

Twin Falls, Idaho
REGULAR SEPTEMBER MEETING
September 8, 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 September 4, 2026.

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Deputy Clerks Amy Allred and Shannon Carter.

The following proceedings were held to wit:

In the Matter of MEETINGS

Commissioner Reinke attended a Greater Twin Falls Area Transportation Committee meeting. Greg Phipps presented concerns about Centennial Park's boat ramp restrictions. Commissioner Hawkins attended a Youth Council Kick-Off meeting. Commissioner Reinke attended a Republican Women's meeting.

In the Matter of INDIGENT

Commissioners considered County Assistance applications.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve case number 104903 for cremation in the amount of \$950.00 to Wilks Funeral Home. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Hawkins noted that she didn't believe that the case qualified as indigent and the County was not the last resource. Motion failed 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. Commissioner Hawkins reviewed the items in the Consent Agenda to include alcohol catering permits for Cedar Draw Cider at Lavendar Hollow in Filer on 9/22/26, the Pocket at Deep Creek Lodge on 9/12/26, and Woody's 2.0 at Deep Creek Lodge on 9/16/26; a status sheet for the Clerk-Auditor's Office; and an employee requisition for Traffic Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of PUBLIC ASSEMBLY

Commissioners considered a public assembly permit for Mitch Pollock at 3238 N. 3250 E. Twin Falls.

Mitch Pollock reviewed his public assemble permit with the Board. Mr. Pollock noted this is the 7th year for his event and the event gives back to the community in the form of scholarships.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to approve a public assembly permit for Mitch Pollock at 3238 N. 3250 E. Twin Falls on October 17, 2026. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of GRANTS

Commissioners considered a Grant Award from the US Forest Service.

Lieutenant Daron Brown reviewed the Grant Award from the US Forest Service with the Board. Lt. Brown noted that is the document was an annual addendum to their agreement in the amount of \$13,000.00.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to approve the Grant Award from the US Forest Service and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Commissioners met with White Buffalo to consider a Property Tax Exemption application as per Idaho Code 63-602NN.

Milind Kamkolkar, White Buffalo, requested that the exemption not be applied until October 2028 due to the time requirements for building and occupation. Marty Abbott, White Buffalo reviewed some examples of other counties that had given an extended date for the tax exemption's start to include Canyon County, Cassia County, Power County and Bonner County.

Stace Campbell, CTS, reviewed the construction restrictions with Idaho Power and Water Resources which will delay being able to operate before October 2028. Mr. Campbell reviewed the McCain and NuCold projects and their delayed exemptions as well as the waiting period for FDA approval. Stan Hayes, reviewed his experience with transferring water rights and the process for transferring water rights. Mr. Hayes reviewed the water rights that have been procured and the water use for the proposed White Buffalo project. There was further discussion on the water use for the project and the transfer of the water rights to the City of Hansen.

Brad Wills, Assessor reviewed the process for assessing the property and the required date of January 1 for assessments. There was discussion on the base year.

Commissioner Matthews noted that the Board had previously approved an exemption and the decision would amend the previous decision.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to amend the decision to approve a tax exemption as per IC 63-602NN with the exemption to begin January 1, 2029. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Matthews noted that this will allow White Buffalo to take full advantage of the exemption period. Commissioner Hawkins noted that she supports the

exemption and the opportunity that the business will bring to the City of Hansen. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of ZONING

Commissioners conducted a public hearing to consider a rezone application filed by Barrett and Sheila McClure.

Commissioner Reinke reviewed the record, documents and laws considered for a Rezone Application filed by Barrett and Sheila McClure for land (of approximately 220.96 acres) located at Township 9 South, Range 14 East Sections 5 and 8, in Twin Falls County.

The record included the Rezone Application Packet including: staff report, agency comment letters, notice of public hearing, and written decision.

The laws considered included:

- Idaho Code Section 67-6511, 67-6517, and 67-6519.
- Title 8 Chapter 13 of the Twin Falls County Code.
- Twin Falls County Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Reinke swore in all parties giving testimony to include: David Overacre, P&Z Director, Lorie Jeske, P&Z Staff, Barrett McClure, Applicant, Ted Larson, Attorney for Applicant.

Public

Mike Erickson

Amy Scott (Mary Scott Mother)

Amy Westover

Vicky Heinse

Amy Berney

Patty Haywood

Judy Galloway

Jacob Roometua

Carolyn Phyllips

Marisa Eastman

Commissioner Reinke asked the following questions and received the following answers from Lorie Jeske P&Z staff.

A. Application Procedure

1. Where is the property located? **19242 Highway 30, Buhl Sections 05 & 08 Township 09 South Range 14 East**
2. Was the Application complete? **Yes, the Application was complete**
3. Did the applicant submit an Application for a Rezone? **Yes**

a. Did the application include all the contents as outlined in Twin Falls County Code 8-13-2 **Yes**

1. Why or why not? **Impact study was completed by McClure Engineering, Scott McClure, PE, SE, LEED AP**

4. Did any of the responding agencies outline any areas of concern regarding the rezone? **Yes**

b. If so, what were they? **Buhl Highway District - Property is accessed from a private roadway, No objection.**

Buhl Fire Department – no reservations of this zoning change, all new construction will need to go through the plans review process for fire code, emphasize developers should have a plan in place for access requirements for multiple future residential building sites and a year round water source.

South Central Public Health District – sanitary restrictions on parcels are in force.

Idaho Department of Fish & Game – Maintain a no-development buffer of 100 yards from the elevation low point of the seep/stream (found in the southern half of the property), to retain riparian vegetation and wildlife habitat. This should also be applied to the stream found in the far southern corner of property

Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office – No concerns.

United State Post Office – No concerns.

Twin Falls County Parks & Waterways – No comment at this time.

Buhl Joint School District – No opposition.

Idaho Department of Water Resources – Irrigation and stock water use appears to be appurtenant to the property. It was indicated that there will be no physical changes to the land or the use of this water right. No objections to the proposed rezone but would like to make the following comment for your consideration: The use of water should follow the beneficial use and limits as stated on applicable water rights.

Twin Falls Canal Company – no tiles, no laterals. Standard setbacks from canal facilities stated.

Idaho Department of Transportation – The rezoning will not increase traffic to a level that would require mitigation at this time.

Marathon Petroleum – wanted to ensure there is an awareness of the Marathon High Pressure Petroleum Lines. There are 2 lines within a 33 foot wide easement located in Section 5, Township 09 South, Range 14 East. Marathon requests that developers work with them early in the design phase of their projects to ensure our safety requirements are met.

c. Can those concerns be mitigated? **No.**

5. Did any of the neighbors outline any areas of concern regarding the rezone? **Yes.**

If so, what were they? **Neighbor concerns were noise from the property that is directly above them, traffic on River Road, water/wells drying up, hot water wells**

B. Hearing Procedure

1. Were these Applications heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission? **Yes**

2. Were all the necessary parties given notice? **Yes**

a. Was notice sent out to residents in the surrounding area? **Notice was mailed to neighbors within 300 feet on May 4, 2026**

b. Was notice published in the newspaper? **Notice was published in the Times News on May 5, 2026**

c. Was notice posted on the property? **Property was posted on May 15, 2026. Property was posted again on August 21, 2026.**

3. When was the hearing? **May 26 & 28, 2026**

a. Did anyone testify in favor of the application? **No**

b. Did anyone testify in opposition to the application? **Yes, 5 people spoke in opposition. Carolyn Phillips, Marisa Eastman, Justin Edinborgh, Judith Galloway and Patty Haywood**

An additional 11 comment letters were received since rezone was sent up to the BOCC all in opposition. 3 are affected persons: CMA Land & Livestock, Julie Willimott and Marisa Eastman, an additional 8 unaffected persons provided comment.

4. What was the Recommendation of the P&Z Commission on these Applications? **The P&Z Commission recommended approval.**

C. Rezone Application

1. What is the property currently zoned? **Agricultural**
2. What is the application seeking to have the property rezoned to? **Rural Residential**
 - a. Is the proposed use compatible with surrounding uses? **It is compatible**
 1. How is the proposed use compatible? **It is adjacent to current rural residential.**
 - b. Could the proposed rezone constitute spot zoning? **No, the property is bordered on one side by Rural Residential Zone.**
3. Does the proposed rezone conflict with the Twin Falls Comprehensive Plan? **No**
4. Does Staff have a recommendation? **Due to the opposition from the neighbors, the staff recommended the following studies; Wildlife and habitat assessment, Noise Study, Traffic Study, Water Study, Drainage Patterns, Stormwater runoff.**

Applicants presentation

Ted Larsen, Attorney for the applicant reviewed the subject property and the surrounding properties with the Board. Mr. Larsen noted that the property is split and zoned both rural residential and agricultural. Mr. Larsen stated that the rezone is consistent with the comprehensive plan. The property is mostly unirrigated and has minimal agriculture use and would be a prime candidate for rural residential zoning. Mr. Larsen noted that the property is not considered working land due to a lack of irrigation. Mr. Larsen stated that his client has no issues with the recommended studies and the conditions of the government agencies.

Commissioner Matthews asked what the number of water shares are for the property. Mr. Larsen responded that there is a wastewater right on the property. Mr. Matthews asked about the roadways for the area. There was discussion on the roadway access.

Mr. Larsen noted that previously there was a music festival on the property that was very noisy. There are no specific plans to follow up the zoning change with a subdivision application at this time.

Public Comment received from affected persons

Marisa Eastman – opposed the rezone; canyon rim development concerns.

Carolyn Phillips – opposed the rezone; impact to wildlife and water concerns.

Patty Harwood – opposed the rezone; potential number of homes to be built, wells, and septic concerns.

Public comment nonaffected persons

Amy Westover – opposed the rezone; water and septic concerns.

Vickie Heinz – opposed the rezone; water and septic concerns; comprehensive plan concerns; wildlife concerns.

Amy Jo Berney – opposed the rezone; roadway access concerns; water concerns.

Mike Erickson – opposed the rezone; water, traffic, wildlife concerns;

Amy Scott – on behalf of mom Mary Scott – opposed the rezone; impact study, water concerns.

Ted Larsen, Attorney for Applicant, reviewed the map with the surrounding zones. Mr. Larsen noted that they are requesting to move the rural residential line West. The application is only for a rezone at this time. If there is a subdivision applied for, further studies could be part of that application process. Mr. Larsen noted that the wildlife concerns can be assessed at the time of an application for further development and a study at this point is premature. Mr. Larsen discussed the water concerns and the wells as well as the septic concerns and asked the Board to save that concern for a future application. Mr. Larsen reviewed the concerns that were addressed by the commenting persons and noted that further assessments would be addressed at the point of further development. The current request is only for a rezone.

Commissioner Matthews questioned the irrigation and water rights. Mr. Larsen addressed the current water use.

Commissioner Hawkins asked how the parcel was split and partially zoned rural residential and partly Ag. Lorie Jeske, staff reviewed the property and the zoning sections. The property was zoned by sections line, not by parcel number. Mr. McClure noted that he was aware of the split zoning when he purchased the property.

Commissioner Reinke questioned the discussion of 60 homes that were brought by the affected persons. Ms. Jeske stated she has no information other than the rezone application. Commissioner Matthews questioned the potential of over 300 homes. Ms. Jeske stated the terrain would not support that. Commissioner Reinke questioned the water in the area. Ms. Jeske stated that she did not have knowledge of that and water resources would have to provide that information. She also was not aware of a study of the water in that area. Commissioner Matthews stated that he was not aware of a water study either. The letter from IDWR stated that the property has one current water right but does not mention the waste water rights. Commissioner Reinke noted that the Land Trust is also concerned about water in the area.

The Board discussed the following issues and made the following findings:

1. Did the applicant submit applications? **Yes**
2. Were the applications complete? **Yes**
 - a. Did the applications meet the requirements set forth in Twin Falls County Code Title 8 Chapter 13? **Yes**
3. Were the applications properly noticed in accordance with Idaho Code 67-6509 & 67-6511?
Yes

4. Rezone Application

- a. Did the applicant meet the requirements for a rezone? **Yes**
- b. Does it conform to the TF County Comprehensive Plan? **Commissioner Matthews stated that currently there are 50 acres that are being farmed and the comp plan says to protect active farm ground.**
- c. Is the proposal compatible with surrounding uses? **Yes, it does touch other Rural Residential property.**
- d. Has a need for the zoning change been established? **No, because it is a separate parcel and without an actual end result being shown, there isn't a need shown. There is currently rural residential property that hasn't been developed. Commissioner Hawkins stated she does not see a need.**
- e. Is this spot zoning? **No. It is contiguous with other rural residential.**

Commissioner Reinke reviewed the decision options with the Board to include approve, disapprove, remand or modify.

Commissioner Reinke expressed his concern with water availability and the lack of information on the water in that area.

Commissioner Matthews stated that the comp plan directs them toward development of non-prime ag land. The property is not prime ag, but without information on the water and the lack of information from the Department of Water Resources to determine if there are spring rights on the property it is difficult. The non-irrigated ag ground has the potential to have several hundred homes and with the lack of surface water the well water would be used to irrigate the properties. The Board has to look at the potential. Commissioner Hawkins noted that this is only a rezone request so that information is not part of the application.

Commissioner Hawkins noted that she understands the difference between the rezone application and a development application. However, without further information on the water, there are too many questions. Commissioner Hawkins stated that she is leaning toward remanding the decision back to P&Z for further information.

Commissioner Matthews stated that he has questions but not ones that he would remand the application back to P&Z. Based upon the current application, he did not feel it was the appropriate place for rural residential based upon the information available and he would vote to disapprove. Commissioner Hawkins stated her concern with remanding back is the cost to the applicant to start the process again. Commissioner Hawkins stated she would like more information on the water, the septs and wildlife. Commissioner Matthews stated he would also like further information on the Banberry geothermal overlay which would be gathered by the P&Z if the decision is remanded. Commissioner Matthews stated that they need to look at all the potential uses for the property.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to remand the application back to the P&Z Commission with instructions to gather more information on the pivot water source, an in depth water survey, a wildlife assessment which would address the fish and game recommendations for setbacks on the draw and spring, a septic percolation assessment which includes a property overlay of where the direction of water flows in the area under the five-foot mark, an updated letter from the Idaho Transportation Dept. which would address the turn lanes on the potential of 250 homes, and the applicant to provide the P&Z Commission with information on the Banberry geothermal moratorium as it relates to the property so the P&Z Commission understand the requirements and what happens if drilling encounters hot water, including whether they may continue drilling deeper to reach cold water. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Discussion Commissioner Matthews noted that the Board has to consider the worst-case scenario and the missing information would help make a decision. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Matter of BUDGETS

Commissioners conducted a public hearing to consider the Twin Falls County Budget for FY2027.

Commissioner Reinke opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Kristina Glascock, Clerk reviewed the proposed Twin Falls County budget for FY2027.

Leslie Wolfe asked for clarification on the budget expenditures for FY2025. Kristina Glascock, Clerk noted that there was an error in the formulas that caused the missing information. The missing information did not affect the proposed budget for FY2027 in the amount of \$67,757,599 with \$2,000 in ARPA funds. Ms. Glascock noted that the document would be corrected for the public hearing tomorrow.

Sheriff Jack Johnson thanked the Board and the Clerk for their work on the budget.

Commissioner Reinke closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., September 9, 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 SEPTEMBER MEETING
September 9, 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 September 8, 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 staff meeting.

Commissioners met with Cory Tverdy, Maintenance Director, and Bob Beer, Facilities Director, for a County Property update.

Commissioners met with Kristina Glascock, Clerk, for a Court Facilities project update.

Commissioner Matthews attended an EMS Advisory Board meeting.

Commissioners met with the Sheriff to discuss Jail staffing.

Commissioners met with Janaan Vanzante, Juvenile Probation, for a department update.

Commissioner Hawkins attended a Museum Board meeting.

Commissioners attended a Republican Central Committee meeting.

In the Matter of PUBLIC HEARINGS

Commissioners conducted a public hearing to consider the Twin Falls County Budget for FY2027.

Commissioner Reinke opened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m.

Kristina Glascock, Clerk, reviewed the proposed budget for FY2027 with the Board.

Leslie Wolfe asked about the Election Consolidation budget line. Ms. Glascock explained the budget title.

Commissioner Hawkins thanked the department heads for their patience during the budget process. Commissioner Matthews thanked the department heads for their work to hold their budgets flat. Commissioner Reinke noted that the County would be taking the 3% allowed to increase the budget and support the growing community.

Sheriff Jack Johnson expressed his appreciation to the Board and the Clerk for supporting the Sheriff's Office.

Leslie Wolfe thanked the Board and department heads for their work and expressed her disappointment that there was not more public participation in the process.

Commissioner Reinke closed the public hearing at 10:08 a.m.

In the Matter of RESOLUTIONS

Commissioners considered proposed Resolution #2027-040 to adopt the Twin Falls County Budget for FY2027.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve Resolution #2027-040 to adopt the Twin Falls County Budget for FY2027. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-040

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ENSUING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, STATE OF IDAHO

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §31-1605 provides that the Board of County Commissioners will hold a budget hearing on or before the Tuesday following the first Monday in September of each year following publication of notice of said budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Twin Falls County Commissioners met at Twin Falls County West on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 and Wednesday, September 9, 2026, pursuant to the designated published time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners that the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget is fixed as follows: Salaries and Wages \$29,020,479; Other Expenses and Benefits \$38,737,120; ARPA \$2,000 for a total budget of \$67,759,599. A copy of the entire budget is available upon request at the Clerk's Office.

DATED this 9th day of September, 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

Commissioners considered a proposed Updated Pay Grades FY2027 Resolution #2026-041.

Commissioner Matthews reviewed the proposed resolution with the Board.

Commissioner Matthews made a MOTION to approve Resolution 2026-041 for the updated Pay Grades for FY2027. Commissioner Hawkins SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-041

WHEREAS, Twin Falls County has a classification and pay grade system for Twin Falls County positions; and

WHEREAS, Twin Falls County wants to administer policies as consistently as possible between departments; and

WHEREAS, Twin Falls County intends to ensure position classifications and pay ranges are regularly reviewed and updated to remain competitive in the market,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Twin Falls County does hereby adopt the updated Kinds and Level Pay Grade Charts as attached to this resolution for Fiscal Year 2027.

DATED this 9th day of September, 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

In the Matter of JAIL
Commissioners conducted a quarterly jail inspection.

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., September 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 SEPTEMBER MEETING
September 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 September 9, 2026.

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Deputy Clerk Amy Allred.

The following proceedings were held to wit:

In the Matter of MEETINGS

Commissioner Reinke attended a Treatment Court Committee meeting in Boise.

Commissioners met with Bob Beer, Facilities Director, for a department update.

Commissioners met with Elaine Molignoni, Human Resources Director, for a department update.

Commissioner Matthews attended a Soil Conservation meeting.

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. Commissioner Hawkins reviewed the items in the Consent Agenda to include status sheet for IT and the FY2027 employee pay rate increases. Motion passed unanimously. (Reinke absent)

In the Matter of BOARDS

Commissioners considered L-2 extension requests.

Kristina Glascock, Clerk, and Deana Johnson, Clerks office, presented the L-2 extension requests to the Board.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve the L-2 extension requests as presented to include the City of Hansen's extension to 9/21/26, the conditional extension for the Filer Recreation District, and any further extension received by 5:00 p.m. today. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously. (Reinke absent)

In the Matter of CONTRACTS

Commissioners considered a Memorandum of Agreement with the Minidoka County Juvenile Detention Center.

Janaan VanZante, Juvenile Detention, reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement with the Minidoka County Juvenile Detention Center with the Board.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Minidoka County Juvenile Detention Center. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously. (Reinke absent)

Commissioners considered an Amendment to the Food Service Agreement with Summit Food Service at the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center.

Janaan Vanzante, Juvenile Detention Supervisor reviewed the Amendment to the Food Service Agreement with Summit Food Service at the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center with the Board.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve the Amendment to the Food Service Agreement with Summit Food Service at the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign the documents on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously. (Reinke absent)

In the Matter of PROCLAMATIONS

Commissioners considered a Falls Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation.

Commissioner Hawkins read the Falls Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation for the record.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve the Falls Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously. (Reinke absent)

Proclamation

Falls Prevention Awareness Month, September 2026

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is one of the fastest growing states in the nation, including a significant increase in the percentage of older adults; and

WHEREAS, Twin Falls County takes great pride in providing an excellent quality of life for our residents while managing its fiscal responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, falls are the leading cause of accidental deaths and injuries among older adults with 33.6% of Idahoans age 65+ falling each year, which is higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 falls results in serious physical harm such as broken bones, and are the #1 cause of traumatic brain injury across all age groups; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans incur a total of \$164 million in costs related to falls each year with the average medical cost of a fall in Idaho being \$38,373 across all age groups, of which state Medicaid pays \$27 million, and Idahoans pay \$26 million privately or out-of-pocket; and

WHEREAS, falls often lead to additional psychosocial issues including depression, social isolation, decreased mobility, loss of independence, and early institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, the impact of falls on local infrastructure including emergency medical services (EMS), fire departments, emergency departments, critical access hospitals, trauma services, and long-term services and support is significant; and

WHEREAS, the Twin Falls County Commissioners recognize the importance of health, safety, security, and independence for all our residents; and

WHEREAS, most falls are avoidable with modest interventions, based on awareness and simple strategies that significantly reduce the risk of these debilitating and often fatal events; and

WHEREAS, public and private organizations and individuals throughout our community can effectively work together to provide education and guidance for individuals, families, and caregivers to reduce the devastating impact of falls on our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Twin Falls County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 2026, to be Falls Prevention Awareness month. We urge every resident to learn simple strategies to identify risks and reduce falls in our community

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hand, and caused to be affixed the Seal of Twin Falls County Idaho this 10th day of September, 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

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., September 11, 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 SEPTEMBER MEETING
September 11, 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 September 10, 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 Reinke attended a West End Men's Association meeting.
Commissioners met with Thomas Tillotson to discuss a drag raceway update.
Commissioners met with the Magic Valley 9/11 Memorial Event Speaker.
Commissioners attended the 9/11 Ceremony at the Perrine Bridge.
Commissioners met the new director of the Wellness Tree Clinic.

In the Matter of RESOLUTIONS

Commissioners considered proposed Resolution #2026-042 Authorizing Employee Compensation.

Commissioner Hawkins noted that the agenda incorrectly listed the resolution as #2026-043 and clarified that the correct resolution number is #2026-042. Kristina Glascock, Clerk, reviewed the proposed Resolution #2026-042 Authorizing Employee Compensation with the Board.

Commissioner Hawkins made a MOTION to approve the proposed Resolution #2026-042 Authorizing Employee Compensation. Commissioner Matthews SECONDED. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-042

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION
PAYMENT TO ELIGIBLE TWIN FALLS COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners recognizes the essential role County employees play in providing services to the citizens of Twin Falls County; and

WHEREAS, economic and labor market conditions have made it increasingly difficult to recruit and fill certain County positions, resulting in increased workloads for existing employees and personnel savings within certain County budgets during Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, continued inflation and changes in the cost of living have increased the cost of essential goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to recognize the continued service and dedication of County employees and to support employee retention through a one-time additional compensation payment to eligible employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners that the County Clerk is authorized to issue a one-time additional compensation payment included in their regular paycheck on payday of September 18, 2026 to eligible County employees as follows:

1. **Regular Full-Time Employees.** Each active, regular full-time employee who is eligible to receive a County paycheck on September 18, 2026, shall receive a one-time additional compensation payment of \$1,700.00.

A regular full-time employee who is on an approved unpaid leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or due to a work-related injury covered by Workers' Compensation, and who is not scheduled to receive a paycheck on September 18, 2026 solely because of such leave, shall remain eligible for the additional compensation payment.

2. **Regular Part-Time Employees.** Each active, regular part-time employee who has worked an average of at least nineteen (19) hours per week and who is eligible to receive a County paycheck on September 18, 2026, shall receive a one-time additional compensation payment of \$850.00.

The average weekly hours worked by a regular part-time employee shall be calculated based on hours worked from September 15, 2025, through the end of the pay period ending September 14, 2026. For a regular part-time employee hired after September 15, 2025, the average shall be calculated based on hours worked from the employee's date of hire through the end of the pay period ending September 14, 2026.

The following individuals and employee classifications are **not** eligible for the additional compensation payment:

- Employees who, on or before September 14, 2026, have submitted or otherwise provided notice of resignation, retirement, or other voluntary separation from County employment, regardless of the effective date of separation.
- County Commissioners and other elected officials;
- Regular part-time employees who average fewer than nineteen (19) hours per week during the applicable calculation period above;
- Fairgrounds employees;
- Seasonal or temporary employees;

- Reserve deputies; and
- Independent contractors.

The additional compensation authorized by this Resolution is a **one-time payment only** and does not constitute an increase to an employee's regular rate of pay or base salary for future compensation purposes. **The payment shall be subject to all applicable payroll deductions, tax withholdings, and other requirements of law.**

The County Clerk and other appropriate County officials are authorized to take such administrative actions as are reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution.

DATED this 11th day of September, 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

There being no further business, the Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., September 14, 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.