

Twin Falls, Idaho
REGULAR APRIL MEETING
April 6, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Reinke called the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. in regular session, pursuant to the recess of April 3, 2026.

PRESENT: Commissioner Rocky Matthews, Commissioner Brent Reinke, and Commissioner Suzanne Hawkins.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Deputy Clerk Shannon Carter.

The following proceedings were held to wit:

In the Matter of MEETINGS

Commissioners attended a Farm Managers meeting.

Commissioners attended a staff meeting.

Commissioners met with Legal for a department update.

Commissioners met with JP O'Donnell, I.T. Director, for a department update.

Commissioners attended an Elected Officials meeting.

Commissioners met with Nathan Jerke for the Magic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Plan presentation.

Commissioner Matthews attended a Parks & Waterways Board meeting.

In the Matter of COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to go into executive session at 9:03 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (B) records exempt from disclosure – evaluation, dismissal or discipline of staff. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed after roll call vote. (Hawkins yes, Matthews yes, Reinke yes)

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:12 a.m.

In the Matter of CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners considered the Consent Agenda; items may include status sheets, employee requisitions, alcohol licenses, tax cancellations, Sheriff's Office Security Agreements, and Commissioner minutes.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Hawkins reviewed the items in the consent agenda to include alcohol catering permits for the Depot Grill at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds on April 24, 2026 and May 31, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Commissioners removed the proposal from Interior Environments from the table for further consideration.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to remove the proposal from Interior Environments from the table for further consideration. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of CONTRACTS

Commissioners considered a BYU Idaho Master Internship Agreement.

Kevin Sandau, Juvenile Services Director, reviewed the internship agreement with the Board. Mr. Sandau noted that Legal has reviewed the agreement and had no concerns.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve the BYU Idaho Master Internship Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners considered a Forage Production Study Agreement with Lori Satterwhite-Turner.

Commissioner Reinke reviewed the agreement with the Board. Commissioner Matthews noted that the agreement is to review the Hub Butte area and the grazing agreement with the Cattleman's Association. Ms. Satterwhite-Turner is a member of the Cattleman's Association and so she is familiar with the area and the existing agreement. The agreement sets an hourly rate and appears appropriate. Commissioner Reinke noted that the Cattlemen's Grazing Agreement needs updated so the study will help.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to approve the Forage Production Study Agreement with Lori Satterwhite-Turner. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners considered a proposal from Interior Environments.

Kristina Glascock, Clerk reviewed the proposal with the Board and noted that the questions about the shipping costs have been investigated. Commissioner Matthews recommended ordering a larger quantity of the material for future repairs which would have the same shipping cost. Ms. Glascock noted that she did increase the amount of material on the order.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to approve the proposal from Interior Environments in the amount of \$267.60 and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of PROPERTY TAXES

Commissioners considered a property tax exemption application for Boot-Check Sports Ranch.

Brad Wills, Assessor, noted that he has been involved with the JAE Foundation. Mr. Wills noted that the property is currently under construction and according to a decision by the Idaho Supreme

Court, the property does not qualify while it is under construction even though the end use will be a charitable use. The property use is looked at as of January 1, 2026 per state code and per state code the property must be actively used for the exempt purpose at the time it is considered. Mr. Wills noted that Legal did review the exemption application and gave guidance that it did not meet the exemption requirements.

Jim Paxton, Boot-Check Sports Ranch, stated that they have had small gatherings at the facility and asked the Board to consider the community impact that the program will have. Mr. Paxton noted that the community has needed a recreation facility for kids and this facility will have a big impact on the community. Mr. Paxton asked the Board to approve the exemption for 2026. Commissioner Reinke noted that the history of the Board has been to follow Legal's guidance and expressed his concern with setting a precedence with this property. There was discussion on the use of the property and options. The Board would like more time to further discuss with Legal the concerns for setting precedence and potential other options.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to table the property tax exemption application for Boot-Check Sports Ranch. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners considered a property tax exemption application for Family Health Services.

Brad Wills, Assessor reviewed the property tax exemption application for Family Health Services. Mr. Wills noted that the property is not currently being used to provide services and after submitting the application to Legal for review, the property does not qualify for a property tax exemption at this time.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve the property tax exemption application for Family Health Services. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Hawkins recommended denial as both Legal and the Assessor have stated the property does not meet the requirements for exemption at this time. Motion failed unanimously.

In the Matter of PROCLAMATIONS

Commissioners considered a Johnny Horizon Day Proclamation.

Commissioner Hawkins read the proposed proclamation for the record.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve the Johnny Horizon Day Proclamation. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Johnny Horizon day was set in motion by the Bureau of Land Management;
and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Twin Falls County are hereby given an incentive to help keep the County clean and beautiful; and

WHEREAS, it has been a tradition in Twin Falls County for many years; and

WHEREAS, area citizens, civic groups, and youth organizations clean roadsides in the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Twin Falls County Commission, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 2, 2026, to be:

JOHNNY HORIZON DAY

in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the Twin Falls County West Facility in Twin Falls, Idaho on this 6th day of April, 2026.

/s/ Brent Reinke

Brent Reinke, Chairman

/s/ Rocky Matthews

Rocky Matthews, Commissioner

/s/ Suzanne Hawkins

Suzanne Hawkins, Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Kristina Glascock

Kristina Glascock, Clerk

In the Matter of AMBULANCE DISTRICT

The Board met as the Twin Falls County Ambulance District Board to discuss the discontinuation of Filer QRU.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to leave session as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Twin Falls County Ambulance District Board at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

Phil Roberts, Filer Fire Chief, spoke with the Board regarding the intent for Filer Rural Fire Protection District to discontinue the Filer QRU and the pending discussion by the Fire District Board's meeting on April 13th. Mr. Roberts noted it has been difficult to find volunteers to fill the roster. With Magic Valley Paramedics responding from the Filer Fire Station, they are on scene before any volunteers. Mr. Roberts noted that because MVP is generally on scene volunteers feel it is not necessary to respond to provide medical services and are unable to use their skills. The Filer Fire Department pays volunteers \$15.00 per hour when they respond to a call, however, they are unable to pay a stipend to be on call.

Andrew Stevens, Buhl Fire Department, noted that Buhl is a little different because they have full time staff that run EMS calls. Buhl will continue to run calls with their combined fire and EMS staff. They also pay volunteers to respond which equates to approximately \$41.00 per call. Buhl is looking for other sources of revenue to be able to continue providing the service.

Gary Sabin, Rock Creek Fire noted they have 3 full time staff on most of the time and are in the same situation as Buhl where the Fire District is supporting the EMS program.

Chief Roberts noted that they are unable to bill for services making it difficult to fund the EMS. Stan Roberts, MVP noted that they have an ambulance staffed 24 hours full time at the Filer Fire station. Chief Stevens noted that Buhl does not have an ambulance like Filer and Rock Creek making it important that they have EMS services available. Commissioner Matthews noted that each unit is a little different and has their own set of challenges. Chief Roberts discussed the steps and goals that the Fire District is working toward and noted that the Fire District will be available to assist MVP when needed.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to adjourn the Ambulance District Board and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners at 3:50 p.m. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., April 7, 2026, at the Commissioners Chambers, second floor of the Twin Falls County West Facility, 630 Addison Ave West, Ste. 2300, Twin Falls, Idaho, for the transaction of further business of the Board.

Twin Falls, Idaho
REGULAR APRIL MEETING
April 7, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Reinke called the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. in regular session, pursuant to the recess of April 6, 2026.

PRESENT: Commissioner Rocky Matthews, Commissioner Brent Reinke,
and Commissioner Suzanne Hawkins.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Deputy Clerk Amy Allred.

The following proceedings were held to wit:

In the Matter of MEETINGS

Commissioner Hawkins attended a Rotary Club meeting.

Commissioners attended a staff meeting.

Commissioners met with Dave Overacre, P&Z Director, for a department update.

Commissioner Hawkins attended an Airport Board meeting.

Commissioner Matthews attended a Fair Board meeting.

Commissioner Reinke attended a Mid Snake WAG meeting.
Commissioners attended a Southern Idaho Republican Women's meeting

In the Matter of INDIGENT

Commissioners considered County Assistance Applications.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve case number 104868 for rent assistance in the amount of \$1021.00 to Alder Apartments with a \$100.00 per month payback and 50% of future tax refunds. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Hawkins noted that the client has a lot of other debt and this may not be a good use of tax payers' money. Commissioner Matthews noted that client has the financial ability to repay the County. Motion failed. (Matthews yes, Hawkins no, Reinke no).

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to approve, releasing the liens on case numbers 98577 and 99403 contingent upon a signed consent to re-lien the property, with the applicant to continue her current monthly payments. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners considered the Consent Agenda; items may include status sheets, employee requisitions, alcohol licenses, tax cancellations, Sheriff's Office Security Agreements, and Commissioner minutes.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Hawkins reviewed the items in the Consent Agenda to include an employee requisition for the District Court and Commissioner minutes for March 23-27. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of TAXES

Commissioners considered a request to cancel interest and late fees for Victor Cantu.

Becky Petersen, Treasurer, reviewed the request to cancel interest and late fees for Victor Cantu with the Board. Ms. Petersen noted Mr. Cantu will be making payments for the remaining taxes.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to approve the cancellation of interest and late fees for Victor Cantu in the amount of \$25.66 for late fees and \$438.71 for interest for a total cancellation of \$464.37 on parcel RPT50610060150A. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners considered a cancellation of a homeowner exemption tax recovery as requested by the Assessor.

Brad Wills, Assessor, and Erin Porter, Chief Deputy Assessor, reviewed the cancellation of a homeowner exemption tax recovery with the Board. Ms. Porter noted this was an error from the Assessor's office for 2024 and 2025, and asked the Board to cancel late fees in the amount of \$32.48, interest \$250.15, and 2024 taxes in the amount of \$812.19 for a total cancellation of \$1,906.83.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve cancellation of late charges in the amount of \$32.48 and interest in the amount of \$250.15 for a total cancellation of \$282.63. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Matthews noted that the 2024 taxes in the amount of \$812.19 would still be due, however the late charges and interest fees are cancelled. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of COUNTY PROPERTY

Commissioners considered a request from Jody Revai to place flags on the Courthouse lawn for the Western Days Celebration May 29th - May 31st, 2026.

Jody Revai presented his request to place flags on the Courthouse lawn for the Western Days Celebration taking place May 29–May 31, 2026. Mr. Revai explained that the goal is to display the flags in recognition of America250 and then distribute and display the flags throughout the Magic Valley.

Commissioner Matthews expressed concerns about potential property damage from placing a large number of flag stakes in the lawn, specifically regarding the sprinkler system. He advised Mr. Revai that he will need to coordinate with Kali Sherrell, Parks and Waterways Director, to determine proper placement and mitigate these issues.

Commissioner Matthews also raised a question related to House Bill 561. Mr. Revai stated he is unsure whether the Colonial-style flags are addressed under the bill but noted that the company producing the flags is associated with the America250 initiative.

Commissioner Hawkins mentioned concerns about public use of the Courthouse lawn during the parade. Mr. Revai explained that he has a plan to arrange the flags in a way that still allows public access to the lawn during parade activities.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to approve Jody Revai's request to place flags on the Courthouse lawn for the Western Days Celebration May 29th - May 31st, 2026 to include the necessary set up and tear down time. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of EMPLOYEE REQUESTS

Commissioners considered a vacation bank extension request for Kelton Brown.

Neal Nakamura, Juvenile Detention Manager, reviewed the vacation bank extension request for Kelton Brown with the Board. Mr. Nakamura noted they are in employee crisis mode with multiple vacant positions and Mr. Brown will still be losing hours even with this extension.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve the vacation bank extension request for Kelton Brown for 90 days. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of GRANTS

Commissioners considered an America250 in Idaho Celebration Fund Grant Agreement.

Gary Andersen, R&D Manager, reviewed the America250 in Idaho Celebration Fund Grant Agreement with the Board. Mr. Andersen noted that the grant is for \$2,500 to be used for displays of America250 signage and education with the grant time frame from March 31, 2026 – December 31, 2026. Tom Longman, America250 Ambassador, feels that this is a great opportunity to educate kids about the history of America. There will be a display up during the summer at a public location as well.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to approve the America250 in Idaho Celebration Fund Grant Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents on behalf of the Board and for Gary Andersen to electronically sign as necessary. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners considered a Right-of-Way Grant/Temporary Use Permit with the BLM.

Commissioner Matthews reviewed the BLM Right-of-Way Grant/Temporary Use Permit with the Board. Commissioner Matthews noted this has been in the works for over 3 years and is for an easement to access Centennial Park. The BLM is requesting a maintenance fee of \$1,113.00, which the Commissioner's office has requested be waived.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to approve the Right-of-Way Grant/Temporary Use Permit with the BLM for property in Centennial Park pending approval of the maintenance fee waiver and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of RESOLUTIONS

Commissioners considered proposed Resolution #2026-023 Declaring a Drought Emergency.

Commissioner Hawkins read the proposed proclamation for the record.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve the Resolution #2026-023 Declaring a Drought Emergency. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-023

A Resolution Declaring a Drought Emergency in Twin Falls County

WHEREAS, Twin Falls County is currently experiencing severe drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions threaten crops and property in the County; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1011 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to declare a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1002 (2) provides, in part, that a "disaster" includes the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage or loss of property resulting from any natural or manmade cause; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1002 (3) provides, in part, that an “emergency” includes the imminent threat of a “disaster” or condition threatening property that requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect property or to avert or lessen the threat of “disaster.”; and

WHEREAS, the drought conditions in Twin Falls County are so severe that State emergency assistance is required to supplement local efforts to protect property and lessen the threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 42-222A authorizes the Director of the Department of Water Resources and the Governor of the State of Idaho to declare a drought emergency for an area which allows temporary changes to the use of water rights in accordance with Idaho Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners that the current drought in Twin Falls County is hereby declared a local disaster emergency and that this emergency will remain in effect until the end of the 2026 irrigation season or until otherwise terminated by resolution of the Board; and

That the Board hereby requests that the Director of the Department of Water Resources and the Governor of the State of Idaho declare a drought emergency for Twin Falls County and take administrative actions to lessen the severe impacts of drought conditions in Twin Falls County.

Approved and adopted this 7th day of April, 2026.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Brent Reinke
Brent Reinke, Chairman

/s/ Rocky Matthews
Rocky Matthews, Commissioner

/s/ Suzanne Hawkins
Suzanne Hawkins, Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Kristina Glascock
Kristina Glascock, Clerk

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., April 8, 2026, at the Commissioners Chambers, second floor of the Twin Falls County West Facility, 630 Addison Ave West, Ste. 2300, Twin Falls, Idaho, for the transaction of further business of the Board.

Twin Falls, Idaho
REGULAR APRIL MEETING
April 8, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Matthews called the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. in regular session, pursuant to the recess of April 7, 2026.

PRESENT: Commissioner Rocky Matthews
and Commissioner Suzanne Hawkins.

ABSENT: Commissioner Brent Reinke.

STAFF: Deputy Clerk Shannon Carter.

The following proceedings were held to wit:

In the Matter of MEETINGS

Commissioners attended a staff meeting.

Commissioner Hawkins attended a URA Special meeting.

Commissioner Hawkins attended a Museum Board meeting.

Commissioner Matthews attended a Salmon Tract water forecast meeting.

Commissioner Hawkins attended a Republican Central Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., April 10, 2026, at the Commissioners Chambers, second floor of the Twin Falls County West Facility, 630 Addison Ave West, Ste. 2300, Twin Falls, Idaho, for the transaction of further business of the Board.

Twin Falls, Idaho
REGULAR APRIL MEETING
April 9, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners attended the IAC Spring County Officials Institute.

Twin Falls, Idaho
REGULAR APRIL MEETING
April 10, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Matthews called the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. in regular session, pursuant to the recess of April 9, 2026.

PRESENT: Commissioner Rocky Matthews
and Commissioner Suzanne Hawkins.

ABSENT: Commissioner Brent Reinke.

STAFF: Deputy Clerk Amy Allred.

The following proceedings were held to wit:

In the Matter of MEETINGS

Commissioner Hawkins attended an Idaho Tax Commission Legislative Review webinar.
Commissioners attended a Court Security Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., April 13, 2026, at the Commissioners Chambers, second floor of the Twin Falls County West Facility, 630 Addison Ave West, Ste. 2300, Twin Falls, Idaho, for the transaction of further business of the Board.