, they would need to be removed and as far as she knows it is the work trailer and the flood wall.

Ms. Olsen stated the work trailer should be timely for a final elevation certificate as it received an inspection and was anchored appropriately, as well as the porta toilet but those two structures should be with a final elevation certificate.

Ms. Olsen stated the project is in the interim construction phase now whereas she is not certain that the location of the floodwall is where it is going to stay. Mr. Jorgensen stated that was correct because there will be a slight modification with the datacenter.

Ms. Olsen stated if GeoBitmine would like to continue using the work trailer, they will need to obtain a final elevation certificate and move towards completing the building permit. If GeoBitmine is not wanting to use it, then it needs to be removed. Ms. Olsen stated this would also be for the porta toilet, which GeoBitmine may want to remove with the weather coming. As far as the flood wall being full of water, it could be challenging to move at this point and she is not sure that the plan is but it should be taken care of as well. Ms. Olsen stated the letter sent to GeoBitmine from Planning & Development, had a document for GeoBitmines Registered Design Professional complete and that is the person who will be asked these questions being discussed and who has the license and certification to guide GeoBitmine through the process. Ms. Olsen stated the last time she spoke with GeoBitmine regarding who the Registered Design Professional would be, there was not one. Jay Jorgensen stated they had obtained a Registered Design Professional now. Ms. Olsen stated that individual would need to sign the proper forms and return to the county, that form would be updated within the system. Ms. Olsen stated that she would suggest the next step be is to have the Registered Design Professional and the GeoBitmine team meet with Gerald Williams to determine the best way to proceed.

Chairman Manwaring asked what the plan was for snow removal and removing water from the inside of the flood wall. Ms. Atkinson stated that GeoBitmine has a sump pump system set up so that it can remove the water. Tommy Jorgensen stated the timeframe would be for January and February, wherein during that construction period of there is snow, they would need to have a plan in place for removal.

Chairman Manwaring stated there has been good conversation held in regards to what items are outstanding and stated the he may be willing to extend the lease for 90 days to give GeoBitmine additional time to complete those items. Tommy Jorgensen stated that while he appreciates the willingness of the Board to give a potential extension, it could make things challenging with their investors as they are going to ask for a copy of the lease and if it is only for 90 days that could make things challenging.

Ryan Jolley stated that the 90-day is not a lease but would be an extension put in place essentially to have the infrastructure concerns met and once those are met, a longer lease could be put into place. Mr. Jolley stated that Board concern is to get resolution on the outstanding items prior to entering into another lease.

Aaron Symbolik stated if a contingency agreement could be done as they are currently looking at Letter of Intent's that at least the investors would see that the county is willing to proceed contingent upon GeoBitmine securing funding from the investors. Chairman Manwaring asked Mr. Symbolik if a Letter of Intent would be secured before the end of the year, to which Tommy Jorgensen stated they would.

Mr. Jolley stated if the Board approves the 90-day extension, the best way to proceed is to pro-rate the 90 days for next year in terms of the lease payments and would still need proof of liability insurance for GeoBitmine. Mr. Jolley stated that he would draft an addendum to the current Lease that states in recognition that the parties are continuing to discuss the contract and in further negotiations of the contract are agreeing to continue under the current terms of the Lease Agreement for an additional 90-days during which time GeoBitmine agrees to cure the issues raised by the county and the parties will re-enter negotiations upon curing of the issues. Also, that GeoBitmine would agree to pay the pro-rated rent for the lease agreement on the 90-days and renew the liability insurance. Mr. Jolley stated that would put all parties in the position where GeoBitmine has the additional time to cure issues.

Jay Jorgensen stated the 90-day extension is a great solution to get issues cured. Commissioner Jensen stated the lien that was previously placed on the property is a concern for him and he would like to reiterate that cannot happen again but he would agree that a 90-day extension is a good way for GeoBitmine to cure the issues that have been discussed.

Gwen Inskeep asked if there were any encroachment concerns with the new design, to which Tommy Jorgensen stated the new design is within the same footprint and therefore there will be no encroachment issues. Next, Ms. Inskeep asked about job openings and asked if those jobs would be for local individuals, to which Tommy Jorgensen stated that the only position that will not be local is the Grower as that individual will be trained but all other jobs will be local openings. Ms. Inskeep asked what type of produce will be produced and what the quantity would be, wherein Mr. Jorgensen stated cherry tomatoes would be



produced and explained that the three acres that will not be enough to supply to some of the larger grocery chains but GeoBitmine does have LOI's with most local grocery chains. With one of those local grocery stores, they will be able to keep cherry tomatoes in stock year-round.

Ms. Olsen stated that within the letter sent to GeoBitmine from Ryan Jolley, there was a section which states that GeoBitmine would provide the county with detailed plans regarding the greenhouse operations in conjunction with renewal of the lease.

Mr. Whited stated there is one outstanding item for the Public Works Division, which is there is not a permit for work that was completed within the right-of-way without a permit and included installation of the power cabinet, along with the primary and secondary equipment, along with the muscle wall that was installed. Although those items were placed without a permit, a permit still needs to be secured for that work in order to keep that documentation on file. Mr. Whited stated there was an application for a right-of-way permit filed but it was later put on hold due to design changes. Therefore, there is an initial application started but no payment was received and the application should be completed.

It was confirmed that Mr. Jolley would draft said 90-day extension, would forward onto legal counsel for GeoBitmine and this matter would be scheduled for approval and signing on December 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

There was no further discussion.

**Decision: Commission Jensen moved to direct county legal counsel to draft a 90-day Lease Extension to give GeoBitmine a 90-day extension to cure all issues discussed, along with pro-rate the lease payment. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.**

#### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT


Present: Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director

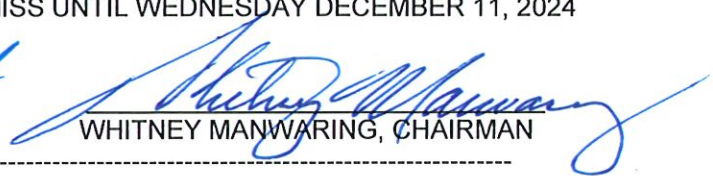
The Board met with Tiffany Olsen to discuss updates within the Planning & Development Division, which included the following:

- 1) Planning & Zoning Commission Calendar Review
- 2) Planning & Zoning Commission Member Application discussion
- 3) Upcoming BOCC Public Hearing regarding Title 1 Chapter 6 Code Amendments
- 4) Agriculture Protection Act
- 5) Fleet Vehicle
- 6) Code Enforcement
- 7) Division Right Research
- 8) Building Division updates

Nothing further.

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2024

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

  
WHITNEY MANWARING, CHAIRMAN

STATE OF IDAHO        )  
                              : ss.                Wednesday, December 11, 2024  
County of Bingham    )

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

PRESENT:                Chairman Manwaring  
                              Commissioner Jensen  
                              Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk  
EXCUSED:                Commissioner Jackson

**COLLEGE OF EASTERN IDAHO**

One (1) Certificate of Residency was approved and sent to the College of Eastern Idaho for the following Bingham County student:

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve Cash Warrants, Claims and Administrative Documents for December 11, 2024. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.**

**TAX INQUIRY DOCUMENTS**

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

RP3005101	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP0394312	Year 2024	Life Estate was taken off in error with the Homeowners Exemption
RP0368412	Year 2024	Homeowners exemption came off in error
RP8270950	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2025
MH352534PWO74A	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP0506500	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP3022800	Year 2024	Contract Appraiser valued the building at 309 N. Main and it was assessed incorrectly to this parcel.
RP1098601	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP0506500	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP2076200	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
MH0321307	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
MH342S26MC009A	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP0465402	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024

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

**PUBLIC MEETING TO OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE 2025 ASPHALT OILING SEASON**

Present:                Dusty Whited- Public Works Director  
                              Troy Lenhart- Road & Bridge Supervisor  
                              Jose Cervantes- Idaho Asphalt Supply  
                              Adam Ackerman- Idaho Asphalt Supply  
                              Rob Holland- NU Rock Asphalt Coatings

The Board met to open sealed bids for proposals for the 2025 asphalt oiling season. Chairman Manwaring welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were held.

Chairman Manwaring stated that two (2) bids were submitted and received prior to the deadline, which were as follows:

**2025 Request for Proposals for Asphalt - 2025 Oiling Season**

BINGHAM COUNTY

ASPHALT PRICING RESULTS

12/11/2024

Vendor/Company	Price Per Ton On Dock						Price Per Ton Delivered
	MC-500	CRS-2	CSS-1H-DIL	CMS-2	Quickseal 50	1/2% Anti-Strip	
IDAHO ASPHALT SUPPLY	\$ 847.00	\$ 543.00	\$ 457.00	\$ 567.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 13.25
NU ROCK ASPHALT COATINGS	*N/R	\$ 537.00	*N/R	*N/R	*N/R	*N/R	\$ 42.50

Chairman Manwaring stated that the submitted bids will be reviewed by Dusty Whited and Legal Counsel, after which the winning bidder would be contacted.

Nothing Further.

Next, discussion was held in regards to the submitted prior approval for major purchase of culverts to refill stock. Said purchase is from TV Pipe Supply in the amount of \$11,426.45 and is to be paid from Fund: 02-40-645-00 (Road & Bridge- Culverts).

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the prior approval for major purchase of culverts to refill stock. Said purchase is from TV Pipe Supply in the amount of \$11,426.45 and is to be paid from Fund: 02-40-645-00 (Road & Bridge- Culverts). Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Lastly, discussion was held in regards to the submitted request for speed limit reduction for 1450 N Bridge over Snake River Valley Canal. Mr. Whited stated this request is submitted as part of the LHTAC and Bingham County project to replace the 1450 N Bridge. The reduction would start at Highway 91 to the Stoddard Intersection.

The reasons for this speed reduction are as follows: meeting vertical curve standards as per AASHTO's Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets for speeds above 35 mph creates undesirable grades for the driveway approaches at the property just northwest of the bridge, there are multiple residences and businesses with direct access to 1450 N west of the bridge that are in close proximity to the roadway, and lastly, west of bridge drivers approach the railroad tracks and intersection with SH-91 where they would naturally be decreasing speeds.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the speed limit reduction from 140 N in Shelley, from no posting which is 55mph to 35 mph for the length of the road which is approximately 1 ½ miles from Highway 91 to Stoddard Intersection. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.**

## HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Present: Laraine Pope- Human Resources Director  
Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director

The Board met with Laraine Pope to discuss updates within the Human Resources Department, along with other agenda items.

Discussion was held in regards to the proposed offer letter for the Building Official position within Planning & Development. Ms. Pope stated that she had drafted an offer letter and had legal counsel review said document, after which legal counsel suggested having ICRMP review said document.

Discussion was held in regards to a training plan and compensation for each certification obtained.

At this time, Ms. Pope stated she would request the Board gives Ms. Olsen the approval to use the Building Official and provide training to him to gain the necessary certification.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to give Laraine Pope and Tiffany Olsen, the opportunity to put together an offer letter for the Building Officials in Planning & Development and work towards a base salary and the individual will gain a raise as he meets certain certification. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Ms. Pope provided further updates pertaining to the Human Resources Department, which included current recruitments, new hires and recent resignations.

## PUBLIC MEETING TO OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR LEASE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE MCDONALDVILLE PROPERTY

Present: Dusty Whited- Public Works Director

The Board met to open sealed bids for lease of county owned property known as the McDonaldville property. Chairman Manwaring welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were held.

Chairman Manwaring stated the subject lease is for the duration of five (5) years. The current lease expires December 31, 2024 and the next lease would be for 2025 through 2029. Chairman Manwaring stated whether it is sealed bid process or not, the current Lessee has the first right of refusal and therefore has the opportunity to match the highest bid, if the highest bid is not theirs.

Chairman Manwaring stated that he was approached in regards to a potential leak on the holding pond and Chairman advised the individual that the county probably could assist with the cost to fix the issue. Chairman Manwaring stated the current lease reads that the Lessee is responsible for the cost of operating, maintaining, irrigation pump, panel, all electrical components, expenses of the pivot, fertilizers and weed control on the field and the irrigation ditch, which would also include the electrical and power and asked Commission Clerk, Lindsey Dalley, to be sure that is explained clear within the next lease.

Chairman Manwaring stated that another item to be added to the lease is that if the Lessee will sublease the property, it is to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners, along with splitting any proceeds between the county and the Lessee. Commissioner Jensen agreed.

Chairman Manwaring stated that the current Lessee does own the pivot currently located on the property and therefore, if there is another individual that submits a higher bid, it will be their responsibility to work out a deal involving either the lease of the pivot, the purchase of the pivot or purchase their own in order to water the property.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve drafting a new Lease Agreement, to add the items as discussed. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Chairman Manwaring stated that Legal Counsel would draft an updated lease, listing all items discussed, in order for the new Lessee to execute.

Next, Chairman Manwaring opened the sealed bids, which were as follows:

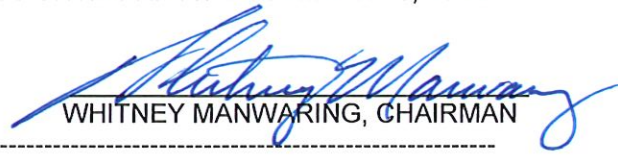
- 1) Fair Weather Farms- Danny & Taylor Harper                                  \$150 per acre
- 2) TC Mickelsen    \$260 per acre

Chairman Manwaring stated for the record that both bids were received and stamped prior to the deadline.

There was no decision made at this time. Commission Clerk, Lindsey Dalley, will meet with Legal Counsel to determine who would contact the current Lessee in regards to the first right of refusal.

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL FRIDAY DECEMBER 13, 2024

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

  
WHITNEY MANWARING, CHAIRMAN

STATE OF IDAHO        )  
                                  ) : ss.                   Friday, December 13, 2024  
County of Bingham    )

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

PRESENT:                      Chairman Manwaring  
   Commissioner Jackson  
   Commissioner Jensen  
   Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk

REQUEST TO DISCUSS PROPERTY TAXES FOR RP1285712 (AMERICAN LEGION-STEWART HOOVER POST NO. 23)- REQUESTED BY GENE WOMACK, WITH POTENTIAL DECISION

Present:                      Gene Womack- American Legion- Stewart Hoover Post No. 23  
   Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk  
   Debbie Cunningham- Chief Deputy Assessor  
   Donavan Harrington- County Assessor

The Board met to discuss property taxes for RP1285712 (American Legion-Stewart Hoover Post No. 23), requested by Gene Womack.

Clerk Eckhardt explained that building has been exempt previously but the land was not included as it is a different parcel.

Gene Womack stated that either the tax notice was misplaced or not received and therefore, this parcel had not been exempt previously and therefore, he is requesting relief.

Ms. Cunningham added that in the future, there will need to be an Application for Exemption completed and submitted for this parcel to be exempt.



**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to excuse all taxes, late fees and interest in the amount of \$1,494.02. In the future, an application for tax exemption will need to be completed for this parcel. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

#### CLAIMS

Claims were approved in the amount of \$255,070.62.

#### PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS

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

Employee Status Sheet:	Deputy Court Clerk
New Employee Status Sheet:	Animal Control Officer
	Emergency Communications Officer

#### RELEASE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LIEN

The Board approved a Release of Financial Assistance Lien, which was recorded as Bingham County Instrument No. 767127.

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Cash Warrants, Claims, Administrative Documents and Personnel Action Forms for December 13, 2024. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

#### APPROVAL & SIGNING OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Present: Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk

The Board met to approve and sign the Lease Agreement with Vocational Rehabilitation.

Clerk Eckhardt explained that one change she would like the Board to be aware of is within Section 2. Term, which states the Lessee shall have four (4) options to renew the Lease Agreement by twelve (12) months each upon the Lessee giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Lessor. Clerk Eckhardt stated that Legal Counsel advised that in essence that verbiage makes this a five (5) year Lease Agreement and that Vocational Rehabilitation can request renewal. The Board had no issues.

Clerk Eckhardt stated this Lease Agreement is for one (1) office, use of the restroom and the three (3) parking spaces.

Chairman Manwaring stated when the yearly lease is up for renewal, he would like to look at adding verbiage for a percentage increase per year. Commissioner Jensen and Commissioner Jackson were in favor of said proposal.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve and sign the Lease Agreement with Vocational Rehabilitation, which will commence in May 2025. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

#### APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP FOR ASSOCIATED TAXPAYERS OF IDAHO

Present: Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk

The Board met to approve the Membership for Associated Taxpayers of Idaho.

Clerk Eckhardt explained there has been an increase of \$300.00, for the yearly membership fee of \$550.00, which is why this matter is before the Board. Clerk Eckhardt stated that she would like to know if the Board would like to proceed with renewal of said membership due to the increase.



Clerk Eckhardt stated that she has appreciates the membership as it goes through all tax breakdowns for each county and provides information during the legislative session, which is beneficial.

Clerk Eckhardt stated that she would propose renewing for one (1) more year and that this membership be addressed further next year.

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to continue the membership with the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

FURTHER DISCUSSION REGARDING PURCHASE OF STRETCHER COMBO AND MOUNTING SYSTEM FOR THE CORONERS TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE- REQUESTED BY JIMMY ROBERTS-COUNTY CORONER

Present via phone: Jimmy Roberts- County Coroner

The Board met to hold further discussion in regards to the purchase of the stretcher combo and mounting system for the Coroners transportation vehicle.

Mr. Roberts explained when ordering the stretcher combo and mounting system, it was determined that there needed to be modifications made in order for the equipment to fit in the new transportation vehicle for the Coroners Office.

The Difference owed is \$1,218.00, which also includes the shipping fee that also was not included within the original Prior Approval documentation.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the additional cost for the stretcher combo in the amount of \$1,218.00, which is to be paid from Fund: 50-00-559-00 (PILT). Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Chairman Manwaring asked that Commission Clerk, Lindsey Dalley, draft a prior approval form for this purchase and the Board would sign said form.

Nothing further.

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024

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

WHITNEY MANWARING, CHAIRMAN

STATE OF IDAHO        )  
                              : ss.                Wednesday, December 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  
                              Commissioner Jensen  
                              Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk

**BINGHAM COUNTY ORDINANCE 2024-08**

A Public Hearing pertaining to Ordinance 2024-08 was held on November 18, 2024. After approved modifications were made, the Board signed said Ordinance on December 18, 2024.

**RELEASE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LIEN**

A Release of Financial Assistance Lien was signed by the Chairman and recorded as Bingham County Instrument #767216.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve Cash Warrants, Claims, and Administrative Documents for December 18, 2024. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

**AWARD OF BID FOR LEASE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE MCDONALDVILLE PROPERTY**

The Board met to award the bid for Lease of county owned property known as the McDonaldville Property.

Chairman Manwaring explained that TC Mickelsen had submitted the high bid amount during the sealed bid process. The current Lessee had the opportunity to match the highest bid but chose not to do so. Therefore, the Lease will be awarded to TC Mickelsen.

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to award the bid for the Lease of the McDonaldville Property to TC Mickelsen at \$260.00 per acre. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR MIMIS MARKET MEXICAN STORE LLC**

The Board met to approve the Alcohol License for Mimi's Market Mexican Store LLC.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve and sign the Alcohol License for Mimi's Market Mexican Store LLC. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-48, FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY, SPECIFICALLY A 2010 DODGE CARAVAN USED BY THE EXTENSION OFFICE**

The Board met to approve and sign Bingham County Resolution, a formal resolution declaring certain Bingham County property not necessary for use in Bingham County, Idaho, specifically a 2010 Dodge Caravan used by the Extension Office.

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve and sign Bingham County Resolution 2024-48, a formal resolution declaring certain Bingham County property not necessary for use in Bingham County, Idaho, specifically a 2010 Dodge Caravan. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried and said resolution was approved and signed as follows:**

**BINGHAM COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-48**

**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 property:**

**Bingham County Extension Office**

2010 Dodge Caravan      Vin: 2D4RN4DE2AR353016

**DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.**



ATTEST:

Pamela W. Eckhardt  
Bingham County Clerk

BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSION

  
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Whitney Manwaring, Chairman  
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Eric Jackson, Commissioner  
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Drew Jensen, Commissioner

## SHERIFFS OFFICE

Present:           Jeff Gardner- Sheriff  
                  Jordyn Nebeker- Chief Deputy Sheriff  
                  Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk

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

Discussion was held in regards to the Parks & Recreation (Search & Rescue) Vessel Report for 2024. Clerk Eckhardt explained that this report is signed yearly in order to account for vessel funds that the county received through Idaho Parks and Recreation used for the Search and Rescue Fund.

Clerk Eckhardt explained the beginning balance, revenue received and expenditures made for FY 2024, leaving the amount to be retained \$110,943.00. Said funds are requested to assist with purchasing a 20-foot Search and Rescue jet boat.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve and sign Bingham County Resolution 2024-50, a resolution approving the specific purpose expenditure from the Bingham County Vessel Fund from FY 2024. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried and said resolution was approved as follows:**

BINGHAM COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-50

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE EXPENDITURE FROM  
THE BINGHAM COUNTY VESSEL FUND FROM FY 2024

WHEREAS, Bingham County Vessel Fund has a surplus of \$110,943 from monies provided from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation which includes carryover from FY 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved:

That the specific purpose expenditure of \$110,943 will go towards the purchase of a an SJX 2170 20 ft. search and rescue jet boat.

DATED December 18, 2024

BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSION

  
Whitney Manwaring, Chairman

  
Eric Jackson, Commissioner

  
Drew Jensen, Commissioner



ATTEST:

  
Pamela W. Eckhardt  
Bingham County Clerk



DISCUSSION & DECISION REGARDING THE REQUEST TO LIFT HOLD AN ACCOUNT AT THE CENTRAL TRANSFER STATION FOR 208 DUMPSTERS- REQUESTED BY DARIN KRACL

Present: Darin Kracl- 208 Dumpsters  
Dusty Whited- Public Works Director  
Troy Lenhart- Road & Bridge Supervisor  
Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk  
Ryan Jolley- County Legal Counsel  
Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director  
Kraig Edwards- Public Works  
Derrick Going- Solid Waste Supervisor

The Board met to hold discussion and make a decision regarding the request to lift the hold on the account for 208 Dumpsters, at the Central Transfer Station.

Mr. Kracl explained that his account has been current for the 90 days as required and he would request that the hold be lifted on the account for 208 Dumpsters and that he be allowed to return to original standing.

The Board nor county staff had concerns in regards to the request.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to remove the hold from the 208 Dumpsters account at the Central Transfer Station and allow it to return to its original standing. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

PUBLIC WORKS

Present: Dusty Whited- Public Works Director  
Troy Lenhart- Road & Bridge Supervisor  
Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk  
Ryan Jolley- County Legal Counsel  
Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director  
Kraig Edwards- Public Works  
Jason Marlow- Building Maintenance Supervisor

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

Discussion was held in regards to the grubbing the grass at the county owned home located at 50 Airport Road, removal of fencing around that home and placement of gravel, along with removal of fencing around the old Sheriffs Office Compound. This would allow for additional parking in both areas.

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to remove the fencing around the county owned home located at 56 Airport Road, grub the grass and place gravel, along with removing the fencing around the old Sheriffs Office compound area, to be used for parking. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Discussion was held in regards to the Road & Street Report for 2024. The Board reviewed the report and had no concerns.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve and sign the Road & Street Report for 2024. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Discussion was held in regards to a potential gravel pit off of Blackfoot River Road near Garden Creek. Mr. Whited explained that the Road and Bridge crew had taken a couple loads, crushed them and placed them out at the yard. Mr. Whited stated that it was rolled and it was mixed between getting hard and there were issues with stickiness on the top and it was sticking to the roller but there are a lot of people that believe

that area would be far superior to the clean gravel from in the valley that is currently used by the county. On the steep hills, Mr. Whited stated that the county needs something that will pack down and help with wash boarding issues. Mr. Whited stated that he has been conducting preliminary work and in speaking with Planning & Development, the county will need to meet all requirements as any private agency that is wanting to open a gravel pit and will include a traffic impact study which is in the cost range of \$20,000.00. Mr. Whited stated that a reclamation plan is also required, which can be challenging and therefore, the county may need to hire a company to assist. Mr. Whited stated there will be expenses involved and a lot of time on this project.

Chairman Manwaring asked if the area in which the gravel pit is proposed is on state land, to which Mr. Whited stated this is on the property owned by the Eastern Idaho Cattleman's Association. Mr. Whited stated that the county will need to draft an agreement with the Eastern Idaho Cattleman's Association, wherein the county would pay the standard amount paid to the state or any private individual when it comes to crushing gravel on specific property.

Commissioner Jensen stated that he introduced Mr. Whited to this proposed area for a potential gravel source, as it is a spot where the gravel on the property would be used on the roads in the mountains but was previous to the county crushing gravel.

Discussion was held in regards to access to the property, wherein Mr. Whited stated that materials would need to be dozed across the road in order to widen the access.

Commissioner Jensen stated that the Eastern Idaho Cattleman's Association is happy to sign a lease with the county in order to assist with the project.

Chairman Manwaring stated that before the Board makes a decision to pay \$20,000.00 for a traffic study and to proceed with the gravel pit application, he would like Mr. Whited to gather information for the Boards consideration, which are to include cost for maintenance on the trucks per year, how many trips would be made, and other cost that would be applicable.

Commissioner Jensen recused himself from any decision making on this matter due to being on the Eastern Idaho Grazing Association Board.

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to direct Dusty Whited to gather additional information, including cost for maintenance on the trucks per year, how many trips would be made, and other cost that would be applicable. Chairman Manwaring seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Discussion was held in regards to closing the mountain roads. Dusty Whited explained that the Road & Bridge Supervisor had gone and looked at the mountain roads. Therefore, at this time it is proposed that the mountain roads be closed due to the amount of snow.

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Bingham County Resolution 2024-49, a Resolution and Order changing the use of county roads. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried and said resolution was approved as follows:**

**BINGHAM COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2024-49**

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER CHANGING THE USE OF COUNTY ROADS**

Pursuant to Idaho Code §31-714 and §67-7109(5) and the Bingham County Snowmobile Trail Ordinance, it is hereby resolved and ordered by the Bingham County Commissioners as follows:

Whereas, Bingham County Codified Ordinance Chapter 7 Winter Maintenance, Road Closure and Snowmobile Trails Section D (3.) reads: In years with agreeable weather, the Board of County Commissioners may pass by majority decision, a resolution decreeing that certain roads are to remain open to conventional motor vehicles contrary to the automatic closures listed directly above.

**Road Use Change.** The Following roads shall be closed to use by conventional motor vehicles and opened to use by snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles registered as snowmobiles as well as authorized emergency vehicles commencing at 10:00 a.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024:

- Wolverine & Sellars Creek Road from the mouth of the Narrows at approximately 1606 East Wolverine Road in Section 11, T 2S, R38 EBM to 2550 E 400 N, the intersection of Blackfoot Reservoir Road and Sellars Creek Road.
- The Taylor Creek Road from the Intersection with Wolverine Road north to just south of Blatter Farms at approximately 1735 E 1000 N.
- From the Blackfoot Reservoir Road/Sellars Creek intersection north to the Bingham County line.
- From the Intersection of the Blackfoot River Road and the Cedar Creek Road at approximately 1510 E 100 N to the Lincoln Creek Road easterly to the Bingham County, Caribou County line.
- Further east to the Blackfoot Reservoir Road north to the Sellars Creek intersection.

**Penalties.** VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A MISDEMEANOR FINE

**Notice.** Notice of the road use change is posted at 1606 East Wolverine Road and advertised in The Idaho State Journal on 21<sup>st</sup> of December, 2024. For further information and map locations, contact Bingham County Public Works between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 208-782-3173.

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

*Pamela W Eckhardt*

Pamela W Eckhardt  
Bingham County Clerk

*Whitney Manwaring*  
Whitney Manwaring, Chairman

*Eric Jackson*  
Eric Jackson, Commissioner

*Drew Jensen*  
Drew Jensen, Commissioner

## PRIOR APPROVAL- BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Present: Jason Marlow- Building Maintenance Supervisor

The Board met to discuss the submitted Prior Approval for Major Purchase of new HVAC Coil for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheriffs Office area.

Jason Marlow stated that over time the coil has been plugged up and isn't running efficiently, therefore the Sheriffs Office Area is not cooled. The air handler is located in the basement mechanical room and feeds up to the main floor above it. Being the lowest elevation in the water loop, it gets the most deposits of minerals and rust. Mr. Marlow stated the best option is to replace the coil.

Said purchase is in the amount of \$13,049.00, with \$4,749.00 being for labor and \$8,255.00 for the material cost. Said purchase is to be paid from Fund: 01-10-494-00- Building and Grounds (Repairs/Maintenance, Building and Fixtures).

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the submitted Prior Approval for Major Purchase of a new HVAC Coil for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheriffs Office area. Said purchase is in the amount of \$13,049.00 and is to be paid from Fund: 01-10-494-00- Building and Grounds (Repairs/Maintenance, Building and Fixtures). Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

## PRIOR APPROVAL FOR MAJOR PURCHASE- IT DEPARTMENT

Present: Matt Galloway- IT Director

The Board met to discuss several Prior Approval for Major Purchase documents for the IT Department.

Discussion was held in regards to CrowdStrike Annual Renewal, which is endpoint defense and detection software. This purchase is to be made from Center for Internet Security (CIS) and is in the amount of \$24,090.00, which is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-524-00 (Information Tech- Cybersecurity).

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Prior Approval for Major Purchase of the CrowdStrike Annual Renewal, which is endpoint defense and detection software. This purchase is to be made from Center for Internet Security (CIS) and is in the amount of \$24,090.00, which is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-524-00 (Information Tech- Cybersecurity). Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Next, discussion was held in regards to the submitted Prior Approval for Major Purchase of Dell desktops and monitors. This purchase is to be made from Dell Technologies and is in the estimated cost of \$35,593.90, which is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-804-00 (Information Tech- Capital- Computers).

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Prior Approval for Major Purchase of Dell desktops and monitors. This purchase is to be made from Dell Technologies and is in the estimated cost of \$35,593.90, which is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-804-00 (Information Tech- Capital- Computers). Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Next, discussion was held in regards to the submitted Prior Approval for Major Purchase of one (1) Dell R760 Server, which is the maintenance replacement of another Dell R740 that is currently out of contract and will be used for all departments. This purchase is to be made from Dell Technologies and is in the estimated cost of \$26,647.78, which is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-810-00 (Information Tech- Capital Servers).

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Prior Approval for Major Purchase of one (1) Dell R760 Server, which is the maintenance replacement of another Dell R740 that is currently out of contract and will be used for all departments. This purchase is to be made from Dell**

**Technologies and is in the estimated cost of \$26,647.78, which is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-810-00 (Information Tech- Capital Servers). Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Next, discussion was held in regards to the submitted Prior Approval for Major Purchase of Mailstore Annual Renewal, which is the email archiving software. This purchase is to be made from MailStore and is in the amount of \$1,476.00, which is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-524-01 (Information Tech- Software-Renewals).

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Prior Approval for Major Purchase of Mailstore Annual Renewal, which is the email archiving software. This purchase is to be made from MailStore and is in the amount of \$1,476.00, which is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-524-01 (Information Tech- Software-Renewals). Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Next, discussion was held in regards to the submitted Prior Approval for Major Purchase of SDO Annual Renewal, which is to secure login and access management software. This purchase is to be made from Direct Business Technologies and is in the estimated amount of \$25,920.00, which is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-52400 (Information Tech- Cybersecurity).

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Prior Approval for Major Purchase of SDO Annual Renewal, which is to secure login and access management software. This purchase is to be made from Direct Business Technologies and is in the estimated amount of \$25,920.00, which is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-52400 (Information Tech- Cybersecurity). Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

Lastly, discussion was held in regards to the submitted Prior Approval for Major Purchase of What's Up Gold Annual Renewal, which is network monitoring software. This purchase is to be made from Progress Software Corporation and is in the estimated amount of \$1,599.00, which is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-524-01 (Information Tech- Software Renewals).

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Prior Approval for Major Purchase of What's Up Gold Annual Renewal, which is network monitoring software. This purchase is to be made from Progress Software Corporation and is in the estimated amount of \$1,599.00, which is to be paid from Fund: 01-14-524-01 (Information Tech- Software Renewals). Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

#### REVIEW OF PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION APPLICATIONS AND POTENTIAL APPOINTMENT

Present:           Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director  
                      Ryan Jolley- County Legal Counsel

The Board met to review Planning & Zoning Commission Applications and potential appointment.

Ms. Olsen reviewed the three (3) submitted applications.

After the review of said Applications, the Board requested that interviews be scheduled



REVIEW PROPOSED DRAFT AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION ACT ORDINANCE

Present: Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director  
Addie Jo Jackman- Planning & Development Assistant Director  
Ryan Jolley- County Legal Counsel

The Board met to review the proposed draft Agricultural Protection Act Ordinance.

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

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

WHITNEY MANWARING, CHAIRMAN

STATE OF IDAHO        )  
                              : ss.                Thursday, December 19, 2024  
County of Bingham    )

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

PRESENT:                Chairman Manwaring  
                              Commissioner Jackson  
                              Commissioner Jensen  
                              Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met to hold an Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a)&(b), to consider personnel matters. Commissioner Jensen moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a)&(b), to consider personnel matters. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Both in favor. The Board moved into Executive Session at 1:03 p.m. Commissioner Manwaring moved to go out of Executive Session. Commissioner Jackson seconded. The Board moved out of Executive Session at 1:19 p.m.

Decision: No decision was made at this time.

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

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

WHITNEY MANWARING, CHAIRMAN

STATE OF IDAHO )  
 : ss. Friday, December 20, 2024  
County of Bingham )

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

PRESENT: Chairman Manwaring  
Commissioner Jackson  
Commissioner Jensen  
Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk

**CASH WARRANTS**

Cash Warrants were approved in the amount of \$1,134.00, \$13,884.11, \$20,470.68, for total of \$35,488.79.

**CLAIMS**

Claims were approved in the amount of \$172,714.70.

**PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS**

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

New Employee Status Sheet: Database Records Clerk- Assessors Office  
Clerical Assistant Treasurer Office

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve Cash Warrants, Claims, Administrative Documents and Personnel Action Forms for December 20, 2024. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18-30, 2024**

The Board met to approve and sign Commissioner Minutes for November 18-30, 2024.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve and sign Commissioner Minutes for November 18-30, 2024, as written. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF TAX INQUIRY DOCUMENTS**

The Board met to approve Tax Inquiry Documents, which were as follows:

RP8000017	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
LRPP0112715	Year 2024	Parcel has the incorrect value
RP0035404	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024
RP3041000	Year 2024	Homeowner signed up for Homeowners Exemption for 2024 Homeowners Exemption is only 50%- Husband does not have an ID or Drivers License

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve and sign the Tax Inquiry documents submitted by the Assessor's Office. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BLACKFOOT COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AND POTENTIAL FUTURE FUNDING- REQUESTED BY LEE HAMMETT

Present: Lee Hammett- Blackfoot Community Food Pantry  
Katie Harris-  
Susan Nalley- Bingham County  
Jacquie Burt- The Village  
Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk

The Board met to hold discussion regarding the Blackfoot Community Food Pantry and potential future funding.

Discussion was held in regards to how the Blackfoot Community Food Pantry operates and their future plans for expansion, along with various ideas pertaining to potential funding and included potential use of OPIOID Abatement Funding. Clerk Eckhardt would look into that option further.

No decision was made.

MEETING TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE A 90-DAY EXTENSION OF THE LEASE WITH GEOBITMINE

Present: Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director  
Ryan Jolley- County Legal Counsel  
Scott Reese- Bingham County/ REDI

Via Zoom: Alicia Atkinson- GeoBitmine  
Jay Jorgensen- GeoBitmine  
Tommy Jorgensen- GeoBitmine

The Board met to approve and sign the 90-day extension of the lease with GeoBitmine. Chairman Manwaring welcomed all to the meeting.

Chairman Manwaring stated this meeting was scheduled to approve the 90-day extension, which came about several weeks ago to help GeoBitmine take care of outstanding items that need to be completed in order to proceed forward. Chairman Manwaring read for the record and all attendees, the items that are outstanding, which are as follows:

**By January 1, 2025**

- 1) Prorated payment of \$3,030.00 due before January 1, 2025
- 2) Updated Certificate of Insurance for extended term

**By March 31, 2025**

Public Works Department

- 1) Obtain a Right-of-Way Permit for electrical infrastructure and associated floodwall/concrete curbing.

Planning & Development

- 1) Submit signed Registered Design Professional form
- 2) Certificate of Completion for all structures on the leased property
- 3) Floodwall: Install stairs over floodwall; Elevation Certificate, and final inspection
- 4) Temporary Work Trailer: Elevation Certificate. Must be removed by 3/2/2025
- 5) Electrical Equipment:
  - a. Elevation Certificate for each cabinet/vault

- b. Submit engineered design and specifications for floodwall/concrete curb around the electrical infrastructure to Floodplain Development Permit. Once approved, install and inspection.

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- 1) Letter of intent that includes proof of financial backing from new investors
- 2) Approval of a new Site Plan depicting all structures, locations of well and septic systems, and includes setback distances to property lines, right-of-way, easements, adjacent structures, etc.
- 3) Detailed plans regarding the greenhouse operation:
  - a. Constructed simultaneously with the heating and cooling accessory units
  - b. Water delivery to the property
  - c. Include a construction schedule from breaking ground to completion
  - d. Include an operational schedule from construction completion to full operational status, number of employees, vegetable selection, etc.
- 4) Compliance with ALL terms of the Lease Agreement.

Chairman Manwaring asked if there was anything else that needs to be discussed. Ms. Olsen stated there is a list of items that were included within Mr. Jolley's letter that would be required before 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2025, as well to the Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman Manwaring asked Jay Jorgensen, Tommy Jorgensen and Alicia Atkinson, in attendance by Zoom, if they have any input or concerns that they would like to discuss further.

Jay Jorgensen stated it is straight forward to GeoBitmine as far as what they need to do to move the project forward and they appreciate the three (3) month extension to complete those items.

Chairman Manwaring asked Commissioner Jackson and Commissioner Jensen if they were in favor of the extension. Both were in favor.

Chairman Manwaring stated on the 90-day extension of the Lease Agreement, Jay Jorgensen will need to sign the document prior to 5:00 p.m., on December 31, 2024. Jay Jorgensen stated that he will fly in prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2025 to sign said document. Commission Clerk, Lindsey Dalley, noted the same and will have the necessary document ready for his signature. Jay Jorgensen again confirmed that he would fly in prior to that date.

Ryan Jolley had no concerns.

Tiffany Olsen had no concerns.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to approve and execute the 90-day extension of the Lease with GeoBitmine, so long as the prorated rent amount is paid and Certificate of insurance is provided. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

#### DISCUSSION & POTENTIAL DECISION RELATED TO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR POSITION AND RATE OF PAY

Present: Tiffany Olsen- Planning & Development Director  
Laraine Pope- Human Resources

The Board met to hold discussion in regards to the Building Inspector position and rate of pay, with potential decision. Ms. Pope contacted the individual to offer him the position, which he accepted at an N19, Step 3.

Qualifications of the position were discussed.

No further discussion and no decision was made.

APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH FEDERAL PROTECT GRANT APPLICATION FOR ROAD & BRIDGE

Present: Dusty Whited- Public Works Director  
Jake Poulsen- Keller Associates

The Board met to approve to proceed with Federal Protect Grant Application for Road & Bridge.

Mr. Whited explained the PROTECT Grant and stated the grant is specific to culverts and replacement of culverts. The first phase of this grant is the design phase which is 100% funded with no match. Once the design phase is complete, there is funding to apply for that then is for construction to potentially replace some, if not all, culverts and hiring a contractor. Mr. Poulsen stated that the construction portion is 90% funded with a 10% match to be paid by the county.

Mr. Whited stated the grant is due February 1, 2025 and there is a lot to do in order to prepare for the grant. There is a cost in the amount of \$10,000.00, which is to be paid to Keller Associates for their assistance in preparing the grant application. Mr. Whited stated there is somewhat of a liability if the county does not obtain the grant and would be out the \$10,000.00 but to him it is worth the submission as the grant would be extremely beneficial for the county.

**Decision: Commissioner Jackson moved to approve proceeding with the PROTECT Grant, for a payment of up to \$10,000 to Keller Associates to assist with the Grant Application. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.**

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024



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



WHITNEY MANWARING, CHAIRMAN

STATE OF IDAHO        )  
                                  : ss.               Friday, December 27, 2024  
County of Bingham    )

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

PRESENT:               Commissioner Jackson  
                              Commissioner Jensen  
                              Lindsey Dalley- Commission Clerk  
EXCUSED:               Chairman Manwaring

Commissioner Jensen moved to appoint Commissioner Jackson as Temporary Chairman. Commissioner Jackson seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

CLAIMS

Claims were approved in the amount of \$392,902.52

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



APPROVAL & SIGNING OF COUNTY INDIGENT DEFENSE EXPENDITURE REPORT

Present: Pamela Eckhardt- County Clerk

The Board met to approve and sign the County Indigent Defense Expenditure Report.

**Decision: Commissioner Jensen moved to sign the Fiscal Year 2024 Indigent Defense Expenditure Report as presented by Clerk Eckhardt. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Both voted in favor. The motion carried.**

CLAIMS FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

Current Expenses .....	\$675,384.62	Weeds .....	\$9,317.83
Road & Bridge .....	\$258,247.82	Emergency Communication....	\$101,473.42
Airport.....	\$258,810.93	Road & Bridge Special	
Justice Fund .....	\$562,424.24	Project.....	\$25.59
District Court.....	\$77,679.50	Waterways.....	\$734.27
Preventative Health.....	\$283,111.70	Opioid Abatement.....	\$961.45
Historical Society & Museum.....	\$1,078.00	Treatment Court Fund.....	\$5,342.40
Parks & Recreation.....	\$11,036.36	Consolidated Elections.....	\$40,688.23
Revaluation.....	\$55,869.06	PILT.....	\$655,252.38
Solid Waste .....	\$274,817.38		
Veterans Memorial.....	\$364.94		

THE MOTION PASSED TO DISMISS UNTIL THURSDAY JANUARY 2, 2025

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

WHITNEY MANWARING, CHAIRMAN