

**JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 9:00. Those present are Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Young, Chairman Hancock, Emergency Management Rebecca Squires, Clerk Colleen Poole; Audrey Moon is clerk of the board. Pledge of Allegiance led by Audrey Moon. Prayer offered by Chairman Hancock. Prosecutor Mark Taylor is excused.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE – MIKE MILLER

• **REPEATER UPGRADE – ARPA FUNDS – (ACTION ITEM)**

9:02:12 AM Deputy Mike Miller said he is here to ask for more money. Back in August he approached them on using ARPA funds for repeaters. Did award some money for another project but there are three parts. Asked to look for 911 monies that could help pay for that. Glad looking back that they did because they have had some things come up that changed this presentation. The repeater system they are working on is sixteen years old. Had one repeater go down twice last week. Five county system include Bonneville, Jefferson, Madison, Fremont and Clark. All own a certain number of repeaters. All are using ARPA besides Bonneville County who already had plans with their ARPA funds. Jefferson County owns sixteen and a half repeaters. Pay for half of one on the Menan Butte. These are running 24/7 and are old and tired. The cost including installation is \$360,000. Cost goes up fifteen percent this month. Have this price locked in right now. Looking at the 911 account there appears to be a lot of money have \$700,000. Still have costs of \$30,000 a month they have yet to use. Are at fifty percent of the budget year however are spent at over fifty percent of what they budgeted for. State is looking at raising the 911 fee it did not happen this year. Been the same since 1990 or 1991. On the repeater system part of the problem is the product and the repeater on the new one the interfacing no longer works together. Since this time their radio modules is at its end of life. Been up and running since 2013. Is on Windows 7 and all of the software is upgraded and does not work with Windows 7. This will be \$80,000. The recording system two months ago had a port go out. The recorder is now full with the ports they can use. The memory on this is almost full. New recorder is \$30,000. CAD system when they call in dispatch they have had Computer Arts for many years. Part of the interface that runs license plates and driver's license checks come December 31 of this year this will no longer be around. Computer Arts is hoping to have a solution. If they do not they will have to find a new CAD vendor. All of the software's link together. They are not sure they can do this. Checked with two other CAD vendors' average \$450,000 to \$500,000 on a new system. This is something he is hoping they will not have to spend. Looks like they do have a fair amount of money in the 911 account there are potential expensed of \$610,000. Glad they asked him to check on the 911 monies. These are absolutely necessary for operations. Back to see if they could use any ARPA money for the repeaters.

9:09:10 AM Chairman Hancock said the money they allocated was for a new repeater. Deputy Miller said this was for up at Cress Creek so that was already taken care of. Rebecca said this was \$117,000. Deputy Miller said they split this. Commissioner Young asked if this is in. Deputy Miller said not yet they are working on that now. This is in addition to the repeaters they have like Kelly Mountain, Menan Butte, Reno Point and East Butte. Chairman Hancock said they are responsible for sixteen and a half repeaters. Deputy Miller said yes, the whole system has more than that. Chairman Hancock said the cost is \$360,000. Deputy Miller said it is \$20,000 for each repeater is \$330,000 plus \$30,000 for software and installation. Chairman Hancock said that is \$360,000 that was not planned but have \$700,000. Deputy Miller said they have the console update. They have 911 grant funds they can apply for but this does not cover CAD systems or consoles. Chairman Hancock asked on repeaters. Deputy Miller said no this is 911 equipment only or the mapping software. Anything radio related are not covered on a grant. Already talked to them on this. There is a lot of money in this grant. With the rules they have now they do not allow for that right now.

9:12:06 AM Commissioner Clark said up at Heise have they paid their part. Deputy Miller said Madison County is the lead and will send the money. Commissioner Clark asked if this was from ARPA. Rebecca said this is LACTF funds. Deputy Miller is hoping they will be up and running this next month. Hard to move this across the wet fields up there. Commissioner Clark asked if he is looking for the total amount of \$360,000. Deputy Miller said that is what he is requesting. If they look at the account there is a lot of money there. Have a new console and recorder. Chairman Hancock said they have \$80,000 plus \$30,000 is \$110,000. Deputy Miller said this is possibly \$610,000. Chairman Hancock said they are closer to \$900,000 if they include all of this. Chairman Hancock asked the \$30,000. Deputy Miller said this is maintenance fees and services that run 911. Have \$161,000 out of what they budgeted for left. May be \$20,000 over budget.

9:14:46 AM Commissioner Clark asked when they renew the 911. Deputy Miller said they get money monthly but this is not keeping up with the costs. Chairman Hancock asked how much they get each month. Deputy Miller asked Melissa but did not have that right off. Realize that a lot of this money goes to the state for the grant program. Have been beneficial on this grant program. If they could use this for the radios it would be great. Has checked on this. Chairman Hancock asked if they are all replacing their repeaters. Deputy Miller said yes. Fremont has already paid. Clark has the money available. Chairman Hancock asked how many repeaters they have. Deputy Miller said they have a pretty good footprint on the repeaters. Chairman Hancock said Clark only has three officers. Deputy Miller said that Clark has their ambulance that also uses this. Has three or so repeaters. Chairman Hancock said maybe the Fire Department could pay for part of this. Deputy Miller said this is for all First Responders. As they hire full-time people for the ambulance knows they do not have the funds. Rebecca asked if they have had a service interruption.

9:17:28 AM Deputy Miller said yes, they have. Last week the repeater went down twice. On a weekend of course. Every fourth conversation was not happening because of the repeater site. When an officer calls dispatch never heard this. Worked its way around that they were not hearing dispatch. QRU was getting frustrated on getting a patient report. Officer safety on this one repeater is a problem. Restarted this but it has to physically be restarted. Chairman Hancock asked if they could replace different locations at different times. Replace this facility then six months do

another. So periodically over two years they have these replaced. Deputy Miller said that is a possibility. One of the problems they are all the same age. Put in 2007. Problem they would have they have a base station controller this is the traffic cop. If they own part of the repeaters and Madison owns some of the new ones the interface is built in and they do not work together. Commissioner Young said they would have compatibility issues. Deputy Miller said they will still lose interface with those they share buildings with. Chairman Hancock said they are replacing these all at the same time. Is this a GAS pricing? Deputy Miller said Teton Communications is doing it. Chairman Hancock said this is the operating system. Rebecca said this was competitively bid back when they did the trunk system. Deputy Miller said this is an upgrade. Rebecca said Teton Communications maintains the system.

[9:20:32 AM](#) Commissioner Young asked if they have ever looked at satellite phones? Deputy Miller said for daily operations they could get satellite phones but this is for ambulance communications. Chairman Hancock said the interface is the issue. This is one network. They cannot have multiple things going on one phone. Deputy Miller said these have ran for many years but as they have updates. Commissioner Clark said when they hear 911 no one puts a cost to it. Deputy Miller said this is the ability for dispatch to input this into CAD and respond over the radios. Lets the officers or ambulances know where to go. Commissioner Clark is not sure they want to fund all of this today. See what money comes in and what expenses they have.

[9:22:26 AM](#) Rebecca asked the dollar amount. Deputy Miller said this is \$360,000. Rebecca said they spent this much on a grader and other equipment for Road & Bridge. When she calls 911 does not want communication breakdown. Thinks this is a valuable expense. Been in the meetings on infrastructure. This ARPA money is here for the next three years. Suggestion is they use this it is a benefit. Commissioner Clark said he agrees but will be here for three years and once they spend it it's gone. If they fund a share of this and see what other needs they have down the road. Deputy Miller thinks they have about \$25,000 coming in each month. Asked about incoming fees. Chairman Hancock said he has the statement of cash report. Chairman Hancock said \$726,219 in the account as of first of April. Deputy Miller said this is the grand total. Commissioner Young said they cannot use 911 money for some of this. Chairman Hancock said the state grant cannot. Have some other costs. The \$80,000 and \$30,000. They have \$470,000. Deputy Miller said they still have money going out for the fiscal year. Commissioner Clark said they do have some coming in each month. Colleen said they have cash but are going to be over budget. At fifty-seven percent on this. Chairman Hancock said they are close. Deputy Miller said that Melissa thought this would be over budget by \$20,000. Chairman Hancock asked the budget for this year. Colleen said this is page eighty-eight.

[9:28:29 AM](#) Chairman Hancock said total budget was \$484,000. Commissioner Clark said is at \$252,000 today. Colleen has \$274,000. Chairman Hancock said Colleens is probably more recent. Can see this is going to go over. When will the expenses be incurred? Deputy Miller thinks pretty quickly. The price is going up Tony with Teton Communications has the price locked. If they do not do this right now the cost is going up fifteen percent by the manufacture. Chairman Hancock said they could approve this and maybe they decide where this comes from at a future date. Wants to approve this to proceed so they can get the repeaters on order. Then they can decide which funds this can come from. Will have a better idea on how much they are expecting to run over. Budget is they are trying to live within this but the emergency operations are very important. Need to balance this out. When did the other counties make this decision? Deputy Miller said Clark has within the last two months. This has been discussed since the beginning of the year for Madison and Fremont. Rebecca said Madison decided immediately to allocate those ARPA funds. This has been a main discussion on the system aging. When the ARPA money became available that was their solution because this is really spendy. Deputy Miller said he came in back August on this. During this time, they have had other things come up. If Computer Arts has a problem with Forest Com going out of business. Been good to work with but if they do not get this figured out. Chairman Hancock said Harris bought them out. Might be able to provide more support. Deputy Miller said when he spoke to them they are working on it and hoping to have a solution. Chairman Hancock said they can go ahead and approve this do they need to look at the entire amount for the logging channel. Deputy Miller said if they want that would be great. Chairman Hancock said they are not giving that much will only allow him to proceed with these items. Deputy Miller said they feel like they can cover the console and recorder but need to get the repeater covered. Commissioner Young asked if they can make it to next budget on the CAD system. Deputy Miller said yes because this does not end until the end of the year. Chairman Hancock asked if he will spend this year. Deputy Miller said as far as the radio console and recorder could hold off. Chairman Hancock said they have not determined funding some will come out of 911 and some out of ARPA. Commissioner Young said this is something they need to have.

[9:34:37 AM](#) Rebecca asked when they invoice this what do they do with it? Chairman Hancock said come back to the meeting and they will decide which funds they can use between ARPA and 911. Have around \$500,000 in PILT as well. Deputy Miller said they will approve the expenditure then when do they want to decide. Chairman Hancock said once they get the invoices. That will be when they have to pay it. Trying to see where they want to take this from. Have PILT money they haven't spent. Commissioner Clark said this is a good place to use this money. If they have all the other things. Colleen said they have \$250,000 in PILT. Commissioner Clark asked if they could just do the repeaters out of ARPA today is his thought. Commissioner Young asked on using the PILT. Chairman Hancock said anywhere. Commissioner Clark said on this thinks the whole county benefits. Chairman Hancock asked what is left in ARPA. Rebecca said unallocated is \$2.7 million. That is taking into consideration the construction work. Anything she has a solid number for she has accounted for. Plus has next years \$160,000 LACTF. Commissioner Clark said this way it does not affect the budget. This is his thoughts.

[9:38:27 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Clark to approve the 911 system to replace sixteen and a half repeaters for \$360,000 out of ARPA funds. Second by Commissioner Young. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.**

PLANNING & ZONING – MILTON OLLERTON

• UPDATE

[9:39:11 AM](#) Milton will start with the stats for the month. Ended up down a few numbers. April's building inspections were down. Year to date inspections are down by forty-six. Chairman Hancock said they are seeing a better timeframe on permits. Milton said they are getting accomplished

what they wanted by moving positions it has helped a bunch. Chairman Hancock said they are down on these inspections but that could be due to winter. Should start seeing increases there. Milton said folks are getting back out there and getting their inspections called in. Finding some are not calling in for inspections. Permits are down a bit but the cash is not down too much with the change of fees. Commissioner Young asked on the comparison. Milton said this report counts everything they collect in this fee. Did update the fees last year that had not been done in many years.

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Milton said they have got a software program under control. Had Vern and his team work with Marla on getting accurate numbers. Gets them an idea on impact fees that have been collected over the years and where this has been spent. Enables them to give the Fire District an accurate number to balance their accounts. Chairman Hancock said this is \$320,951 over. Milton said this is all workable. Once they get this corrected. Fire Districts will be sending their money to them now. This money that is left over will be transferred to a separate account. Will work with the Treasurer. Have notified the departments Sheriff, Park & Recreation and Road & Bridge. Hoping they will get some of these funds used. In the meantime, meeting on May 18 with the Planning & Zoning Commission to look at the new impact study. Roberts Fire sent a resolution and wants their entire fee adopted of \$500. Have not heard yet from Central Fire. Their projected fee was \$6,200 and talked about this being a portion. Asked the departments to meet with the Planning & Zoning Commission to decide on the numbers. If they used what was recommended would be a \$13,000 fee. There are a lot of things in the capital improvement plan. Still emphasizes that a lot of Road & Bridge projects are only funded with the growth of twelve percent. As they move forward need to make sure they have the rest of that funding. Chairman Hancock said they have to look at what was reasonable. Remembers in 2007 they took only ten percent of what the consultant recommended. Fifty percent might have been more realistic but then the growth was not as realistic either.

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Chairman Hancock said as they grow they do not always have the same percentage needs. Look at the scale of things. As they get bigger they may not need the same number as when they are smaller. Milton said they will need to look at commercial impact fees during this process. Did a test on a project and ran the new numbers and the fee would be close to \$450,000. Need to understand what they are asking for. Chairman Hancock said back in 2007 that was a concern on what is realistic. Commissioner Young asked if they can waive the commercial fees. Chairman Hancock said not if they put this in ordinance. Milton said they can do it in lieu of doing other projects. If one has a large impact they could widen the road or put in a stop light instead. Chairman Hancock cautioned them before they need to be reasonable. Developers and commercial properties need to be willing to pay. Does not know what cities have impact fees. Milton is not sure. Spent a lot of time looking at Gem County. Chairman Hancock said these are new. Milton said they have had these for two and a half years now. Their impact fee is about \$9,800. Commissioner Young said this is a house. Milton said it is interesting this is not including schools. Others states have huge impact fees because they can include schools. Commissioner Young said if no one else moved here they do not have to pay for new schools. But since people move here they have to pay for new schools. Milton said these are tough conversations that growth brings.

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Milton met with Planning & Zoning Commission last week and had a discussion on Menan's Area of Impact agreement. Still waiting to see if the state approves the revised statute. The new statute will require all agreements be advised that they can be serviced within five years and no more than a mile. Chairman Hancock said he read this. Milton said it really brings up discussion on how large these areas should be and what they require. Menan had a requirement that if they build a subdivision they had to put in sewer and water lines so they could go online once the city had service in the area. Planning & Zoning Commission kind of balked at that. Asked them to remove this was quite an expense with no guarantees. Do not know when the city would have services in that area. Commissioner Clark said within a mile you would think they could. Chairman Hancock said they could but if they don't. Commissioner Clark said if they have this in there they should be obligated within five years. Commissioner Young asked how they enforce this to hook on within five years. Milton said they need to understand what they are asking. If they have the capacity and willingness to grow. Makes more sense to have these installed when the subdivision goes in. Many cities do not have capacity to withhold their growth in the city limits right now without expanding. City of Rigby is addressing this with their treatment plant which was a twenty-year growth plan. Area of impact needs to meet these design standards. A mile around Menan does not make sense because of their ability to actually serve that area. Have environmental impacts. Have high sub in some of these areas. Why would they want the city to grow that way anyway? Do not want high density housing in these areas. Going to go back to Menan and redraw the lines a bit. If they have to meet the five year minimum these lines could become pretty small. Commissioner Clark asked if he knew what the capacity is for Menan. Milton said he does not know. Purchased land to be able to expand their system. Do have some problems with their piping. Chairman Hancock said to keep them informed. Milton said that is what is going on. Ririe was at the meeting and had some concerns on getting this done. Thinks they are getting there.

MAINTENANCE – TRAVIS THOMPSON

- **COURTHOUSE A/C REPAIR – (ACTION ITEM)**

[9:56:12 AM](#)

Travis said the condensers he spoke to them last fall about needing replaced. Has looked all over. Has found a place that has these in stock and is the cheapest he has found for the quantity they need. Has budgeted this to replace these. Need eight motors with four on each end and he can install these. The fan blades need to be replaced when they change the motor. The shipping is a big killer on this. Has been on other items they receive as well. Chairman Hancock said they need to do this. Going to start warming up. Talked about these already.

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Motion by Commissioner Young to approve new condenser motors for \$7,485.32 from Parts APS. Second by Commissioner Clark. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.

- **SIDEWALK REPAIR – (ACTION ITEM)**

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Travis said the sidewalks where they have not replaced is starting to lift up. From the courthouse to the Sheriff's office. The driveway in the back the asphalt is starting to sink on the entrance behind the courthouse and jail. May need to address this. When he was clearing the water would catch the blade. Commissioner Young said they need to have someone look at this. Commissioner Clark asked how much of the sidewalk will need replaced. Travis said almost all on the north side from where they left off to the back door of the Sheriff's and around the Sheriff's Office and front parking lot. The handicap ramp does not need replaced. Then some out in front of the courthouse. Commissioner Clark said they

should go look at this. Chairman Hancock said they will go and look at this after the meeting. Have a few that have done work for them in the past. Will give him a call after the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS - BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

[10:00:40 AM](#) Chairman Hancock said they will now convene a Board of Equalization for 2023 at this time they will hear a property exemption. So, they are now hereby in a Board of Equalization. Will need to have the parties sworn in.

[10:01:17 AM](#) Colleen swears in Jessica Roach and Mr. Farrer.

- **GRAND TETON COUNCIL PROPERTY EXEMPTION – PARCEL #RP05N39E330026– (ACTION ITEM)**

[10:01:47 AM](#) Chairman Hancock said they have had when the exemption was submitted an exemption of one hundred percent was requested and last year sixty-eight percent was given. Was thinking when they approved this it was at sixty-eight percent again they did not realize they had requested a one hundred percent. Jessica does not have anything to add this is a commissioner decision. Chairman Hancock knows just asks if she has anything to add. Jessica just needs to know what to add to the rolls if anything. Chairman Hancock said they thought they were giving sixty-eight percent did have a statement that they were not doing the same commercial venture.

[10:02:47 AM](#) Mr. Farrer said last year had leased out the camp for the Renaissance Fair. Did not work out. So that was for the year last year. Renaissance Fair only happened during July. Prepared a handout. **(Exhibit A)** Tried an experiment last year that did not work out. Looking at for this year they had the Ice Palace out there. Come in late in the year to build the ice palace and stay through the holidays. Was a cold year so pushed into March. Renaissance Fair they have talked about this was weekends in July. Not leasing the camp to them. Did have one of their employees that resided in the old farm house have retained him as their employee and now he is a caretaker for them. Has a group that is similar is a Mid-evil society that will use this a few days in July. Does have this available for school activities at no cost. Few other things like that. Just for the record did disclose this in their letter. Big difference they are not leasing the camp to this other group like they did. Can see the costs total income \$33,176 with expenses of \$30,597 the net was \$2,579. Noted they paid \$2,484.68 in taxes. On the second page the Ice Palace estimated they had 30,000 people come. Renaissance Fair had little over 5,000. Well aware that some neighbors do not like what they are doing out there. Been out there a long time. This brings a lot of business into the county. A lot of good is going on with what they are doing. Last page is a boundary on who is using the space. Difference is this is much less time since they are not renting out the camp all year.

[10:08:11 AM](#) Commissioner Young asked on using the same facilities for this income. Mr. Farrer said the Renaissance Fair had planned some other events. Commissioner Clark said if they are not doing the Renaissance Fair might drop this down. Jessica provides a map that was drawn last year. Mr. Farrer said the Renaissance Fair did shift over two years ago and used the meadow area. The lower area is all parking. This is where they did it two years ago. Did not know they were going to do that. As they can see the Ice Palace their foot print has not changed. Each year this is done a bit different. Chairman Hancock asked if the Ice Palace uses any buildings. Mr. Farrer said they used to use the house. They have characters in costumes they used to use the house but they have a caretaker there now so they moved this to the cabin to change in. Then they use the Trading Post is the check-in point. Chairman Hancock said he wants to know what they are using when they look at taxing what is being used as a commercial venture.

[10:10:52 AM](#) Commissioner Young asked if the income was similar from 2022 to 2021. Mr. Farrer said they changed the lease with Ice Palace got \$8,000 from Renaissance Fair in 2021 and got nothing last year. Commissioner Young said this decreased. Mr. Farrer said the Ice Palace was paying a flat rate monthly and inched this up. Changed this year and this was twice the amount that they paid in previous years. Jim Youngstrom wants to buy the property but are not yet willing to do that. Hoping to continue this relationship. Chairman Hancock said they are still using this for Scout functions. Mr. Farrer said five years ago, they had six camps now they are down to three. Just trying to cover the bills. Trying to pay the expenses for the property. This world went upside down with the LDS church decided to no longer use this.

[10:12:51 AM](#) Commissioner Clark said the use with the Renaissance Fair has gone and there is some of this area that is no longer being used. May need to adjust this some. Were at sixty-eight percent. Jessica said this was a sixty-eight percent exemption.

[10:13:26 AM](#) Jessica said the statute is vague especially where expenses balanced out at the end. Jessica read from statute. "If the value of the part used for commercial purposes is determined to be more than three percent of the value of the entirety, the assessor shall assess such proportionate part of such building including the value of the real estate as is so leased or used for such purposes, and shall assess the trade fixtures used in connection with the sale of all merchandise; provided however, that the lease or use of any property by any such limited liability company, corporation or society for athletic or recreational facilities, residence halls or dormitories, meeting rooms or halls, auditoriums or club rooms within the purposes for which such limited liability company, corporation or society is organized, shall not be deemed a business or commercial purpose, even though fees or charges be imposed and revenue derived therefrom." Last year was determined to be over so the assessed value was \$1,111,600. With the exemption of sixty-eight percent brought the value to \$359,800. Things have changed so it is possible it could be different. Chairman Hancock said there is still a commercial venture portion with the Ice Palace. Does not think they can give a hundred percent. Mr. Farrer would love that but does not expect this. Commissioner Young said if they look at the three percent of the income they could find the value. The income is less than 2021. Mr. Farrer said they were down \$8,000 in 2022. The money he is looking at for the Ice Palace is in 2023. Overall were down for 2022. Commissioner Young said this is not for 2023 yet. Jessica said the exemption is 2023 but they go off of 2022 figures. Mr. Farrer said he could re-look at these figures. Did not get the \$8,000. Commissioner Young said they could possibly look at the decrease.

[10:16:53 AM](#) Chairman Hancock asked on the value of the property this year. Jessica said it would be about the same around \$1.1 million. Taxed \$359,000? Jessica said they taxed \$355,712. Commissioner Clark said with what the Renaissance Fair did not use may be half of this. Chairman Hancock said this probably does not equal the \$355,000 anymore. Commissioner Clark said maybe half. Chairman Hancock said if they looked at half that would be an exemption of eighty-four percent. Trying to look at this analytically. Need to find a number that is fair. Jessica said the question to Idaho code would be the value of what is being used is under three percent it would go to one hundred percent regardless.

Commissioner Clark said if they go off of what they are using. Commissioner Young thinks it is important on the income. Mr. Farrer said in 2021 Ice Palace paid \$6,000 and Renaissance Fair paid \$8,000 for a total of \$14,000. In 2022 the Ice Palace paid \$7,000 and the Renaissance Fair did not pay anything. Down by half in 2022. Commissioner Clark said they were not using the entire property. Commissioner Young said the state code that mentioned three percent. Jessica said the value is based on the acreage used. Chairman Hancock said they want to do this right and be fair. Commissioner Young thinks with \$7,000 they may be down under the three percent. Chairman Hancock asked on the code. Jessica said this is 63-602c. Mr. Farrer said the amount of time the property is being used the portion on the map from last year was leased last year for the entire year. This year they have not at all. This is the difference. Commissioner Young said they could use eighty-four percent because the exemption was sixty-eight percent. Commissioner Young said they paid on thirty-two percent of the property. Cut in half take half of the thirty-two so sixteen onto sixty-eight is eight-four. Chairman Hancock said they have basis to come up with eighty-four percent. Jessica asked if the house was used in 2022 by the Ice Palace.

[10:22:40 AM](#) Mr. Farrer said they had an employee for the Ice Palace. Now they have retained him as their employee. Jessica said the house was allowed in the total value as it was used last year. Chairman Hancock said if they look at the income portion and then at eighty-four percent with the house because the rest is mainly bare ground. Mr. Farrer said the only consistent use is the Trading Post. The house the difference this was an employee of the Renaissance Fair and now is their employee. Commissioner Clark said he would be good with the eighty-four percent figure. Commissioner Young said the other figure to keep this under the three percent could use \$233,000 value by three percent is \$6,990 for income. So, they have two choices. Chairman Hancock does think they have commercial use there and should be some taxes paid on this.

[10:24:38 AM](#) Jessica said her suggestion is if the person living in the house is now an employee of Grand Teton Council so that value should be taken out of consideration. Chairman Hancock agrees. Commissioner Young said they take the house out. Jessica said they would for next year. Chairman Hancock said they were at sixty-eight percent and discussed looking at eighty-four percent instead of one hundred percent. Commissioner Young thinks they still have commercial income. Is good with eighty-four percent because they can tie this into a number and how they justify this. Commissioner Clark is good with this with their usage has decreased. Chairman Hancock said the reason they are doing this is because of the commercial venture. There is some income being generated. This next year it could be adjusted again next year. Commissioner Young said if they take the house out of the value. Mr. Farrer said this is old house that was self-built. Commissioner Young appreciates their service to the community. Chairman Hancock said they have all been scouts as well. Mr. Farrer appreciates that.

[10:26:52 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Clark to approve tax exemption on parcel #RP05N39E330026 for Grand Teton Council at eighty-four percent exemption. Second by Commissioner Young. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.**

[10:28:36 AM](#) Chairman Hancock recesses the Board of Equalization will reconvene as a Board of County Commissioners.

STRATA – DAVE WALRATH

• ANNIS HIGHWAY PROJECT

[10:29:09 AM](#) STRATA Dave Walrath is back in the workforce. Will be managing the CEI which is Construction Engineering Inspection. Back when he was with District 6 worked inspecting federal aid programs. Do all of the change orders, documenting all the work, verifying elevations and gaining materials. All of the red tape that is involved with federal work. Wants them to know that STRATA is out there and available. Going to focus on LHTAC projects. Knows that Annis Highway is coming up. LHTAC does not do their own CEI this is contracted out. Wants them to keep STRATA in mind. Provides information that goes over what CEI is from the ITD term website. Does not have cards yet but has the Administrator's cards. Is meeting with Fremont County today as well as this afternoon is meeting with Clark County. Chairman Hancock said Annis Highway is supposed to happen next year. Dave said they got negatively impacted by inflation. District 6 has not done any of these consultings. Understand this is coming. Have three interchanges in the works. Have two interchanges in Rexburg that are coming. There are times of the day where they cannot turn left. They will have diversion diamond interchanges. Then they have an interchange on the south St. Anthony exchange. Rumor has it they are talking full CEI to do this. Will take time for him to build a team that is able to handle a project of this magnitude. That is why they will begin the focus with LHTAC projects. Planning to have four other positions with him to have a team. Then at some point if they identify money on the Cannon Dairy Road. If this is federal will need CEI. Hands out a brochure on the company. Not going to stay with this for too long.

PUBLIC WORKS – ROB CROMWELL

• DUST OIL TANK – (ACTION ITEM)

[10:34:45 AM](#) Rob has a purchase a heavy-duty tank for their dust oil tank. Commissioner Young said this is \$9,650. Rob said that is delivered. Commissioner Clark asked where it is coming from. Rob said Burley. Chairman Hancock said this is used to do mag-chloride. Rob said yes. Mike Carter said last year as they filled this it started leaking. Chairman Hancock said they do not want to waste that mag-chloride. Discussed this some last week.

[10:35:51 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Clark to approve the purchase of a 6,500-gallon heavy weight tank from Heartland Ag Systems for \$9,650. Second by Commissioner Young. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.**

• UPDATE

[10:36:33 AM](#) Rob just got word they had an individual accept the mechanic position at Solid Waste. Will start on May 26. Working with Brandy to get some information from Denning for the Circular Butte well. See what this is supposed to be rated for.

[10:37:44 AM](#) Rob said for Road & Bridge has worked with Mike to put together a road maintenance plan for this year. Thinks they are wrapping up crack sealing. Have a contract with Mark to review for hot mix asphalt. Will advertise this hopefully May 17 and May 24 and close June 1. Would the Commissioners be okay with a bid opening at 11:00 on June 1? Does not want to hold this over to the next week. Chairman Hancock

said the next week they will be in Moscow. Thursday should work. Will not have a meeting on June 5. Commissioner Clark is hoping they will be hauling cattle. Will work it out. Rob said the bid opening is going out for competitive bid but may award up to three contracts. Chairman Hancock said they call that multiple awards. Mike said they will have a primary one then they have alternates if one is down. Rob is also working on updating the rights-of-way permits general provisions. Think they have almost got the proposed budget ready for the 22nd. There are a few things he will go over with Mike and Brandy. This week on Wednesday will help West Side Fire haul in some pit run. They will reimburse them for time and materials. Should only be four to five hours. Also, this week will try and clean up the end of Kelly Canyon Road. There are snow piles at the end by the county line they will move off. Will look at options to create a turnaround and possibly provide some parking with some gravel on the side of the road.

[10:42:28 AM](#) Rob asked if they heard anything on the Dairy. Chairman Hancock said they did get some stuff on this will be getting the last payment on this around \$90,000. Does not think EDA will be giving them anything else. Partnered with Development Company who has changed and is just trying to close this out at this point. Will need to look at other sources. Rob said the problem is the condition of the road. Mike said if this is not happening soon will need to rework some of this road. Not sure how much money they want to put into this. Commissioner Young said they do not want to put too much. Mike said any cinders they put on would be removed once they started this project. Chairman Hancock said they can fix the issues for now. Mike said they have some Band-Aids they will need to put on. Rob said if he could set up a meeting with Mike Simpson and Mike Crapo to discuss a congressional allotment. Can they meet with them and talk about this? Mike said this is revenues for money. Rebecca asked if he looked into the rural grants from DOT. Rob looked at ones she had sent but has not explored this any further. Rebecca said these are easier than a direct appropriation. Chairman Hancock said he did speak with Senator Crapo's Office and they suggested looking at the rural grants. Rob said the engineering is done on this. Chairman Hancock said they may want to look at the plans before they do too much build up. Mike said they are not going to want to haul all of this because it will not hold up without cinders. Chairman Hancock said they have a cinder pit at the end of the road. Commissioner Clark said they would have to haul gravel from the Crystal Pit. Chairman Hancock would suggest he spend some time looking at the rural grants first.

[10:49:33 AM](#) Chairman Hancock got a call last night on County Line car hit a hole almost totaled the car. This is on Bonneville County side. Car busted an axle. Mike said they have some bad spots that are soft. Chairman Hancock said he would mention it but they need to get this fixed knows this is Bonneville's responsibility. Mike said they are stretched thin trying to get everyone in to plant their fields. Chairman Hancock said the complaints are coming on that stretch of road. Commissioner Clark asked on the road maintenance on the areas that washed out. Mike said they smoothed these out if they didn't have enough gravel to fill it in and as they grade these are building them back up. Commissioner Clark got a call out from one of the road committee guys in Montevue area about some of the washed-out areas. Mike thinks they have started grading out there this week. Is tough all of them have been on vacation. Had been a long winter. Not sure what they do there. Have five to eight weeks of time to burn off. Rob asked on meeting with the road committee. Commissioner Clark said probably once crops are in. Chairman Hancock said maybe the second week of June. Commissioner Clark asked if any night is better? Could look at doing June 14th. Mike said it will be a tough summer using all the time. Chairman Hancock said they may look at buying some of this. Commissioner Clark said or they may have to hire additional help. Rob asked if that is back on the table?

[10:56:08 AM](#) Rob said he will create a resolution on the option of selling their comp time back. At the peak was going to be in the range of \$24,000 but some have burned this down. Rebecca said she would caution this option comp time is not a benefit this is a liability to the county because this is money they owe. Only have this because they are a public entity so the law allows them to do comp time instead of overtime. If they payout comp time would set a threshold limit and pay anything above that limit. This should be the employers' option not an employee option. Commissioner Young said if they do one they need to do the rest. Rebecca said yes, they need to treat this evenly across the board or this is being treated like a benefit.

[10:57:39 AM](#) Chairman Hancock asked on the new pickup. Rob was waiting on the bid assistance. Last he checked they did not have this yet. Commissioner Clark asked on the loader. Rob said they have not received it yet. Should have got to John Deere last week. Has to go through their shop first but he will check on this. Commissioner Young had one on the claims \$220 for magnetic flash lights seemed like a lot. Mike thinks this was for ones that clip to the hood.

COMMISSIONERS

- **APPROVE CLAIMS – (ACTION ITEM)**

[11:02:57 AM](#) Commissioner Young said that was all he had.

[11:03:26 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Young to approve claims from 4/25/2023 to 5/5/2023 for \$289,043.24. Second by Commissioner Clark. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.**

- **APPROVE CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY – (ACTION ITEM)**

[11:04:31 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Young to approve certificates of residency for the College of Southern Idaho for Ethan Miles, Michael Robirds and Lyndsay Woelfel. Second by Commissioner Clark. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.**

[11:04:52 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Clark to approve certificates of residency for the College of Western Idaho for Ethan Miles and Michael Robirds. Second by Commissioner Young. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.**

[11:05:16 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Clark to approve certificates of residency for the College of Eastern Idaho for Ethan Miles. Second by Commissioner Young. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.**

- **APPROVE COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES – (ACTION ITEM)**

[11:10:09 AM](#) Motion by Commissioner Clark to approve commissioner meeting minutes from March 13, 2023. Second by Commissioner Young. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.

[11:10:26 AM](#) Motion by Commissioner Young to approve special commissioner meeting minutes from March 15, 2023 with noted changes. Second by Commissioner Clark. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.

- **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

[11:11:03 AM](#) Rebecca has added this so they know what is going on. Few items that are left downstairs. Doubts everything that was moved should come back in. There has been a lot of stuff that has been identified as excess inventory that needs to be gotten rid of. Had some items that are excess inventory but are storing this. Got most everything moved out of there. Parks & Recreation moved to the Treasurer's Office if they were not aware. Met with interior design for carpets, paint and millwork on the court expansion. Do they want to be involved? Chairman Hancock thinks she can handle this. Commissioner Young said as long as they do not paint it purple. Rebecca said to keep this professional and neutral. Commissioner Clark said to make this match. Rebecca said also availability. An issue that came up will be hard to match the brick on the outside of the building. This is the back of the building. If they look up above and they have metal. Come close or do a contrast. Not going to try and match that with extraordinary measures. ESI is still reviewing the contract so does not have this to sign yet. Hoping very soon.

[11:13:30 AM](#) Commissioner Clark said as soon as they can get this started the quicker they will be done. Chairman Hancock asked if she is happy on the money for emergency communications. Rebecca said her happiness has nothing to do with this. They have been discussing the aging emergency infrastructure. Know this is aging and will begin to fail. Experienced that last week when part of the server failed. Important and they need this updated and upgraded. If they lose communications puts the public and responders at risk. Appreciate the support. There is a lot of demands on the 911 money. It is expensive to maintain. Commissioner Clark said it does not seem like the timeframe he is talking about hope the technology would last twenty years. Rebecca asked how old his computer is. Rebecca said this is the software upgrades.

[11:16:22 AM](#) Rebecca said space is also an issue. Planning & Zoning is scanning their documents and will not have to move anything back downstairs. This is a technology world. Digitizing records is nice is easier to fulfill public record requests. On the ARPA front had a conversation with Leland Smith looking at specs on what they would need on the shed when they move their equipment from Central Fire. Have two boats, jet skis and mobile command center. Will start looking at what this would take.

[11:18:05 AM](#) Commissioner Clark hates to bring this up but would like to discuss employee evaluations next week.

[11:19:15 AM](#) Motion by Commissioner Young to adjourn at 11:19. Second by Commissioner Clark. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

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