

BENEWAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 8th, 2025

Be it remembered that at this time the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session. The meeting was opened by Commissioner Lampert.

Present:	Philip R. Lampert	Chairman
	Robert Short	Commissioner
	Mark Reynolds	Commissioner
	Janeen LeWan	Clerk
	Aaron Freudenthal	Attorney
	Jim Roletto	Public Works Director

The Board met at 8:00 a.m., whereupon the following proceedings were had to-wit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Commissioner Short to enter into executive session at 8:00 am pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(d)(a)(b); To consider records that are exempt from disclosure and personnel; seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Motion carried.
Present: Commissioners Lampert, Reynolds and Short, Clerk Janeen LeWan, and Public Works Director Jim Roletto. Exited executive session at 8:58 am.

1. Approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s) (ACTION): A motion to approve this item was made by Commissioner Short and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Motion carried.
2. Approve the monthly claims (ACTION): A motion to approve this item was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Short. Motion carried.
3. Bridge Inspection Schedule – Review: Jim Roletto is attending the morning inspection.
4. FY2026 Proposed Fee Changes Discuss Publication & Timeline (ACTION): A motion to approve setting the solid waste fee for other business/commercial/occupied parcels (including tax exempt) to \$170/ton made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Short. Motion carried.
5. Humane Society Changes on Invoices (ACTION): Attorney Aaron Freudenthal made note that they prosecutor’s office is seeking restitution for the fees from Baird & Lopps. Recommended paying the Humane Society as payment for the owners will be difficult.
6. LHTAC pay request for Curve & Roadway safety improvements (ACTION): Jim Roletto noted there was an increase in the amount but it was still within budget and recommend payment. A motion to pay the invoice was made by Commissioner Short and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Motion carried.
7. Idaho state land exchange – tax cancellation (ACTION): A motion to cancel the taxes for 2023 & 2024 was made by Commissioner Short and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Motion carried.
8. Public defense office space – consider rental fee amount (ACTION): Clerk made note of the square footage of the office space provided by the public defender’s office, and recommended following average per foot as other offices in federal building. Commissioner Reynolds noted that we need to make note in the rental agreement that if they need parking spots we would need to go back and negotiate an increase in fee. A motion to charge \$600.00 per month was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Short. Motion carried.

9. Equipment discussion – per Mark: Commissioner Reynolds noted the equipment budget is at 70% currently. Requested the Clerk investigate when lease payments are due. Noted Randy has requested a flatbed truck.
10. Current budget discussion – per Mark (ACTION): Commissioner Reynolds noted he would like to have the invoices for crushing and paving to come in before the new budget starts. Commissioner Short noted he is expecting an invoice for rock that also needs to be paid out of the current budget.
11. Golf course discussion – per Mark (ACTION): Commissioner Reynolds requested the Clerk investigate when the lease payment is due. He has also been working on quotes to replace the deck boards for the patio outside the restaurant. A motion to move the funds from paving the 6th & Jefferson parking lot to striping the St. Joe River Road from Benewah County to Shoshone made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Short.

9:00 A.M. JIM ROLETTO, BENEWAH COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Emergency Management	Road Projects Sewer System	Public Works Airport	Solid Waste Planning & Zoning
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Emergency Management: Discussed progress of the ambulance building in Emida and the next steps for concrete and roughing in holes.

Planning & Zoning: A property owner is trying to split their property and will need to go the urban/suburban subdivision route. They have noted the cost is too high for them and have asked for a variance.

Blake subdivision is being presented for final plat.

Drake subdivision is being recommended for preliminary plat hearing. Moved forward with approval with some changes noted. Attorney Aaron Freudenthal requested the plat information on the subdivision to review.

Road Projects: Doupe Road owners have been calling requesting widening the road. It is beyond the budget but Jim is looking into where they could possible put pullouts like done on Cherry Creek Road. Road crew has been maintaining gravel on the road.

Solid Waste: Drop down arms at the transfer station will need to be ordered ahead of time and were quoted at \$800.00

Plans to move the dumpsters in Plummer to county owned property was presented.

Sewer System/Airport: Pump orders scheduled for delivery tomorrow, bringing a shed over for housing. Funding for the shed would go to sewer.

9:20 A.M. PUBLIC COMMENT

Maurene Hodgson – Asked where the land was located for the land exchange with Idaho – Commissioner Short indicated Tyson Creek. Noted changes she would like to see in the Road Rock N’ Road LLC contract with the county. Requested progress, budget, and end goals. She has heard from someone named Bailey and curious if it was the same Bailey as the new subdivision. It was not.

9:25 A.M. Bailey Subdivision Final Plat – Approval (ACTION)

Waylon Newton presented the final subdivision plat. Located in the area of Finn Creek Road & Lockout Ln. Wells on both parcels, septic in on one and approved for the other. Motion to approve final plat was made by Commissioner Short seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Motion carried.

