

Boise County

EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

STIMULUS UPDATE

What has Boise County received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act? Our first award came early last summer for the Sheriff's Department when Sheriff Roeber secured a \$15K Justice Assistance Grant to address retention and restructure for his office. Mike Bottoms successfully brought in \$508K over three years to address noxious weeds. This project will add 10+ new jobs for county residents. Bill Jones successfully partnered with the Forest Service for \$100K plus the environmental work and added another \$60K from the RAC to reconstruct a section of Alder Creek Road known as the "Twin Bridges."



Commissioner Anderson's efforts were successful for the maximum \$100K award from the State's Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant which will be used to retrofit the heating and cooling system and new lighting for the Miner's Exchange Building. Residents along Highway 21 will see a new wildlife crossing underpass at milepost 18.5. This stimulus project will be constructed this summer by Idaho Transportation Department.



EXPLORING EMPLOYEE SURVEY RESULTS – COUNTY GOVERNING- COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE ROLE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN IDAHO: Currently, a three-member board of county commissioners is the governing body in each Idaho county. Two county commissioners are elected each biennium--one for a two year term and one for a four year term. Regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners must be held at the county seat on the second Monday of each month, or more often if determined necessary. There are more than 500 specific references to the powers of Idaho county commissioners in state law.

All meetings of the Board of Commissioners must be public and the books, records, and accounts of the meetings must be kept open for public inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners is the legislative body of county government in Idaho, just as the city council is the legislative body of Idaho cities. The board has the power to pass ordinances, adopt a budget, fix tax rates and oversee county administration.

The Board of County Commissioners may pass all ordinances and rules and make all regulations, not against the law, as are necessary or proper to provide for the safety, promote the health and prosperity, improve the morals, peace and good order, comfort and convenience of the county and the inhabitants; and for the protection of property, and may enforce such ordinances with such fines and penalties as the board may deem proper.

The Commissioners are authorized to supervise the official conduct of all county officers and appointed boards or commissions charged with the management of public funds. This includes passing through and collecting taxes for 25 entities within Boise County.

The Commissioners may also authorize the issuance of bonds within limits prescribed by law when a bond issue has been approved by a two-thirds vote of the qualified voters of the county. Tax limitations are further described, indicating maximum tax levies. The Board of County Commissioners also acts as the Board of Equalization for the purpose of equalizing assessments of property and for granting exemptions from taxation.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Commissioner Day and Planning and Zoning Administrator, Patti Burke, are spurring economic opportunities for East Boise County through the Mores Creek Recreation Foundation. Steamboat Gulch and Warm Springs Resort are on their radar. At this point, these efforts are private interest. Thanks to Commissioner Zimmer for filling in for Community Service Director, Cheryl Pendergrass, who is out with an injury.

EMPLOYEE FEEDBACK

Please let us know what topics/questions you would like covered; EMAIL them to the dwoodstrom@co.boise.id.us Thanks for all!

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