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Commissioner's Agenda

Meetings are held in Commissioners Chambers at 624 E Center, Room 212, Pocatello, Idaho unless otherwise noted. Items discussed may include, but are not limited to: meeting with department heads, employees, other elected officials, and concerned citizens.

Times subject to change within 15 minutes of stated time

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Meeting Items:

9:00 AM	Agenda Approval (action item)
9:05 AM	Indigent Business may require an Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from public disclosure (action item)
9:10 AM	Steve Wallace requesting late fees and interest be waived on Parcel Number RPPOC360600 (action item)
9:15 AM	Hallie Acocks on behalf of Lyndon and Barbara Smith regarding tax hardship request (possible action item); may require Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from public disclosure (action item)
9:30 AM	Melvin and Darlene Brown regarding tax hardship request (possible action item); may require Executive Session to consider records that are exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(d)
9:45 AM	Event Center Facilities contracts for the Idaho High School and Junior High School State Rodeo Association (action item)
9:50 AM	Brett Grayson, Public Works Director, requesting an award of bid for the Bannock County Event Center Pedestrian Path (action item)
	BOARD OF AMBULANCE DISTRICT
10:00 AM	Dave Gates, Fire Chief and Travis Smith, Assistant Fire Chief, requesting approval to donate an ambulance to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes (action item)
	BOARD OF BANNOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
10:05 AM	Commissioner Bullock with an Event Center and Wellness Complex update from the Special Assignment to the Department (possible action item)

Resolutions and Ordinances (action items):

- R.S. No. 2018-126 ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2018-14
- Ordinance No. 2018-14 Amending Ordinance 2006-1 CLOSING DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS USED FOR SNOWMOBILES

Contracts and Agreements (action items):

Letters and Notices (action items):

Consent Agenda (action items):

- Invoices, Commissioners' Reports, and Credit Applications
- Salary Rate Approval Forms
- Tax Cancellation Requests
- Beer/Wine/Liquor Licenses
- Certificate of Residency Approval
- Manual Checks
- Minutes: **December 13, 2018**

December 13, 2018

The Board of Bannock County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. for a special meeting. Present: Ken Bullock, Terrel N. Tovey, and Steve Brown. Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Civil Matt Kerbs, Chief Deputy Clerk JoAnn Anderson, Comptroller Kristi Klauser, Civil Technician/Paralegal Nancy Allen, Commissioners Executive Assistant Tiffany Olsen, Clerks Administrative Manager Linda Tigert, Commissioner-elect Ernie Moser, and Clerk-elect Dixon were also present. The following proceedings were had to-wit:

[10:02:42 AM](#) Bullock called the meeting to order.

In the Matter of BANNOCK COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CONTRACTS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS)

Commissioners Bullock, Tovey, and Brown met regarding Bannock County Behavioral Health Community Crisis Center Advisory Committee, contracts, and other related items (action item).

[10:03:04 AM](#) The commissioners discussed possible advisory board positions.

[10:37:05 AM](#) Judge Axline entered the meeting in progress. Brown recapped possible positions: Bannock County Commissioner, Bannock County Law Enforcement, local behavioral health consumer, Region 6 Program Manager, Board of Health, behavioral health provider, rotating position from City of Pocatello/Chubbuck, Sixth District ADJ appointee, a regional/city/community position, a health professional, and an at-large member.

Bullock requested that invitations be drafted to the groups involved and applications be put on the County's webpage. A discussion ensued regarding advertising for the position.

[10:45:28 AM](#) Kerbs mentioned a proposed change regarding the contract amount with RHS. Klauser reviewed a conversation with Brad Baker regarding start-up costs and reviewed the start-up invoice. Several options were reviewed. Klauser noted that the County could not pay until services were provided. The commissioners discussed communication and the extent of auditing responsibilities. Bullock noted that a contract addendum would need to be approved to push back the start date until March. A discussion ensued regarding upcoming meeting topics.

[10:59:56 AM](#) Olsen presented the Health and Welfare subcontract with a change from \$78,000 to \$76,000 noted.

[11:00:26 AM](#) Tovey moved to approve the Behavioral Health Community Crisis Center Contract with RHS with the terms presented in contract with the adjustment to cost from \$78,000 to \$76,014. Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

[11:01:00 AM](#) Tovey moved to accept the Department of Health and Welfare acceptance of the subcontract and authorize the chairman to sign. Bullock seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

[11:01:48 AM](#) Bullock adjourned the meeting.

In the Matter of SCHOOL DISTRICT 25 MEETING REGARDING POLLING PLACES)

Commissioners Tovey and Brown met with School District 25 officials regarding polling places.

Also present were Mayors Blad and England, Commissioner-elect Ernie Moser, Clerk-elect Dixon, Elections Manager Julie Hancock, Brandy McCarron, Tiffany Olsen, Linda Tigert, Prosecutor Steve Herzog, Senator Mark Nye, Pocatello City Council Member Roger Bray, Linda Leurwrik, Clerk Poleki, School Board members Gephardt and Craney, various staff, and members of the public.

[3:29:55 PM](#) Tovey convened the meeting.

[3:30:09 PM](#) Doug Howell, District 25 Superintendent of Schools, spoke about student and staff safety. He requested continued exploration of alternative polling place locations or other options and encouraged the commissioner and clerk to investigate online or mail ballots. He explained that cancelling school on Election Days did not coincide with any school holidays, trimesters, professional development opportunities, or timelines so was problematic.

[3:33:10 PM](#) Brown spoke about research regarding polling places in schools and school safety. Many protocols regarding school safety have already been addressed.

[3:35:17 PM](#) Howell confirmed that the District's request was to not allow a polling location in a school.

[3:35:59 PM](#) Pocatello Chief of Police Marchand stated that the right security was not at these years' elections. Polling places hold the most vulnerable children, and who goes in and out of the school was not controlled. He reviewed a number of schools that did not allow polling places. Controlled access is a good thing, and opening the doors to anyone made zero sense. There are other locations; there are plenty of churches and public buildings. All polling could take place in the Minidome. He admitted that he could not find statistics that showed issues with voting in schools, but he did not want to be first on a list. Great strides had been made with regard to school safety, and we violate our own principles by having controlled access and then just opening the doors on a day.

[3:40:30 PM](#) Brown the expense of moving polling locations will cost the county, and the cost will not be shared.

[3:42:27 PM](#) A discussion ensued regarding voting and security. Brown spoke about psychology, voter suppression, and voter mindset with regard to polling place locations

[3:50:25 PM](#) Hancock spoke about polling place options and voting issues. She said it was extremely important that voters vote in their correct precinct; confusion was a form of voter suppression. Hancock spoke about what is looked for in choosing a polling

place. ADA compliance is an enormous requirement. Churches may be offensive to some voters as may certain businesses. It was her impression that there were few options for new polling locations. She reviewed some of the issues that occurred during the last election.

[3:57:25 PM](#) Poleki commented about security at the recent election. He said slowly moving out of schools was a solution. Hancock reported that seventeen precincts voted in eleven schools affecting 14,000 people. Poleki outlined a number of issues to consider, and suggested phasing the process to move polling places.

[4:01:00 PM](#) Hancock reviewed public concerns from the recent precinct boundary change. School Board Member Gephardt concurred with Chief Marchand's remarks. Craney suggested Lewis and Clark Elementary and Green Acres Elementary should be some of the first schools from which to remove polling places. She spoke about a number of differences among schools that made voting in them more problematic.

[4:09:09 PM](#) Senator Mark Nye, District 29, pledged to help. The issue was statewide, and a legal opinion may be needed if polling places were moved to churches. Mail in voting had not met with much success in the legislature.

[4:10:56 PM](#) Mayor Blad stressed that citizen safety was of utmost importance. He added cancelling school for elections would be disruptive, and he did not have a concern with putting polling places in churches. He concluded that this was the year to move the polling places.

[4:17:34 PM](#) Poleki noted that polling location changes would need to be considered immediately. By law, election places used in March would need to be used for the rest of the year. He recommended forming a committee with County, City, and District officials to present some options to the commission regarding where to move polling locations and to discuss existing polling places and their security.

[4:19:33 PM](#) Mayor England commented that this was a statewide discussion, and it would be good to receive the state's legal opinions to understand options. A citizens committee could then be formed to find answers. He said he was grateful for the security in the schools, we need to work hard at making fix happen to protect our most vulnerable citizens, and this is an immediate thing.

[4:21:13 PM](#) The commissioners discussed a path forward.

[4:22:25 PM](#) Poleki reminded those present that the committee would discuss what happens on Election Day; the county was still responsible for determining the polling places.

[4:23:53 PM](#) Tovey adjourned the meeting.