

Twin Falls, Idaho
REGULAR MARCH MEETING
March 1, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Johnson called the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. in regular session, pursuant to the recess of February 26, 2021.

PRESENT: Commissioner Jack Johnson, Commissioner Don Hall and Commissioner Brent Reinke.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Deputy Clerk Hayley Iverson.

The following proceedings were held to wit:

In the Matter of MEETINGS

Commissioners attended a Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers meeting.

Commissioners met with Legal for a weekly department update.

Commissioners met with Stephenson's for an IT Department update.

Commissioners attended an Elected Officials meeting.

Commissioners met with Kali Sherrill, Weeds Director for a quarterly department update.

In the Matter of COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Commissioner Reinke made a MOTION to go into executive session at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (F) records exempt from disclosure - pending litigation or issues likely to be litigated. Commissioner Hall SECONDED. Motion passed after roll call vote. (Hall yes, Johnson yes, Reinke yes)

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:10 a.m.

In the Matter of CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners considered the consent agenda; items that may be considered include status sheets, employee requisitions, alcohol licenses, Commissioner's minutes and tax cancellations.

Commissioner Reinke made a MOTION to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Hall SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Reinke reviewed the items in the consent agenda to include status sheets for Housekeeping. Motion Passed Unanimously.

In the Matter of GRANTS

Commissioners considered a letter of support for The Wellness Tree.

Commissioner Hall read the letter of support for The Wellness Tree for the record.

Tamera Harmon, Wellness Tree Director and Winnie Christensen, Culture for Change Foundation reviewed the request with the Board. Ms. Harmon noted that The Wellness Tree provides care for

a large number of the immigrant population in the Magic Valley. Ms. Harmon also noted that some faith-based leaders have had wives express their desire for a program like this. Ms. Harmon has been in contact with Haji Shearer, who runs a healing circle that cover various topics that would be beneficial for our area. The groups would work with 10 men at a time and would provide them support on a variety of topics. Ms. Christensen noted that there are a lot of programs for women but not a lot for men and this program would help them transition their home life in a new country.

Commissioner Johnson questioned whether this program would include domestic violence training and whether the letter of support should be more specific. Commissioner Hall noted that there are cultural differences between man and wife in America versus countries where the refugees originate from. Ms. Harmon noted that they want the letter to be vague because there can be bias in the community with refugees and domestic violence. She noted that this program is targeted toward helping men build community ties, emotional strength and build the tools to help them build a better home life for their families. Commissioner Reinke noted that he has seen a lot of help come from healing circles in different parts of the country. Ms. Harmon noted that the group leaders would not be licensed and would be group facilitators. Ms. Christensen noted that the facilitators would be trained on how to handle various situations that may come up in the meetings. Ms. Christensen noted that in the refugee community there are no high trauma counselors so when a refugee goes to counseling, they often have a family member translating for them and it makes the counseling difficult. She believes that the healing circle would help these men through their community peers. Commissioner Hall noted that this program would help by being preventative. Refugee families coming to America encounter a lot of lifestyle changes that affect the family's home life. Ms. Harmon noted that this grant may not receive funding because it is exploratory.

Commissioner Hall made a MOTION to approve the letter of support for The Wellness Tree. Commissioner Reinke SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Hall noted that he fully supports this program and would appreciate the prevention aspect of it. Motion Passed Unanimously.

In the Matter of CONTRACTS

Commissioners considered an award of contract for the 3rd Floor Remodel Project.

Bob Beer, Facilities Director reviewed the award of contract for the 3rd Floor Remodel Project with the Board. Mr. Beer noted that this contract would be with Stanley Associates in the amount of \$1,998,350.00. Mr. Beer requested that a letter be sent to Stanley Associates stating that there would be a contract forthcoming. Mr. Beer reviewed the aspects of the contract with the Board. Mr. Beer also noted that there would likely be some minor change orders. Mr. Beer noted that he anticipates the contract being ready for signature within two weeks.

Commissioner Reinke made a MOTION to approve the award of contract for the 3rd Floor Remodel Project to Stanley Associates in the amount of \$1,998,350.00. Commissioner Hall SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Reinke noted that he is grateful for Mr. Beer's work on this project. Commissioner Johnson noted that this was not only the lowest bid but also the recommended contractor. Motion Passed Unanimously.

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., March 2, 2021, at the Commissioners Chambers, second floor of the Twin Falls County West Facility, 630 Addison Ave West, Twin Falls, Idaho, for the transaction of further business of the Board.

Twin Falls, Idaho
REGULAR MARCH MEETING
March 2, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Johnson called the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. in regular session, pursuant to the recess of March 1, 2021.

PRESENT: Commissioner Jack Johnson, Commissioner Don Hall and Commissioner Brent Reinke.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Deputy Clerk Hayley Iverson.

The following proceedings were held to wit:

In the Matter of MEETINGS

Commissioner Reinke attended an Airport Board meeting.
Commissioner Johnson attended a Fair Board meeting.

In the Matter of COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Commissioner Reinke made a MOTION to go into executive session at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (D) records exempt from disclosure – hospital care, medical records. Commissioner Reinke SECONDED. Motion passed after roll call vote. (Hall yes, Johnson yes, Reinke yes)

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:25 a.m.

In the Matter of INDIGENT

Commissioners considered County Assistance applications.

Commissioner Reinke made a MOTION to approve case number 104372. Commissioner Hall SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Reinke recommended denial due to no interview or documents. Motion Failed Unanimously.

Commissioner Hall made a MOTION to stay with the original offer made by the County on case numbers 101384 and 99039. Commissioner Reinke SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Hall noted there was a counter offer presented which the Board does not feel is appropriate. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Commissioner Reinke made a MOTION to approve case number 104358 for cost affixed dates of service 1.6.21 - 1.9.21. Commissioner Hall SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Reinke

noted that this client is a County resident and the assistance is appropriate. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Commissioner Hall made a MOTION to approve the offer for case number 98303 with a \$100.00 per month pay back and 50% of tax refunds with a new consent to lien on the client's new property. Commissioner Reinke SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Hall noted that this is an older case in which the change is appropriate and puts the County in a better position. There is a garnishment that would help pay back the County. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Commissioner Reinke made a MOTION to approve case number 104373 for cremation in the amount of \$950.00. Commissioner Hall SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Reinke recommended approval as the Client was indigent. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Commissioner Hall made a MOTION to approve case number 104374 for cremation in the amount of \$950.00. Commissioner Reinke SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Hall recommended denial as the client is not indigent and the County is not the last resource. Motion Failed Unanimously.

In the Matter of CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners considered the consent agenda; items that may be considered include status sheets, employee requisitions, alcohol licenses, Commissioner's minutes and tax cancellations.

Commissioner Hall made a MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Reinke SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Hall reviewed the items in the consent agenda to include status sheets for Public Defender and Sheriff's Office. Motion Passed Unanimously.

In the Matter of GRANTS

Commissioners considered a letter to Idaho Department of Commerce regarding an Idaho Community Development Block Grant Addendum.

Adeanna Jenkins, District 4 reviewed the letter to the Idaho Department of Commerce regarding an Idaho Community Development Block Grant Addendum with the Board. Ms. Jenkins noted that this Addendum is the next step in the Grant process and that the funds will help Castleford Fire get a new fire truck. Commissioner Hall noted that it's the Boards job to work with departments like this and feels that the addendum is appropriate. Commissioner Johnson noted that this grant will help the District get the appropriate equipment that would save lives.

Commissioner Reinke made a MOTION to approve the letter to the Idaho Department of Commerce regarding an Idaho Community Development Block Grant Addendum and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Hall SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Reinke noted that there is a need for this vehicle. Motion Passed Unanimously.

In the Matter of RESOLUTION

Commissioners considered proposed Resolution #2021-024 with Respect to Constitutional Rights in Twin Falls County.

Commissioner Johnson reviewed the need for the Resolution and read proposed Resolution #2021-024 with Respect to Constitutional Rights in Twin Falls County for the record. Commissioner Johnson noted that the Board received input from the public while putting the Resolution together and that it was community driven.

Commissioner Hall made a MOTION to approve Resolution #2021-024 with Respect to Constitutional Rights in Twin Falls County. Commissioner Reinke SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Hall noted that this is a citizen driven Resolution and thanked the members of the audience for their support and also thanked the other Elected Officials for their support on this matter. Commissioner Hall noted that government is here to protect the rights of the citizens, not to diminish them or take them away. Commissioner Hall swore to defend the Constitution and protect the rights of everyone. Commissioner Hall reviewed various sections of the Resolution that he wanted to highlight. Commissioner Hall noted that the right to bear arms is for life and liberty, which is why we are here, not for hunting. Commissioner Reinke noted that it is an honor and privilege to serve the County. Commissioner Reinke reviewed various sections of the Resolution that he wanted to highlight. Commissioner Johnson noted that he would like to open the meeting up to the public. Don Zuck, Twin Falls County Resident noted that he loved the Resolution that the Board had created and thanked the Board. Glennita Zuiderveld, Twin Falls County Resident thanked the Board for the Resolution and noted that it would help protect the rights of the citizen. Ms. Zuiderveld questioned what legal ground the Resolution had and also questioned how often the Resolution would need to be re-done. Commissioner Johnson noted that this is a Resolution so it is not law; it is the Elected Officials stating that they will continue to support the Constitution and will defend the rights of residents. Commissioner Hall noted that Resolutions do not need to be re-done when the Commissioners leave office but that it could be re-done by future Commissioners and encouraged the public to vote for people that would defend the rights of citizens. Forest Anderson, Twin Falls County Resident thanked the Board for their work on this Resolution and that anyone that doesn't support the rights of the citizens under the Constitution puts a target on their backs and those rights need to be defended. It takes courage for people to stand up to defend their rights under the Constitution and that they are worth fighting for and encouraged the Board to vote in the affirmative on this matter. He also appreciated the Board defending these rights. Charles Collins, Twin Falls County Resident complimented the Board on their act of courage to stand up and make this Resolution. He believes that the Resolution is missing the defense of unborn life. Liz Nickum, Twin Falls County Resident noted that the Nation is at war for their rights and that she feels that Twin Falls County residents are waking up to this issue. She thanked the County for the Backing the Blue event last year and would like to see it continued. Leonard Denton, Twin Falls County Resident noted that he is in favor of the Resolution and is in support of it. Lyle Johnstone, Jerome County Resident thanked the Board for this Resolution and that this solidifies that the Board takes their Oath of Office very seriously. He sees other Elected Officials that do not take that Oath seriously. Terry Estep thanked the Board for reaffirming his decision to move to Twin Falls County. Commissioner Johnson noted that Leonard Denton provided the Board with a document that had been signed by over 100 people in support of this matter. Commissioner Hall thanked Commissioner Johnson for taking the lead on this issue

and drafting a Resolution. He also thanked the County's legal department for their hard work on this Resolution as well. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Resolution No. 2021-024

A Resolution with Respect to Constitutional Rights in Twin Falls County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Elected Officials of Twin Falls County oppose any law that infringes upon the constitutional rights of Twin Falls County's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Twin Falls County are opposed to any legislation proposed by the Idaho State Legislature, the Governor of Idaho, the United States Congress, or the President of the United States that would infringe upon the right of the people to keep and bear

arms or would ban the possession and use of firearms, magazines, ammunition, or accessories necessary to citizens of Twin Falls County for defense of life, liberty, and property; and

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

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

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

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

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

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2021.

/s/ Jack Johnson
Jack Johnson, Chairman
Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Don Hall
Don Hall
Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Brent Reinke
Brent Reinke
Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Bradford Wills
Bradford Wills
Twin Falls County Assessor

/s/ Kristina Glascock
Kristina Glascock
Twin Falls County Clerk

/s/ Gene Turley
Gene Turley
Twin Falls County Coroner

/s/ Grant P. Loeb
Grant P. Loeb
Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney

/s/ Tom Carter
Tom Carter
Twin Falls County Sheriff

/s/ Becky Petersen
Becky Petersen
Twin Falls County Treasurer

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., March 3, 2021, at the Commissioners Chambers, second floor of the Twin Falls County West Facility, 630 Addison Ave West, Twin Falls, Idaho, for the transaction of further business of the Board.

Twin Falls, Idaho
REGULAR MARCH MEETING
March 3, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Johnson called the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. in regular session, pursuant to the recess of March 2, 2021.

PRESENT: Commissioner Jack Johnson, Commissioner Don Hall and Commissioner Brent Reinke.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Deputy Clerk Hayley Iverson.

The following proceedings were held to wit:

In the Matter of MEETINGS

Commissioner Hall attended a Legislative Committee meeting via Zoom.

Commissioner Reinke attended a NACo Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Commissioners attended a District 4 Legislative updates meeting via Zoom.

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., March 4, 2021, at the Commissioners Chambers, second floor of the Twin Falls County West Facility, 630 Addison Ave West, Twin Falls, Idaho, for the transaction of further business of the Board.

Twin Falls, Idaho
REGULAR MARCH MEETING
March 4, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Johnson called the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. in regular session, pursuant to the recess of March 3, 2021.

PRESENT: Commissioner Jack Johnson, Commissioner Don Hall and Commissioner Brent Reinke.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Deputy Clerk Hayley Iverson.

The following proceedings were held to wit:

In the Matter of MEETINGS

Commissioners attended a Statewide Quarterly Coordination meeting via Zoom.
Commissioner Hall attended a Region IV Development Association meeting via Zoom.
Commissioner Johnson attended an IACC Conference Planning meeting via Zoom.
Commissioners met with Bob Beer, Facilities Director for a weekly department update.
Commissioners met with Elaine Molignoni, HR Director for a weekly department update.

In the Matter of CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners considered the consent agenda; items that may be considered include status sheets, employee requisitions, alcohol licenses, Commissioner's minutes and tax cancellations.

Commissioner Hall made a MOTION to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Reinke SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Hall reviewed the items in the consent agenda to include an employee requisition for the Clerk's Office; and status sheets for TARC, Public Defender, Safe House, Juvenile Detention, and the Sheriff's Office. Motion Passed Unanimously.

In the Matter of GRANTS

Commissioners considered a Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Award.

Gary Anderson, Research and Development Director and Jaci Urie, TARC Director reviewed the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Award and how the funds will potentially be used with the Board. Ms. Urie noted that last year they had 50 participants and this year they are hoping for 75. Commissioner Johnson noted that this is an ongoing program that benefits county residents.

Commissioner Reinke made a MOTION to approve the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Hall SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Reinke noted that grant award is appropriate. Motion Passed Unanimously.

In the Matter of EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Commissioners considered Group Health Insurance Contracts and Certificate of Coverage.

Commissioner Hall noted that these contracts were reviewed by Legal and appear to be appropriate.

Kristina Glascock, Clerk reviewed the Group Health Insurance Contracts and Certificate of Coverage with the Board. Ms. Glascock noted that there are two contracts for the two different coverage options that the County provides.

Commissioner Hall made a MOTION to approve the Group Health Insurance Contracts and Certificate of Coverage and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Reinke SECONDED. Motion Passed Unanimously.

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., March 5, 2021, at the Commissioners Chambers, second floor of the Twin Falls County West Facility, 630 Addison Ave West, Twin Falls, Idaho, for the transaction of further business of the Board.

Twin Falls, Idaho
REGULAR MARCH MEETING
March 5, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Johnson called the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. in regular session, pursuant to the recess of March 4, 2021.

PRESENT: Commissioner Jack Johnson, Commissioner Don Hall and Commissioner Brent Reinke.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Deputy Clerk Hayley Iverson.

The following proceedings were held to wit:

In the Matter of MEETINGS

Commissioner Hall attended a Twin Falls Chamber Public Policy Committee meeting via Zoom. Commissioners met with Cpt. Scott Bishop, Sheriff's Office to discuss body cams. Commissioner Reinke attended a Board of Community Guardians meeting.

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., March 8, 2021, at the Commissioners Chambers, second floor of the Twin Falls County West Facility, 630 Addison Ave West, Twin Falls, Idaho, for the transaction of further business of the Board.