BOISE COUNTY

PRESS RELEASE STATEMENT BY BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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On December 17, 2010, in *Alamar Ranch v. Boise County*, a federal jury awarded a four million dollar ($4,000,000) judgment to the plaintiffs. An appeal is currently pending. Plaintiffs' attorneys fees and costs were awarded additionally, the request sought is approximately one million four hundred thousand dollars ($1,400,000), the Court has not yet determined the amount to be awarded. County representatives participated in many discussions with the Plaintiffs' in an effort to resolve this litigation prior to trial. Given the nature and extent of the Plaintiffs' demands the parties were never able to reach an agreement.

The Boise County Board of Commissioners has been working diligently to assess the County's resources to determine if it can satisfy the judgment. There have been several meetings between the Plaintiffs and Boise County regarding the judgment award and possible resolution. No such resolution has been reached thus far.

The County has constitutional and statutory duties and obligations, including paying for indigent sick, roads, jails, courts, solid waste programs, and other services. The Board of Commissioners has determined that it cannot satisfy the judgment and continue to operate and satisfy the County's legal obligations and provide basic services to County residents with the amount of resources available.

The Plaintiffs have stated that they will immediately proceed to execute on the judgment and seek the County's operating cash in order to satisfy the judgment. In order to ensure the continuous operation of Boise County, the Board has determined to file Chapter 9 Bankruptcy and seek relief through the bankruptcy process.