

## **JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Thursday, May 7, 2020

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

Meeting convened at 2 P.M.

The Commissioners listened to a weekly address from Governor Brad Little regarding the spread of the coronavirus.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to amend the agenda to include discussion and approval of funds for the REDS program. It was seconded, followed by discussion, and carried with unanimous ayes.

The Board was in receipt of a letter from Ervina Covcic, rural economic development specialist for Southern Idaho Economic Development (SIED), requesting that the County provide \$2500 from its FY 2020-21 budget for the REDS (Rural Economic Development Services) program and \$9,900 for SIED. She also requested a letter of commitment for the REDS program before May 8.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to approve \$2500 for the REDS program for the FY 2020-21 budget. It was seconded, followed by discussion, and carried with unanimous ayes.

The Board signed a letter to Tom Kealy with the Idaho Department of Commerce confirming a contribution of \$2500 for the REDS program, subject to the County FY 2020-21 budget to be adopted in September 2020.

### **TOUR JEROME AIRPORT**

The Commissioners joined Sheriff George Oppedyk, Chief Deputy Sheriff Gary Taylor, and Airports Manager Tim Larson at the Jerome Airport.

Those present inspected a 40'x70' building and the vehicles in it as well as three trailers, all located in the Search & Rescue yard of the Airport. They assessed that the building is not insulated or heated but does have power and lights.

The body considered it reasonable to move the Search & Rescue facility to the sheriff's complex, which has a building of similar size. Deputy Taylor said Search and Rescue members already hold their training meetings in the James Moulson Training Room at the sheriff's office.

The group also assessed the green storage building at the Airport and considered options regarding upgrading the appearance of the grounds.

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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