

**JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

PRESENT: Ben Crouch, Chairman  
John Crozier, Vice Chairman  
Charles Howell, Commissioner  
Jane White, Deputy Clerk

4:08 P.M. – Meeting convened, continued from January 25, 2021

**INTERVIEW ASSESSOR APPLICANT, CRESLEY McCONNELL**

Cresley McConnell was present.

Cresley McConnell introduced himself as a long-time Idahoan and gave some of his background, saying he would like to return to public service after serving as a Lincoln County commissioner for six years. He said he was concerned about long lines in the vehicle registration department.

McConnell answered questions from the Commissioners, including the topics of employee supervision and Board of Equalization appeals. He said if he were appointed, he would need two weeks to resign from his current employment, after which he would give 110 percent to filling the position of County assessor.

McConnell was excused.

The Commissioners began a discussion about the two applicants they had interviewed for the assessor position.

Assessor Rick Haberman was present.

The Commissioners continued their discussion.

Haberman was excused.

The Commissioners resumed deliberation about the two candidates.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to take the recommendations from the Republican Central Committee and the Commissioners' interviews and appoint Mark Swenson as the County assessor. It was seconded, followed by discussion that Swenson would be appointed until the next election cycle according to State statute, and carried with unanimous ayes.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to amend the agenda to include Rick Haberman for employee wage increases. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

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Assessor Rick Haberman was present.

Rick Haberman told the Commissioners that Sabrina Henderson and Justin McMillan had scored very well in passing their second tests to become certified appraisers, and he presented wage change forms to increase their salaries.

The Board signed Employee Wage Change forms for Sabrina Henderson and Justin McMillan.

Haberman said he had hired two new employees for the Department of Motor Vehicles, namely Tiffany Razo-Chavez and Julia Rodriguez.

Commissioner Crouch reported to the Board that he had spoken with Ben Bernier, project architect for Lombard Conrad Architects, since the Board's visit with him on January 25 and that changes the Commissioners had requested in the construction of the new jail were progressing.

5:11 P.M. – Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted:

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Jane White, Deputy Clerk

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A. Ben Crouch, Chairman

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John Crozier, Vice Chairman

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Charles M. Howell, Commissioner