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SHOSHONE COUNTY, IDAHO

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Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Present:

Commissioners: David Dose - Chair

Tracy Casady

Jeff Zimmerman

Deputy Clerk: Jazmin Sauer

9:30 AM Executive Session: Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated – Silver Mountain Also, in attendance: Ben Allen/PA, Rick Smith, Hawley Troxell – VIA ZOOM, Tamie Eberhard/Clerk, Karey Eddy/Treasurer, Jerry White/Assessor, Matt Beehner, Margi Dorchuck, Jennifer Sieg

Commissioner Casady made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Casady – Aye, Commissioner Dose – Aye, Commissioner Zimmerman – Aye. The motion carried unanimously; the public exited the room. The board exited executive session at 10:35 AM.

Regular Session: Silver Mountain Tax Refund – No action taken in regular session, adjourned at 10:36 AM.

7:00 PM Shoshone County Snowmobile Groomer Board Meeting @ SCSO – Commissioner Casady attended this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: Tamie J. Eberhard
County Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk

Approved: 
Chairman

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Wednesday, March 8, 2023

The Board convened at **9:30 a.m.** in regular business session and the meeting was called to order.

Present:

Commissioners: David Dose - Chair

Jeff Zimmerman

Tracy Casady

Deputy Clerk: Jazmin Sauer

Also, in attendance: Colleen Rosson/GA, Bruce VanBroeke, Dianna Fields-Brown, Matt Beehner, Margi Dorchuck

CHANGES TO AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Matt Beehner- Did you remove the public comment at the end of the meeting? Commissioner Dose explained that it was a typo. Bruce VanBroeke- On a note from a public works side of things, there has been several incidents of people illegally cutting firewood on public roads lately. He noted that Dobson Pass has been a heavy site for this activity, and it's costing the county a lot of money to clean up the leftover messes. There are public school buses that take that road on their route, it's a worry that a bus might drive up on a mess in the middle of the road. There was discussion from the BOCC and Bruce about taking pictures and potentially talking to legal about this issue.

The consent agenda was reviewed for consideration as follows:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Decision of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Public Agenda Session dated Tuesday February 28, 2023 through Thursday March 2, 2023. Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Casady. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consent Agenda** – (These items will be enacted by one motion unless requested by a Commissioner that one of more items be removed for separate discussion.)
 - Shoshone County Payables
 - Beer, Wine & Liquor Licenses
 - Cancellations/Homeowner's Cancellations
 - Sign opioid settlement participation forms: Allergan, CVA, Tera, Walgreens & Walmart
 - Resolution 2023-5 A Resolution Approving Credit Card Accounts for Shoshone County

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- Shoshone County Treasurer statement of cash balances as of February 2023

Colleen Rosson was present to explain that the opioid settlement funds, which had been signed once before, that needed to be signed again, as directed by the Attorney General. The forms had a few changes in verbiage, so it was required. For the benefit of the public, Colleen once more explained that the source of the settlement funds were pharmacies and companies involved in selling the opioids. Shoshone County opted to allocate their portion of the settlement to Panhandle Health District. PHD will help track the funds and requirements, as well as connect with the County on ways to put the money back in the community (i.e., Narcan boxes, implementing rehabilitation programs, meetings with mental health specialists, etc).

**You can find more information in the meeting minutes from Thursday, February 9th, 2023 with Don Duffy and his staff from PHD.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casady, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman to approve the consent agenda as presented with specific items addressed as indicated. The motion carried unanimously.

The floor was opened for public comment once more. Matt Beehner – Was the opioid settlement money a small amount? Less than \$50,000? Colleen and Commissioner Dose stated it was more around \$128,000.

2. Executive Session: Indigent Cases: Consideration and Decision.
Executive Session ID Code 74-206(d). There were no indigent cases for review.

RESOLUTION 2023-05

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS FOR SHOSHONE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved applications for Shoshone County credit card accounts; and

WHEREAS, the credit card accounts will be through the Columbia Bank.

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Shoshone County Commissioners that the following is a list of the applicant names and credit card limits:

Shoshone County Solid Waste	Kyle Bowen	\$500.00
Shoshone County Solid Waste	Richard Brenner	\$500.00
Shoshone County Solid Waste	Shelby Wilcox	\$500.00
Shoshone County Solid Waste	Paul Huling	\$500.00
Shoshone County Treasurer	Karey Eddy	\$5,000.00
Shoshone County Clerk	Tamie J. Eberhard	\$5,000.00
Shoshone County Assessor	Jerry White	\$5,000.00
Shoshone County Commissioner	David Dose	\$5,000.00

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Shoshone County Public Works	Jessica Stutzke	\$5,000.00
Shoshone County Prosecuting Attorney	Benjamin Allen	\$5,000.00
Shoshone County Commissioner	Tracy Casady	\$5,000.00
Shoshone County Commissioner	Jeff Zimmerman	\$5,000.00
Shoshone County Coroner	Richard Smith	\$5,000.00
Shoshone County Sheriff	Holly Lindsey	\$5,000.00
Shoshone County Undersheriff	Lance Stutzke	\$5,000.00
Shoshone County Jail	Eli Lopez	\$1,000.00
Shoshone County Captain	Jeff Lee	\$1,000.00
Shoshone County Emergency Services	Dan Martinsen	\$2,000.00
Shoshone County Noxious Weeds	Shelby Heiderman	\$1,000.00
Shoshone County Grants Administrator	Colleen Rosson	\$1,000.00

DATED this 7th day of March 2023.

s/Tracy Casady
Tracy Casady, Commissioner

s/David Dose
David Dose, Commissioner

s/Jeff Zimmerman
Jeff Zimmerman, Commissioner

ATTEST:
s/Jazmin Sauer
Deputy Clerk

The Commission reviewed and approved the following report as presented. The following bills or claims against the County were examined and allowed; and in payment of the same the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants/checks on the following viz:

001	Current Expense	\$4,743.34
002	Road & Bridge	\$11,807.46
006	District Court	\$2,203.60
0010	Self-Insurance Fund	\$8,264.57
0019	Justice Fund	\$37,620.63
0020	Appraisal	\$50.00
0037	Snowmobile	\$2,616.23
0038	Waterways Fund	\$50.00
0052	Airport	\$458.72

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0055	Fish Hatchery	\$170.90
0056	Emergency 911	\$2,764.82
0106	Drug Court Program	\$1500.00
9183	Support Trust	\$1,599.25
	TOTAL:	\$73,849.52

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Shoshone)

We, the Shoshone County Commissioners, being duly sworn do hereby certify and declare that we have reviewed the demands enumerated and referred to in the foregoing register and that the same are to the best of our knowledge accurate and are just claims against the County and that there are funds available for payment thereof in the County Treasury.

APPROVED for distribution as of March 8, 2023

s/Tracy Casady
Commissioner

s/David Dose
Commissioner

s/Jeff Zimmerman
Commissioner

10:00 AM MEETING: Experience Review & General Benefits Updates – Tracey Yost

Also, in attendance: Tamie Eberhard/Clerk, Colleen Rosson/GA, Tammy Scheel/Payroll Clerk, Matt Beehner, Margi Dorchuck

Tracey came to go over our overall claims experience. Data for our claims is reviewed on an annual basis, and the goal is to have a lower claim to loss ratio. Tracey presented a handout that displayed last year's overall experience report. It shows a 98% loss ratio, the number is inflated largely due to the pandemic. Tracey explained that even today we are still seeing claims due to COVID partnered with the inflation factors. The price of regular doctor office visits and hospital visits have jumped up due to inflation, which is a general trend in everything right now. Inflation is hitting every part of the industry. Currently, the county uses the GEM plan, with Blue Cross being the administrator. The GEM plan houses twenty-three (23) Idaho counties, and it is a self-funding pool. Because of this, it spreads the risk around between the participating counties. This is Shoshone County's second year with the GEM plan, and Tracey thinks it has been a good move, as the county's broker. In mid-May, the Commissioners can expect to see a preliminary projection for the renewal of insurance for the upcoming fiscal year. The county budgets for the fiscal year based on the May projection, and a hard number is presented in June. Tracey is local and would be happy to answer any questions anyone might have. He let the BOCC know that he would like to meet monthly just to keep everyone up to date on claims and where the county stands each month. Tracey's focus for today's meeting was mostly the medical side of things, as he sees no changes upcoming with Delta Dental. Currently, the pool for GEM plan is running

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'high' which means claims are at a higher volume than they'd like to see. Commissioner Dose asked if the general workforce aging is a factor. He sees that it is harder to get younger people to apply and retain them when they do. Tracey concurred and explained that an older aged workforce does drive more claims and all around it seems to be a struggle to attract a younger workforce. Tracey's biggest concerns are the inflationary factors, that are unavoidable at this point in time, as it is affecting the whole country. Data tells all, and that is something Tracey and the BOCC can look at each month together. The county is not locked into the GEM plan, as there is no binding contract, so there are other options, if the trends stay high. Commissioner Dose asked if the GEM plan takes the same providers that Blue Cross does if they were our direct insurance rather than the administrator. Tracey said that is correct. Commissioner Dose asked for Tammy Scheel's input, as she is the county employee who handles our insurance claims and deals directly with GEM plan. Tammy says she loves working with GEM plan, the billing is easy, she has a great working relationship with them, and the online portal is user friendly. Commissioner Casady asked Tracey if retired county employees who opt to use COBRA insurance show up on the county's claim data. Tracey confirmed that is the case. Colleen Rosson asked if Tracey sees the last quarter have an influx of those trying to use up their insurance before the end of the year, and if it tapers off in the first quarter of the year. Tracey confirmed that is typically the trend. Matt Beehner asked for re-confirmation that the rough number is given to the BOCC in May, followed by the final number in June. Tracey confirmed that, and Tamie Eberhard chimed in that the budget is made off the May number but adjusted to show the actual total before the fiscal year begins. Tracey noted that Blue Cross will be sending out new cards to everyone as they are under a bit of a restructure. The meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.

1:00 PM MEETING: To discuss, review and consider 2023 tax exempt applications pursuant to Idaho Code 63-602.

Also, in attendance: Jerry White, County Assessor

There were no new applicants this round, so these entities were tax exempt or partially tax-exempt last year as well. List as follows:

First Baptist Church of Osburn – Osburn – Parcel #C-0300-016-004A – Approved, with changes to the use of the facility from last year, confirmed by the BOCC.

First Baptist Church of Kellogg – Kellogg – Parcel #D-0000-006-2460, #D-1800-001-001A, D-1800-001-012-0 – Approved with no changes from last year

Following discussion and review, Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to accept and approve the tax-exempt applications, seconded by Commissioner Casady. The motion passed unanimously; adjourned at 1:07 PM.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST Tamie J. Eberhard
County Clerk

Approved: 
Chairman

By: 
Deputy Clerk

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Thursday, March 9, 2023

Present:

Commissioners: David Dose - Chair

Jeff Zimmerman

Tracy Casady

Deputy Clerk: Jazmin Sauer

1:00 PM Executive Session: Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74 of Idaho Code – RE: Courthouse Emergency Plan Also, in attendance: Jessica Stutzke/PW Director, Dan Martinsen/Emergency Serv, Jerry White/Assessor, Karey Eddy/Treasurer, Tamie Eberhard/Clerk, Ben Allen/PA, Undersheriff Lance Stutzke, Casey Vanbuskirk/911 Coordinator

Commissioner Casady made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Commissioner Dose. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Casady – Aye, Commissioner Dose – Aye. The motion passed.

The board exited executive session at 2: 06 PM, with no action to be taken in regular session.

1:00 PM North Fork CDA Water Advisory Group Meeting @ Forest Service Building in Smelterville – Commissioner Zimmerman attended this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST Tamie J. Eberhard
County Clerk

By: Jazmin Sauer
Deputy Clerk

Approved: David Dose
Chairman