

## BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 IDAHO CITY COMMISSIONER ROOM

## OFFICIAL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Twilegar, Clerk Prisco, Deputy Clerk Laurence, Planning & Zoning

Administrator Gross, IT Administrator McCracken.

VIA ZOOM: Commissioner Lindstrom, Commissioner Tucker.

Chairman Twilegar called the meeting to order.

Chairman Twilegar MOTIONED to move into executive session per I.C. 74-206(1)(f), pending litigation and I.C 74-206(1)(i), risk management. Commissioner Lindstrom SECONDED. Roll call vote: Chairman Twilegar – Aye; Commissioner Tucker – Aye; Commissioner Lindstrom - Aye. Motion passed unanimously. All individuals in attendance were present in executive session. Chairman Twilegar brought the meeting out of executive session per I.C. 74-206(1)(f) pending litigation and I.C 74-206(1)(i) risk management.

**ZOOM PROTOCOL**: Chairman Twilegar began by discussing where Boise County has been, and where Boise County is now, and the reasoning behind the acquisition of new technology equipment. The County is obligated to audio record Board meetings, in order to properly record the minutes of the Board's public sessions, as well as ensuring that there is a clear audio record in the case that transcriptions are required for court purposes. The primary reason for investing in/purchasing a new system, was due to the unreliable quality of the prior recording system. This was evidenced upon Boise County land use cases, which were appealed to the District Court of Boise County, and which contained several sections which were inaudible for the transcription services required. The Board also decided to provide real time broadcasting of their public meetings, to the public that may be interested in the meetings but unable to attend in person, via Zoom. This is a courtesy to the residents of Boise County that may have difficulty attending the meetings in person. As a team, including the Board, legal counsel, County IT (information technology), and other Elected Officials, there has been much discussion on this matter. We have determined that constituent input would be difficult for numerous reasons, including the inability to ascertain the true identity of the constituent. As a Board, the decision has been made in the best interest of Boise County, from both a legal perspective and a risk management perspective, to continue constituent input as in-person only.

Boise County will be broadcasting the meeting audio for anyone that wants to listen to a meeting. Additionally, the County is unable to guarantee an audio broadcast for every meeting, but will make every effort to do so. The public will find the link on the County's website: <a href="https://www.boise.county.us">www.boise.county.us</a>, Commissioners' page. The Commissioner's emails and telephone numbers will continue to be available on the website, in order for the public to have access to the Commissioners in that manner.

Chairman Twilegar MOTIONED to make every attempt to broadcast any public meeting on Zoom, audio only, and maintain the current status quo for constituent input as in person only. Commissioner Lindstrom SECONDED; All Ayes.

Chairman Twilegar adjourned the meeting until the regular meeting of Tuesday, February 27th

Approved this 27th day of February, 2024

STEVEN M. TWILEGAR, Chairman Boise County Board of Commissioners

MARY T. PRISCO, Clerk to the Board