

**JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

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

Meeting convened at 9:04 A.M.

**MARK COPPIN—PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT**

Deputy Clerk Cy Lootens was present in lieu of Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson. Present by speakerphone was Mark Coppin.

Mark Coppin told the Board that he would accept a three percent increase in his contract rather than the six percent he had originally submitted.

Commissioner Howell said the Board would consider another three percent raise during its 2020-21 budget workshops in order for Coppin’s salary to be commensurate with another attorney in his office.

Mike Tylka, as chairman of the Snake River Canyons Park Managing Board, was present. He updated the Commissioners on progress in developing the Park. Commissioner Howell told him the Board had written a letter to Congressman Simpson requesting conveyances of two parcels of Bureau of Land Management land to Jerome County. One parcel would encompass the Park, and the other would be designated as a “shooting area.”

**NANCY MARSHALL—POSSIBLE PLANNING AND ZONING VIOLATIONS**

Planning and Zoning Administrator Nancy Marshall was present.

The Board discussed with Nancy Marshall complaints it had heard from Lois Chapman on September 16 about possible zoning violations.

Marshall said her office would send a letter to Chapman’s neighbor advising him of the zoning requirement of the stacking of animal waste to be at least 300 feet from a well.

Marshall said there had been no violation when the neighbor had increased the size of his property.

➤ Commissioner Howell suggested that Marshall encourage the party with the livestock to be a considerate neighbor in an effort to reduce animosity between the two parties.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 A.M.

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Respectively submitted:

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Jane White, Deputy Clerk

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Charles M. Howell, Chairman

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John Crozier, Commissioner