



TETON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES | NOVEMBER 27, 2023

1st Floor Meeting Room

150 Courthouse Dr, Driggs, ID 83422

8:45 AM

1) **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**
Zoom Link

Commissioners Present:

Cindy Riegel
Michael Whitfield

Other Elected Officials and Department Heads Present:

Kim Keeley, Clerk
Dan Reyes, County Manager

Commissioner Riegel attended remotely.

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3) **ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA**

3.1) **ACTION ITEM: FY23 11/27/2023 Claims Approval Report**

Department: Clerk

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Expense Approval Report 11-27-2023.pdf

Budget Report 11-27-2023.pdf

3.2) **ACTION ITEM: PAY ROLL FORM**

Department: Operations

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<p>RESULT: ADOPTED [Unanimous] MOVER: Cindy Riegel SECONDER: Michael Whitfield AYES Cindy Riegel, Michael Whitfield NAYES None ABSTAIN None</p>
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4) OPEN MIC

No one present wished to speak.

5) PUBLIC APPEARANCES**5.1) 9:15 AM FY 2022 Audit Report**


Department: Clerk

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This item will be added to a future agenda.


5.2) DISCUSSION ITEM: (1:00pm MST) Congressional Staff Visit

Department: Operations

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5.3) DISCUSSION ITEM: (9:00 am MST) TETON VALLEY HEALTH UPDATE

Department: Operations

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Leanne Everett, CFO Teton Valley Health (TVH) and Troy Christensen CEO of TVH were present to discuss the current state of TVH. Ms. Everett presented the financial statements.

Mr. Christensen opened a discussion about the state of TVH. He admitted the facilities are not as cutting edge as surrounding hospitals. TVH has done a facilities master plan over the past fourteen months and it is admittedly a tall order. One issue facing TVH is the ability to acquire grants. One stumbling block is the fact that TVH does not own the building.

The Board asked about the potential for a change of ownership. The Board recognized that the hospital is one of the most important community assets. The Board asked for clarity about what TVH meant about the ownership of the property affecting grant applications. Mr. Christensen clarified that the County may be eligible for funds as the owner of the property that are not available to TVH. He foresees some sort of MOU between TVH and the County for grants opportunities.


The Board suggested a work session to identify opportunities to ensure that the county has a successful hospital.

The Board asked about the status of the Hospital Foundation. Mr. Christensen stated that a new Foundation has been established and is headed by Nancy Osmundson.

Mr. Christensen also asked about the potential for deeding the County property that currently has a few essentially condemned buildings to TVH for workforce housing.

County Manager Dan Reyes will coordinate a work session to be held in January or February.

[Amended & Restated Hospital Lease.pdf](#) 

[Hosp_Conv_Liquid Asset Transfer Agreement 20120927.pdf](#) 

5.4) DISCUSSION ITEM: (1:30 pm MST) PUBLIC DEFENDER

Department: Operations


This item will be added to a future agenda.

6) CLERK**6.1) Eagle Recording Contract**

Department: Clerk

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The item was not listed as an action item and will be added to the next agenda for approval.

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6.2) Action Item: FY23 Fourth Quarter Financial Report and Budget Adjustment Resolution

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[9.30.2023 Pooled Cash Report.pdf](#)

[9.20.2023 Expense Report.pdf](#)

[9.30.2023 Revenue Report.pdf](#)

[Fund List.pdf](#)

[2023-1127 Resolution for 4th Quarter Budget Adjustments.pdf](#)

[9.30.2023 Detail Revenue Report.pdf](#)

[9.30.2023 Detail Expense Report.pdf](#)

[Resolution 2023-1010 FY23 Budget Opening.pdf](#)

MOTION: *Approve the 4th Quarter Budget Adjustment Resolution as presented.*

RESULT: ADOPTED [Unanimous]
MOVER: Michael Whitfield **SECONDER:** Cindy Riegel
AYES Cindy Riegel, Michael Whitfield
NAYES None
ABSTAIN None

The Clerk presented the report.

6.3) ARPA Funds Update/Discussion

Department: Clerk

Add to the next agenda to clarify the interest amount with the Treasurer.

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[ARPA Expense Spreadsheet through 11.1.2023.pdf](#)

7) COMMISSIONERS

7.1) DISCUSSION ITEM: COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Department: Commissioners

Commissioner Whitfield Reports:

10-11-23. Altura Board Meeting

Workforce Development – Idaho Launch. \$8000 for graduating seniors of May/June 2024 for any Idaho University college or other training (244 occupations). Apply before November 30 (leverage for legislative funding). Two years of training. Also opportunities for on-line training.

Budget Presentation. FY2024. Federal Grants 1,176,250; State 450,000; Total 3,743,000. Use of funds: Wages and burden, 1,300,000; New Altura building 1,850,000; Total 3,305,700

Business Finance Report. Approved loans at nearly 7MM; Closed and funded over 11MM in loans (SBA 404 and RLF). Total in loan portfolio over \$84MM. Loans peaked in 2020 and 2021, some decline since as interest rates have changed. No delinquent SBA loans; 1 RLF loan significantly delinquent (Ashton Spa/fitness)

Community Consulting Report. Project Updates: Economic Development Survey coming out soon. Talk to TREC regarding this survey and the resultant outcomes when report is out. Altura Business Development Center. Will be next door to current facility on 4th North Rexburg. Building next spring. Hopeful open late summer 2025.

10-11-23. Teton County Fair Board
Swore in new Board member,

Reviewed Fair results
Reviewed Fairground planning.

10-13-23. Seniors West of the Tetons, Pie Contest
Many beautiful and tasty pies, Deirdre big winner, dizziness from sugar load.

10-17-23. Teton Pass Planning Presentation

10-17-23. Idaho Transportation Department District Meeting
Discussed District projects, mostly oriented around Highway 20
Noted that rumble strip contract had been advanced

10-18-23. Agland Conservation Preparation meeting

10-19-23. Upper Valley Guardians meeting

10-20-23. Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership – Strategic Planning
The EICAP Dataset (incomplete summary).
Administration, 15 staff, \$1.8 MM
Family Services, 8FT, 5PT, \$820 K
Head Start, 58 Staff, \$5.3 MM
Housing, outsourced to Syringa, 323 units serving 854 people, including senior housing
Senior Services, 11 staff, \$1.7 MM
Weatherization, 12 staff, \$2.0 MM
Estimated Totals, 104 FT plus seasonal and third party, full budget over \$14 MM

10-24-23. Meeting with Boise State University Researchers
Discussed research goals, learning priorities for farmland conservation with geospatial analysis; surveys of community members to learn attitudes towards value of farmland to community; identification of conservation barriers.

10-24-23. Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation grants workshop
General Notes: An entity can apply to multiple grant programs but will only be funded from one per year. It is important to let the Department know if one applies to multiple sources. The largest pot of money is for the Recreation Vehicles Program. \$5MM. More money than good projects. Waterways Improvement Fund. Non-motorized projects are low priority with little likelihood of being funded. \$1.5 million and highly competitive.
Recreational Trails Program. Federal funds from federal fuels taxes. Both motorized and non-motorized, Highly competitive, \$1.5 million. Must be an on-the-ground project, not a survey or study etc. Development and restoration of trailhead and trailside facilities. Reviewed by project type, need to connect with the relevant reviewer on the committee. 20% match requirement can be in-kind. NGOs can apply.
Cutthroat License Plate Fund. Funds from Wildlife Special Plates. Funds for non-motorized boat access for anglers; support facilities for fishing access sites. Approximately \$300,000 available this year, not very competitive. Government agencies and Indian tribes are eligible applicants.
State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Can use SCORP to get planning funds. See IDPR website.
Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (State-side focus on recreation). Managed by the State IDPR office. Webinar on 11-15-2023 (I will be out of County without internet access). 50% match required, funded in alternate years. Terms and timeline changing, challenging but gets little attention in Idaho, hence good opportunities for funding if go through the process.

10-25-23. Northern Rockies Conservation Cooperative – GYE Conservation Planning

10-25-23. Agland Conservation Presentations

10-31-23. Eastern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District
Approved development contract including well drilling
Approved latest loan draw

11-02-23. Teton River Recreation Advisory Committee
Waterways funding. Identified potential grant sources. Want to first identify primary goals. Then fund to meet goals. On F&G sites want to stay in line with past funding for these site acquisitions.
River Recreation Management Plan. What can the committee do. Example plans to help create a plan outline. Work with Waterways Ordinance and develop any needed changes. Seek funding from SCORP or other source to get some help.
River Ambassador and on-river staff. Spent less than \$10,000 on this position (\$15,000 budgeted). Ambassador could supervise. Might be better to have two part-time people. Also need a camp host and data collector. May get help from Master Naturalist's Program.

Build the committee with more members. Rancher/land owner; fishing outfitter that guides on the Teton; organizer; river landowner; wildlife advocate.

Review of River Ordinance. Dealing with new issues. Delayed until next meeting.

Future meeting schedule. Start at 3:00 rather than 4:00 and go no later than 5:00. December 14, 3:00 PM.

11-06-23. Teton Basin Water Users Association

General check-in. Hit around 14,000-acre feet of aquifer recharge, conservative estimates. Some sites had issues with loggers etc. Final report coming in late December. Relatively easy water year.

Discussion of irrigator rights to maintain infrastructure. Clean out ditches. Get data into County GIS. Matt Strong spoke about lack of communication with Grand Teton Canal Company around Dry Creek issues.

Mapping of canal companies and canals. Legacy Works is seeking grants to put this together.

Filing of 501 (c)(3) application to IRS. Leisa and Michael will work on this.


Grant funding for continued aquifer recharge. Ran a pilot program through Legacy Works. Next grant from NRCS to implement. Now need a new entity to go after next tranche of funding to continue program.

Strategic planning for future of association. Meeting in January for this purpose as lead in to funding toward association goal

Nov 15th - Youth Philanthropy Award at the High School. Teton Valley Recycling and Search & Rescue both received funding.


Nov. 16 Council of Governments mtg - mostly talked about transportation and the SS4A grant.

High Country RC&D mtg - continues to engage with communities around eastern Idaho around wildfire reduction projects on public and private lands.

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7.2) **(11:00 am MST) Executive Session 74-206(1)(a)**

Department: Operations

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MOTION: *Go in to executive session for 74-206(1)(a) for personnel.*

RESULT: ADOPTED [Unanimous]
MOVER: Michael Whitfield **SECONDER:** Cindy Riegel
AYES Cindy Riegel, Michael Whitfield
NAYES None
ABSTAIN None

Roll call vote.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

Cindy Riegel, Chairperson
ATTEST: _____
County Clerk or Deputy