

January 22, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session pursuant to recess of the January 8, 2024 meeting with Lynn Bowerman Chairman, Kim Caywood and Leah Madsen present. Leah Madsen moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 meeting. All were in favor. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Sharayh Krantz, Lemhi County Weed Superintendent updated the board on proposed rule changes that may require addition certification for pesticides. She also updated them on 2023 programs and what is upcoming for 2024 programs. She informed the board that CWMA steering committee has decided not to offer spray days this year and lets them know that the spray day program is only supposed to be allowed at 10-year intervals and Lemhi County has been doing them consistently for 25 years so it is her hope that if the county takes a year off then the clock will start over and we can get it for another 10 years without having to take another break. She reiterates that the spray days is not regulated or funded by the county but is a program regulated by Idaho Department of Ag cost share grant. Sharayh gave the Commissioners an update on how the Cheatgrass Challenge funding is going and what areas they are prioritizing and targeting. Lastly, she addressed complaints that she had become aware of when reading the Commission minutes from the October meeting in Leadore. She let the commissioners know that she had not heard from any specific citizen concerning the complaints mentioned at the meeting so she was not aware there was a problem. She did address the alleged issues and explains to the commissioner what has been done and what the landowners can do as she is limited by state law. She also addresses the complaint about maintaining weeds within the City of Leadore. She reminded the board that they get tax money and a portion of it should be used to maintain the weeds like what the City of Salmon does as they also receive tax money. She warns the board that if they plan on spraying weeds for one taxing district, they should plan on doing it for all taxing districts and there is not the man power to accomplish that. Lynn apologized for not making sure the public contacts her prior to getting on the agenda.

Scott from the Lemhi County Landfill informed the commissioners that the scale house is just waiting for final inspections then it will be completed. He also let them know he is possibly interviewing this week and/or next for a position he has available. Kim asked how the issue with the lock at the Tower Creek dumpsite is going and he stated that because of the incline of the approach at that location this time of the year they try and leave the gate open and unlocked. Curt Rosin with Lemhi County R&B let the commissioners know that in next year's budget he will be looking at purchasing one or more dump trucks. He has looking into new, used and replacement parts and because of the lack of availability the best option is to purchase a new one. He will get bids as usually to ensure he is getting the best price for what they need. Kim asked Curt if he has been contacted concerning a culvert in the 8 Mile area of Leadore. Curt informed her that he has not heard anything but has been working with the appropriate agencies to either replace the culvert or install a bridge so it is on his radar. She also asked him about cattle guards on the Lemhi Road near Sandy Creek and the upkeep of those. He stated with what they do and agrees it probably needs replaced but they have not had the time and that 90% of the cattle guards in the County have the same issue. Lynn asked Curt about the chip sealing plan up at Pahsimeroi and Curt told him of the upcoming schedule and what they are doing. Kim also asked if they are going to plow Adams Ranch Rd in Leadore as they have in the past and Curt indicated he was still waiting for directive from the Commissioners. Kim and Lynn direct Curt to have his crew plow that road how they have in the years past. Lastly Curt let the board know that he has sandbags and sand available outside

the County shop if anyone needs them. Karin with Lemhi County Wildland Urban Interface updated the board on a recent Leadore City Council Meeting she attended and that she discussed with them the funding and turnover rate for fuels treatment. The public thought there was numerous citizens of Leadore that could use the help but did not want to give her their phone numbers so they will pass hers along to them to contact her if they would like. She also updated the board on the project at Gibbonsville and that she is waiting on a call to do a site visit in the next few days. Lastly, she informed them she is going to be getting in contact with High County RC&D to see about funding for the Elk Bend area.

IN THE MATTER CWMA AGREEMENT

Leah Madsen moves to approve the CWMA agreement as presented, all in favor.

IN THE MATTER CITY/COUNTY FEE WAIVER AGREEMENT

Leah Madsen moves to approve the City/County Fee waiver agreement as presented, all in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Leah Madsen moves to accept a nomination of the year, all in favor.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST Brenda Anthony Clerk

L. D. Brown Chairman