



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF BANNOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Details

Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Commissioners present:	Ernie Moser, Jeff Hough, and Ken Bullock
Clerk of the Board:	Jason C. Dixon (9:21 AM)
Absent Board Members:	
Staff present:	Deputy Clerk Nancy Allen, Comptroller Kristi Klauser, Prosecutor Ian Johnson, Deputy Prosecutor Jonathan Radford, and HR Director Matthew Phillips

Agenda Details

AGENDA	
	Regular Business Meeting (action items)
	Agenda:
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigent Business may require an Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(d) to consider records exempt from public disclosure (action item)
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion pertaining to water at the Wellness Complex to include, if approved, signature on contract for Participation by Non-Member in District for Mitigation Purposes (requested 10 minutes) (action item)
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Olsen, Juvenile Justice, regarding approval of and signature on Participant Electronic Monitoring Products and Services Agreement with Talitrix (requested 10 minutes) (action item)
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott Crowther, Event Center/Wellness Complex, requesting approval of and signature on contract requesting fee waiver for (1) 4-H horse practice, and (2) PMC Employee Movie Night (requested 5 minutes) (action item)
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hal Jensen, Planning and Development, seeking review, approval, and signature MOU for connection of water line by developer McCormick Ranches at Fairgrounds Road
6	RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES (action items):
	Resolution No. 2026-27 Designating County Roads for State Reimbursement
7	SIGNATURE ONLY (action items):
	Commissioners' Proceedings – March 2026
	Memorandum of Agreements with Teton County, Idaho and Teton County, Wyoming and Bannock County
	Museum Event Center contract for the Bannock County Employee Health Fair
8	CONSENT AGENDA (action items):
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manual Checks Alcohol Licenses and Catering Permits Certificate of Residency Approval Personnel Actions with potential Executive Session under Idaho Code §§ 74-206(1)(a), (b) & (d) for personnel actions or personnel records exempt from disclosure with potential action following adjournment of Executive Session Mileage and Travel Approvals Minutes: Approval of and signature on certification for meeting minutes for April 16, 2026
9	Ambulance District update (potential action item)
10	Property Tax Exemption Discussion (action item)
11	FY27 Public Health Budget Proposal (potential action item)

Meeting Notes

- 1 9:00 Hough called the meeting to order. Hough moved to approve a release of lien for case 20190305. The motion passed.

- 2 9:12 AM Attorney TJ Budge, Mayor Rodney Burch, Regional Fisheries Manager Patrick Kennedy with Fish and Game, and Business Manager/Event Director Scott Crowther were present. Hough invited Budge as he is a water expert in the State of Idaho. Crowther explained the curtailment notice, 1990 water rights, and advice to join a ground water district to avoid curtailments. When looking into joining a district, the district wanted water use reductions. A meter was installed a few years ago that shows the County would currently be overusing water shares. Additional shares would need purchased from the water bank to allow the County to join. Watering needs were reviewed that show the well runs nearly 24 hours for the athletic fields and recreation pond.
9:16 AM Budge explained a truncated 25-year history of ground water use and districts. He represents the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, commonly called IGWA. IGWA is a nonprofit organization that represents the interests of ground water users across the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer that includes ground water districts covering different geographic areas from Hagerman to Ashton. Historically, regulation of ground water was limited to the plain and did not include tributary basins. He has not looked at the County's water rights, but the reason water users are getting notified to limit water usage or join a water district is the state recently expanded the area of regulation of ground water rights into tributary basins. That brought in more water users from other areas because their pumping affects the aquifer like everyone else. A mitigation plan has been in the works and the purpose is to protect water rights from being shut off during periods of water shortage or drought. The key terms of that plan is that farmers have to reduce usage of water pumped from the aquifer by about 11.5%. That is scaled by priority, so it's not that number across the board. Then districts have to rent water from the water storage system and deliver to canals in the Twin Falls area among other things. The new users that are being brought in need to form their own ground water district or join an existing ground water district. Because the broader Portneuf River basin will not be coming in until 2028-29, there is no ground water district in the Portneuf River basin. So water users in north Bannock County are generally joining an existing ground water district, with the two nearest districts being the Bingham Ground Water District or the American Falls-Aberdeen Ground Water District. Bannock County was a little isolated by the reservation when these districts were formed, so the area was not included in their boundaries and those water users were on the outside for 20 years. When it comes to participating, there are two options; join one of these districts as a full permanent member or contract with them to participate in the mitigation plan for a year or multi-year. Budge recommended the County do the contract route. The current mitigation plan expires in 2027 with potential changes. The day may come when the Portneuf River may have its own ground water district. By contracting for one year, it will leave flexibility to leave and join another ground water district. Differences between Bingham Ground Water District or American Falls-Aberdeen Ground Water District could include different cost structures, assessment rates, and usage allowances. Districts typically require payment of assessments for three years back when joining the district. But the County may be able to avoid paying that by request since it was never in the district boundaries.
9:25 AM Discussions ensued on city water bank from the Palisades.
9:30 AM Questions regarding water shut off during a curtailment order were addressed by Budge, who explained that during a water usage reduction, patrons are assigned a water allocation over a four-year cycle as less water may be needed during some years. Patrons are responsible for keeping within that allocation during those four years. Currently, the districts are in the last two years of the four-year cycle, so if a patron joins and is over the allocation, they can rent water from someone.
9:32 AM Burch added that if the County is not a member, it is under curtailment, which means there is no water for the pond or fields. Budge reviewed options for additional water allocations. Bullock suggested advocating for agreements with the cities for reduced water rates. Budge responded that if the cities have surplus water within their existing portfolios, that would be an easy transaction but that will still take time. An agreement would need to be signed and an application filed with the Idaho Water Resource Board which could take approximately two months. Budge felt for this year, there are not really any options, but to join a district, even if it is just for a year, with the potential cost of paying for three years back. If the cities have surplus, that would be a good path forward. If there is no surplus, the County

would need to purchase water. There are two farmers in the region with available water, but the County would still need to be in a ground water district.

9:40 AM Hough asked Fish and Game what the impact would be if the pond had to be reduced. Kennedy explained fish species and stocking numbers. With no water being pumped, the water will likely warm up and then there will be fish mortality. They are dealing with the same thing at Edson Fichter and looking for water options.

9:42 AM Discussion ensued on weighing different costs. Burch explained the City of Chubbuck does put excess into the water bank. Crowther will reach out to Bingham Ground Water District for costs. The matter was tabled to Thursday.

- 3** 9:04 AM Olsen reviewed GPS monitoring supplies and service for ankle monitors. Talitrix equipment is less stigmatizing with the look of a watch. Staff has tested the watch for a few days and Olsen proposed to enter the new contract, but keep the current contract through the end of the fiscal year to monitor how it goes and that the GPS monitoring service is acceptable. The short-term contract would be for \$4,029. The plan is to use half of the needed trackers from each contract during the test period. Other advantages for the equipment will be the replacement cost is about one-third and that victims can sign up for notifications if the monitor is within a certain parameter, whether intentional or not. Bullock moved to approve the testing period proposal with both companies. The motion passed.

9:10 AM Hough announced the Board's desire to award a Commissioner Coin to commend Olsen for his dedicated efforts to the County, to the youth of the County, and The Village.
- 4** 9:01 AM Jody Kohler and Heather Phillips appeared. Crowther reviewed the fee waiver request for a movie night for Portneuf Medical Center employees. PMC is a primary sponsor for some events and that sponsor agreement allows for use of the facility. Hough moved to approve the rental and fee waiver. The motion passed.

9:03 AM Curtis Austin with High Mountain Riders 4-H Club appeared. Crowther reviewed the fee waiver request to use the 4-H arena. Moser moved to approve the contract. The motion passed.
- 5** 9:51 AM Jensen reviewed the requested MOU with the developer. Klauser reported she did not have an opportunity to review the agreement and urged caution regarding funding and budget authority. Radford recommended to table the matter to Thursday to allow for review of the agreement and ensure budget allocations.
- 6** 9:56 AM Bullock moved to approve Resolution 2026-27. The motion passed.
- 7** 9:57 AM Moser moved to sign the Commissioners' Proceedings publication, Memorandum of Agreements with Teton County, Idaho and Teton County, Wyoming and Bannock County, and Museum Event Center contract for the Bannock County Employee Health Fair. The motion passed.
- 8** 9:57 AM Bullock moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion passed.

11:23 AM Hough moved to enter into executive session under Idaho Code §§74-206(1)(a), (b) & (d) regarding personnel. The motion passed by roll call vote. 11:44 AM Hough moved to exit executive session. The motion passed.
- 9** 10:04 AM Executive Assistant Autumn Baker, Interim Fire Chief Shane Grow, and Training Chief Mark Mendez appeared for an update with the Ambulance District. Grow summarized the topics for review with this update. Baker reviewed information from a PowerPoint. The McCammon station timeline was reviewed with volunteer challenges for south county, stats for call volume, transports and doubled travel time to from out of service ambulances, and south county unit reliability.

10:23 AM Grow reviewed the staffing proposal. They propose to keep the south volunteers and put an ambulance in McCammon. The previously proposed peak staffing model was evaluated and problems were seen. The request is to hire four full time positions to integrate into the current system. Two of the six needed shifts would be covered with volunteers. The volunteers are appreciated and the concerns of volunteers and the Board were heard and considered. The purely volunteer system cannot be relied upon any more. The staffing model proposed includes 3 platoons on 48/96 schedule; a reduction to one regional volunteer coordinator, shut down the Inkom station to use those resources in McCammon, hire four new ALS staff for the A and B platoons, and keep Downey and Lava in service with those volunteers remaining affiliated. The GEMT funding came higher than initially thought.

10:36 AM Hough commended them for listening to volunteers and coming up with good proposal. Timewise, the next training starts in May.

10:42 AM Funding, North Bannock service, and fall related calls were discussed. The proposal will be reviewed and discussed next week.

- 10 10:46 AM Assessor Anita Hymas, Chief Deputy Assessor Randy Hobson, and Treasurer Jennifer Clark appeared. Hobson reviewed tax exemption applications that require the Board's review. Bingham Memorial; not all were approved last year. Historic Old Town Pocatello Foundation is a non-profit and they have not applied before. ISU was approved last year for pharmacies in Chubbuck and McCammon. Chubbuck is owned by an LLC and is used for school and educational purposes, and McCammon is for 5.8% of the building. Discussion ensued on exemptions for owners, non-profit status, and a letter from the Department of Administration.

10:55 AM Discussion ensued on an application from Frandsen for Portneuf Trust, a church building only.

10:59 AM Hough moved to approve the applications the Assessor's office recommended to approve. The motion passed. The remaining applications will be discussed Thursday. The motion passed.

The Academy, Inc	RPRCACP000100, RPRCACP000200, RPRCACP000500, RPRCACP000600
Aid For Friends, Inc.	RPRPPOC242304
Aid For Friends, Inc.	RPRPFRV004800, RPRPFRV004900, RPRPING008401, RPRPPOC382300, RPRPPOC335000, RPRPPOC097701
American Indian Sacred Society	RPRRMS002200
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church	RPRPPOC176303, RPRPPOC176600, RPRPPOC176700
Bannock Humane Society	LRPB001194800
Bethel Baptist Church	RPRPPOC183000
Calvary Alliance Church	RPRPEPD001700
Calvary Chapel of Pocatello, Inc	RPRPCPP007920
Central Christian Church	RPRPPOC124700
Central Christian Church	RPRPPOC125400
Christ Church Inc	RPRPPOC316000
Christ's Love Vineyard Fellowship	RPRPPOC241300
Christ's Love Vineyard Fellowship	RPRPPOC345400, RPRPPOC345500
Chubbuck United Methodist Church	RPRCCPC020104, RPRCCPC019400, RPRCCPC019102
Church of Christ	RPRPCPP034100
Church of Christ	RPRPRVS000300
Church of God of Prophecy	RPRPPOC218001
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	See Sheet 2
Community of Christ	RPRPCDV000601
Cottage Grove Congregation of Jehovah's Witness of Pocatello Idaho, Inc	RPRPHO1004200
Eastern Idaho Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Trust TT2	RPR4013029907
Empower Humanity	RPRPPOC110402
Evangelical Church of the Good Shepherd	RPRPPOC007500
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church	RPRPCPP033001, RPRPCPP033500
Family Services Alliance of SE Idaho, Inc	RPRPPOC329401
First Baptist Church of Pocatello	RPRPPOC295300
First United Methodist Church	RPRPPOC013101
Gate City Christian Church	RPRCPAA030403
Gem Prep: Pocatello, LLC	RPRCGEM000100
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Pocatello, Idaho, Inc	RPRPEA2000100, RPRPEA2000203, RPRPCPP015102, RPRPCPP015103

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Pocatello, Idaho, Inc	RPRPKHM000500, RPRPKHM000600, RPRPKHM000700, RPRPTAS005500
Harvest Church Idaho, Inc	RPRPCPP008202
Health West Inc	RPRCPRR000800, RPRLAH3003400, RPRPPOC115000, LRPB004000100, RPRPPOC114900, RPRLAH3003306
The Idaho Foodbank	RPRPPOC248000
Iglesia Del Camino	RPRPWPO035900
Inkom Community Bible Church, Inc	RPRICPI000100, RPRIINT000100, RPRIINT000101
Intermountain Vipassana Association, Inc	RPR4227003604, RPR4227003300
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel (The Rock Church)	RPRPPOC395700, RPRPPOC396300
Islamic Society of SE Idaho Inc	RPRPPOC199100
Lava Community Church, Inc	RPRLTHC005000, RPRLWFA001600(Parsonage)
Life, A Center for Independent Living	RPRPIDL001401
Local Union 449 IBEW	RPRPEA2000306
Marsh Valley Bible Church	RPRDDOW022500
Masonic Building Association	RPRPPOC325300
Mountain Valley Baptist Church	RPRPPOC143200
New Day Products, Inc.	RPRPPOC256800, RPRPPOC256900, RPRPPOC257200, RPRPPOC257400, RPRPPOC308500
Oregon-Idaho Conference United Methodist Church (Wesley Foundation)	RPRPPOC138500
Pacific NW Ironworker& Employers Training Trust	RPRPPOC255406, RPRPPOC255415, RPRPPOC255410
Pioneer Bible Baptist Church Inc	RPRCMIN000800
Pocatello Art Center PARTIAL EXEMPTION	RPRPPOC273300
Pocatello Baptist Church	RPRPYHA001700
Pocatello Labor Temple, Inc	RPRPPOC295600
Pocatello Seventh-day Adventist Church	RPRPJCS000401
Pocatello Valley Educators	RPRPVIC004001
Pocatello-Chubbuck Auditorium District	RPRPEA2000204, RPRPCPP014702, RPRPCPP012106, RPRPCPP012105
Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber Foundation, Inc	RPRPPOC277800
Portneuf Grange #229	RPRPPOC273400
Portneuf Greenway Foundation	RPRPCPP142231, RPRPOOR006501, RPRPCPP146105, RPRPPOC333403, RPRPGVT000400, RPRPPOC288600
River of Life Church	RPRPPOC196100, RPRPCPP002705, RPRPPOC196800, RPRPCPP004006
Rocky Mountain Ministries Church of the Nazarene	RPRPCPP076200, RPRPCPP076300, RPRPCPP076500, RPRPCPP076000, RPRPCPP076100, RPRPCPP076500
Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise	RPRPPOC136200, RPRPPOC376801, RPRPPOC148900, RPRPPOC155900, RPRLTHC011300, RPRPPOC135400, RPRPPOC156000
Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust, Inc	RPRPCPP142280, RPRPCPP142274, RPRPCPP142278, RPRPCPP142270, RPRPCPP142277, RPRPCPP142269
The Salvation Army	RPRPPOC183100, RPRPTH1000100
Sixth Judicial District CASA Program INC	RPRPPOC144100
South Park, Inc DBA Developmental Options	RPRPPOC330100
South Park, Inc DBA Developmental Options	RPRPPOC330200, RPRPPOC330300
Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency Inc	RPRPPOC154800, RPRPPOC154900, RPRPPOC149000, RPRPPOC149600, RPRPPOC149700

Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency Inc	RPRPPOC242302, RPRPPOC268100, RPRPPOC336200
St. Vincent de Paul	RPRPPOC239200
Temple Emanuel	RPRPPOC002600
Trinity Episcopal Church	RPRPPOC294200, RPRPPOC294101
University Bible Church, Inc	RPRPPOC136000
University Bible Church, Inc	RPRCUBC000100
Valley Mission Inc of Idaho	RPRPPOC295400, RPRPPOC295500
Westside Players, Inc	RPRPPOC238100

- 11 11:00 AM Maggie Mann appeared to review the FY27 Public Health Budget proposal. Discussion ensued on county contributions. Bullock moved to support the budget proposal. The motion passed.

Action Item Summary

ACTION/DIRECTION	ASSIGNED TO
Release of lien for case 20190305 was approved.	Indigent
Fee waiver rental contracts were approved for PMC employee movie night and High Mountain Riders 4-H Club.	Parks & Rec
Contract with Talitrix LLC was approved for GPS monitoring service and devices.	Juvenile
Ground water district discussion tabled to Thursday.	Commission/Parks & Rec
MOU with developer, McCormick Ranches, tabled to Thursday	Commission/Planning/ Legal
Resolution No. 2026-27 Designating County Roads for State Reimbursement was passed.	Clerk
Signature approved for Commissioners' Proceedings publication, Memorandum of Agreements with Teton County, Idaho and Teton County, Wyoming and Bannock County, and Museum Event Center contract for the Bannock County Employee Health Fair.	Juvenile/Clerk/Commission
Consent agenda items were approved. Executive session was held to consider personnel matters.	Auditing/Clerk/Resolution
Ambulance District staffing model to be reviewed and discussed next week.	Ambulance/Commission
Tax exemption applications recommended by the Assessor for approval were approved and the remaining applications will be further reviewed and discussed Thursday.	Assessor/Treasurer
FY27 Public Health budget request approved.	Auditing

In the Matter of DESIGNATING)
COUNTY ROADS FOR STATE REIMBURSEMENT)

R.S. No. 2026-27
April 21, 2026

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following road(s) has/have been constructed to meet Bannock County Road and Bridge standards, is/are paved, and in good condition:

<u>Road</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Location</u>
Barberry Grove	766 feet	Coyote Hollow Subdivision
Tamarack Way	1,791 feet	Coyote Hollow Subdivision
Honeylilly Trail	1,426 feet	Coyote Hollow Subdivision

and

WHEREAS, County Public Works Director Kiel Burmester has recommended it being in the best interest of Bannock County to add said road(s) to the County road system at this time; and

WHEREAS, Bannock County wishes to start receiving reimbursement from the Idaho Transportation Department for the total mileage added to the County road maintenance system; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive reimbursement, Bannock County must identify additions to the County road system and officially place them on the Bannock County road maintenance system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above-stated roads are hereby identified as County roads and will be officially placed on the Bannock County road maintenance system.

BOARD OF BANNOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Jeff Hough, Chair



Ernie Moser, Member



Ken Bullock, Member

ATTEST:



Jason C. Dixon, Clerk

Coyote Hollow Phase 4

Inkom Idaho 83245

RE: Road Dedication-Coyote Hollow Phase 4

Bannock County Commission

624 E Center St , Rm 101

Pocatello Idaho 83201

Bannock County Commissioners,

Coyote Hollow Phase 4 would like to first thank the commission and county staff for the collaborative efforts and ongoing support of our project at Coyote Hollow subdivision. We are excited to have phases 1-4 complete now. Our combined vision of this project would not be able to be completed without your help and assistance. Thank you.

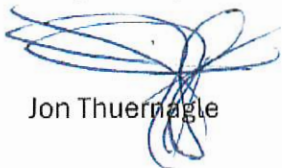
Coyote Hollow has now completed the construction and plating of the final phase of this project. The following roads have been improved to meet Bannock County Road and Bridge standards.

Road	Length in feet
Barberry Grove	766 ft
Tamarack Way	1791 ft
Honeylilly Trail	1426 ft

The county works director has reviewed the construction, recognizing the above were [placed according to county standards, we believe that it would be in the best interest of Bannock County to add these roads to the county road system at this time.

Thank you again for your support regarding this project and for your devoted service to the county. Your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jon Thuernagle

**BOARD OF BANNOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

We, the Board of Bannock County Commissioners, hereby certify approval of the minutes of the Bannock County Commissioners' meetings inclusive of the date(s) of April 16, 2026, as approved during the meeting of April 21, 2026.


BOARD OF BANNOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Jeff Hough, Chair



Ernie Moser, Member



Ken Bullock, Member

ATTEST:



Jason C. Dixon, Clerk