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Boise County Commissioners

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Boise County faces a great challenge with the judgment recently handed down in the case of Alamar v. Boise County. We were surprised by the verdict and shocked at the size of the award, which, including attorney fees and costs, amounts to more than half of the total county budget, and is more than the total of all property tax revenue going to the County. It is our hope to get this issue behind us as soon as possible and in a way that best serves our citizens. We have taken necessary steps to maintain our fund balances by requesting that County departments eliminate any non-essential spending.

The County Commissioners intend to deal with this challenge appropriately by examining all options available for resolving the issue from both a legal and a financial standpoint. We are consulting with financial and legal experts in order to make the most informed decisions possible.

We are committed to the most expeditious resolution of this case that will protect the interests of taxpayers to the extent possible, and allow for essential County services to continue.

The County Commissioners are not yet fully informed about our options, and don't want to release any information to the public that could be less than completely accurate. We can promise more complete information as this situation is resolved.