



AGENDA ACTION ITEM

DATE: March 11, 2024
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Kim Keeley
ITEM TITLE: **Action Item: Resolution 2024-0311 Special Road Levy**

The March 11 Regular BoCC meeting is the last opportunity to approve a resolution for putting a temporary road levy renewal on the 2024 primary election ballot.

The Temporary Special Road & Bridge Levy has been a significant part of the Public Works budget since FY2011. It first appeared on an election ballot in 2010 and has been approved every time since, with over 60% approval every time it appeared on the ballot. The maximum period for a temporary or override levy is 2 years and requires 50% approval to pass. A permanent levy is considered anything in excess of 2 years and requires a 67% approval to pass.

The current Temporary Special Road & Bridge Levy is in the amount of \$1.3 million annually. Levy funds can only be used towards projects related to roads. Increasing the levy amount would expedite our efforts to bring all county roads up to current standards and improve our road maintenance program. The current staff level for Road & Bridge does not allow for a significant increase in road improvement project workload. If the levy were increased, major road projects would be awarded to contractors.

Past year's conversations regarding levy changes have been regarding temporary vs. permanent and levy amount. Historically, the Temporary Road & Bridge Levy has passed by approximately 60% approval. It has never passed by the 67% needed for a permanent levy.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Approve Resolution 2024-0311 Special Road Levy as presented.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Section 34-914 "Idaho State Legislature.pdf"](#)

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