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 Commissioner Young. Prayer offered by Chairman Hancock.

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PLANNING & ZONING – ERIK STOUT – SAMANTHA FARR

• PRELIMINARY & FINAL PLAT – BRIAN LOTT – (ACTION ITEM)

9:02:35 AM  Erik said this is a final plat for Brian Lott. It was heard on June 3. Is a six lot subdivision by 4030 E 200 N. All are roughly five acres. Recommended by Planning & Zoning Commission for approval. Sam sent all of this information for review. Did not get Kevin’s signature since he is gone. Will get this before Brian picks it up. Chairman Hancock said this is an R-1 zone.

9:03:29 AM  Prosecutor Mark Taylor is in room

9:03:35 AM  Erik said these are different sized lots. Two 3 acre lots, a 6 acre and three 5.8 acre lots. Chairman Hancock said they put in a water system. Erik said they also have an agreement with the City of Rigby about services getting connected once they are available. Commissioners are fine with this.

9:04:19 AM  Motion by Commissioner Clark to approve the final plat for Brian Lott on Lynncro Acres. Second by Commissioner Young. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.

• UPDATE

9:04:50 AM  Chairman Hancock said on the permits they have dropped a little. Erik said they have remained two below but they never know what will happen. It was similar last month then they had eighteen permits in one day. Last fiscal year they had 539 permits and they are already at 530 permits with two and a half months to go. Chairman Hancock asked if they have any issues. How is the zoning ordinance? Erik said they will get Planning & Zonings final changes by Friday. Chairman Hancock said he will try and get them some. He did see a few issues. Erik said they are looking at the variant sections they found discrepancies they want cleared up. Chairman Hancock said if they find anything that is ambiguous. Believes Kevin has been keeping a book on things that need changed. Pointed out several over the years. Says one thing in one spot and contradicts in another spot. Erik said they are trying to get this all cleaned up.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAVE WALRATH

• 2022 PETERBILT MODEL 367 PURCHASE – (ACTION ITEM)

9:07:54 AM  Dave said they have discussed the Peterbilt truck before. Have talked to Kenworth and Scowls. Neither can produce the front end that is on the current trucks. Will in the future but not able to right now. Right now Peterbilt is the only option he sees. Bonneville did get a Kenworth last month but they are not continuing with these trucks right now. Going to produce a different truck in the future. Same thing with Western Star. Asked Bonneville on the bottom line and they said this was $250,000. Even if they go with the stainless bed they are under this. Would be March or April before they get this. Would propose to go with the Peterbilt. Chairman Hancock said there has been some problems with the computer systems on these. Commissioner Clark asked if they had issues with the Kenworth. Dave said just some minor issues. The biggest issue was the dump body. This is finally resolved now. Chairman Hancock said this would be in next year’s budget. Dave has already put this in the budget. Chairman Hancock said he needs approval to purchase this. Dave said if they went with stainless that would be his recommendation it would be $248,400. With as much chip sealing and paving as they do this allows them to do more.

9:12:42 AM  Motion by Commissioner Young to approve a 2022 Peterbilt Model 367 for $248,400. Second by Commissioner Clark. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.

9:13:10 AM  Chairman Hancock said they bought a Kenworth last year and they hadn’t in the ten years prior. That is why it is important to start the upgrades on their trucks. Dave said their other newest was 2011. Will take the Sterling and put a sanding bed on it. They will have this available still. Chairman Hancock said they can repurpose this.

• 2014 LAY MOR SM400 SELF PROPELLED SWEEPER PURCHASE – (ACTION ITEM)

9:14:02 AM  Dave said they have a Lay Mor broom down at Double Edge in Ucon. It would really help them to have two brooms. They bought this back in 2017. When this breaks down they are toast. Really could have these working together. Chairman Hancock asked the cost. Dave said they want $32,000 they paid $48,000 for their new one. Thinks he might be able to get this for $30,000. Only has 160 hours. Does need a tire and some bristles replaced. It runs good. Chairman Hancock asked the hours. Dave said only 160. Chairman Hancock said that is not much. Asked if this is similar. Dave said Dave said this is exactly the same just a few years older. Could make a case since they are adding and use the money in the impact fees. Commissioner Young asked how much they have in there. Dave believes around $80,000. Have plenty in there. Chairman Hancock said they do have money in the impact fees. Really need to show some competition some way or find another bid. Can’t justify this as a single source since this is not GSA or state bid. Commissioner Young said even if he could go make some calls and come back this afternoon. Chairman Hancock said just a few comparisons. There are some other manufacturers.

• UPDATE
Dave said they did get plant specs and estimates for the Kettle Butte Dairy Road. Believes this came in just under four million. New construction is about a million dollars a mile. This is a four mile project. Ben Burke is in the process of getting property use agreements put together. This is the last obstacle. Did meet out there last Thursday. Right at the dairy they have a thirty-six inch pipe that runs through this. At a bit of a loss on what to do with the water. Will do a little analysis. The next meeting will not be until August. He will be gone the 2nd of August can have Jerry or Kerry come in. Doing some mag-clorozide around Rigby and Menan. Will do the boat ramp road. Possibly where The Haunted River is. When this starts up in October this road gets hammered. Commissioner Clark asked on the Montevue Highway. Dave said this will be the first of August. Thinks it will take four days. Will go up to 2300 then will back up and chip 3000. Then will go out and do their overlays. Have three water trucks they are currently running. Have both of these working on Rigby side.

Chairman Hancock asked him to get a few quotes. They have some 315 available in South Dakota. Dave said they demoed the Hitachi. Thinks they are going to move on. They do have a backhoe out there they are using. Chairman Hancock said they may need to look at areas that are not as hammered as here.

**SHERRIF – STEVE ANDERSON**

- **TRADE-IN AND CREDIT FOR RETURN OF OLD HANDGUNS – (ACTION ITEM)**

Sheriff Anderson apologizes he may have already been in front of them for this. Have all of their new firearms about seventy-five percent of their officers have these and have been trained. Wanted to make sure they discussed this before they released these old guns. Will save about $7,000 to $8,000 on their purchase. Chairman Hancock said they approved the handguns but not the Berettas or the shotguns. Sheriff Anderson said these are so old they do not have numbers. (Exhibit A)

**COMMISSIONERS**

- **BUDGET**

Chairman Hancock said they have some time to go over the Commissioners budget. They have not taken an increase. Commissioner Young asked maybe they can take the COLA. Colleen said she is meeting with Carlos on the insurance tomorrow. Will know more then. Commissioner Young asked they covered the insurance last year. Chairman Hancock said he is pushing back on Blue Cross on the stop loss which is $60,000. They haven’t used this for the last four years. Been paying them about $270,000. They are part of a pool but should still get some benefit. Will hammer those that are more than the stop loss. Has seen the increases that 5C employees are getting. It is over $500,000 for their medical benefits. They are on Fremont County’s insurance plan.

Colleen asked if they want to transfer to the VEBA. Chairman Hancock said they need to just in case they do exceed have been close. Need to have a buffer. Colleen has not increased the medical yet will wait to talk to Carlos. Chairman Hancock asked on their salaries. Commissioner Clark is fine where they are at. Commissioner Young thinks maybe just whatever COLA everyone else gets in the county. Chairman Hancock said they do not get a step and grade. Nor does any of the other elected officials. Colleen said they can look at the COLA once they go through the budget workshops and get the salaries set. Some salaries are still up in the air. Commissioner Young said it may depend if the insurance is going up. Chairman Hancock said they had some HR travel budgeted $2,500 feels they did not use this based off of COVID. Commissioner Clark said most of this will probably be the same. Chairman Young asked on employee recognition they are over. Chairman Hancock thought they had extra money they were going to put in from rebates on the credit cards. Colleen said this could have come in and just put into the general. Chairman Hancock said they were going to get a refund on the credit cards. May need to ask Kristine on this. Asked on professional services. Commissioner Clark said they need to keep some not sure they need that much. Chairman Hancock said they could drop this to $30,000. Publications probably just leave this. Leave the capital office equipment. Got their desks used. Commissioner Clark said on employee recognition they must have used the other money as well. Go up on this knows the meat is going to be more.

Chairman Hancock is meeting with Carlos on the insurance tomorrow. Will know more. Asked to do the COLA tomorrow.

*Motion by Commissioner Clark to approve the trade-in of two Berettas and five shotguns with Javelin Arms. Second by Commissioner Young. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.*
ASSESSOR – JESSICA ROACH – MAINTENANCE – TRAVIS THOMPSON

- **BIDS FOR PERMANENT COUNTER AND SECURITY DOOR**

  **9:59:51 AM**  Jessica said they have been getting some bids to put in a permanent counter on the Assessor side. Have zero security on that side of their office. Rebecca said she had about $8,000 in security grants she can put toward this. Then building and grounds has some funds also. Hoping to put a security door so no one can just barge in and a counter the rest of the way. Still waiting on a quote from Valley Glass. The bid is with the door and the counter but this does not include security glass. To put the security with a key card swipe on both this door and the Treasurer door would be $3,000. Given recent events within the county they are the only department that does not have a security door. They have Fed Ex and UPS in delivering coming right through the office. Takes a split second for something to happen. Would like this to be more secure.

  **10:02:59 AM**  Commissioner Young asked if they have any other bids. Jessica has a bid for just the counter. It is hard to find a general contractor right now. Also looking at a permanent divider wall between the Treasurer and Assessor. Have a lot of people that do not want to wait in the DMV line and try to cut through the Treasurer door. Have called other contractors who have not gotten back to her.

  **10:04:42 AM**  Commissioner Clark asked how much counter space would end up with. Jessica said they would have the same length is a six foot counter with three feet being ADA compliant. Right now they have a rolling table. Was hoping Rebecca would be here today. Had about $8,000 in a security grant. Then Travis has some budgeted. Chairman Hancock said they also need to discuss carpet and paint in the office. Have about $50,000 left in there right now. Commissioner Young thinks they might have more than that. Chairman Hancock asked if they could get a painting contractor in here and maybe order the carpet. Commissioner Young said they have about $73,000. Travis did get a quote for painting for next year’s budget. Chairman Hancock thinks they could try and use this year’s budget. Commissioner Clark asked what the bid was. Travis thinks this was $31,000 for the Clerk, Assessor, Treasurers office including the old commissioner room, public defender office and the two meeting rooms. This does not include the foyer. Chairman Hancock said they may want to get someone in to do this in this budget. Travis said he did get a bid from Carpet One. Chairman Hancock said he would look at several. They have several other options he could call. Travis said they may look at carpet tiles like they have put in the annex. Chairman Hancock said when they looked they have $82,000. Would like to have it done this year. Commissioner Clark said at least the painting. Chairman Hancock said maybe buy the carpet and install it later. Travis said carpet has gone up with the construction demand.

  **10:11:51 AM**  Jessica said they are still waiting on a bid on the glass. This is coming for all government agencies. May be able to use the ARPA money. Colleen asked if they grant has a time limit. Jessica will have to talk to Rebecca on the grant funds. Chairman Hancock said that she is on vacation. Jessica said then she will be gone next week. Commissioner Clark asked a timeframe on the bid. Jessica said she was shooting for August or September. Commissioner Clark asked on the security door does this include the door. Jessica said Omni is for the security of the swipe cards. The $14,200 includes the door, framing and counter. Chairman Hancock asked if Rob came and looked at this. Jessica said he did. Chairman Hancock said that is his forte. Travis said he did some work in the Public Defender’s office. Colleen is thinking of matching the paint in the annex. Might do a few different accent walls. Travis said this will all be the same price. Chairman Hancock said they do need another bid. Jessica said this was more to just discuss this.

ASSESSOR – JESSICA ROACH

- **EAGLE VIEW CONTRACT – (ACTION ITEM)**

  **10:16:30 AM**  Jessica has the Eagle View contract and purchase order. Mark has issues with them keeping ownership. Paying them to create something they still own. There is technicalities with this. Does not personally like that we are paying them to gather our data. They were the winning bidder. Chairman Hancock has not read through this but don’t they have rights to use this. Mark said they have a license to view the data. If they switched providers in the future they would keep this data.

  **10:18:41 AM**  Dustin Walters with Eagle View said they are granted a professional license to this data. Even if they change vendors in the future they retain this data. Mark said it has been a few months since he looked at this but that is something he remembered being an issue. Commissioner Clark said they talked about this in the past. Chairman Hancock is looking at the force majeure. Looking to see if this conflicted. Mark said they were okay with what was in this. Chairman Hancock said this says they will be excused from performance. Before he thought there was concern on still having to pay them. Jessica said that was in previous contracts. Chairman Hancock said he is trying to make sure they are covered. Believes they have done their due diligence on this. Will have the county terms and conditions. Asked on the purchase order total only shows $32,000. Jessica explains the total is in the unit price for the three flights. Pay for half of a flight each year. The $198,113 for three flights and six years. Chairman Hancock said the only obligated amount will be the $32,000.

  **10:22:20 AM**  Motion by Commissioner Young to approve the purchase order #2021-3501 with Eagle View for a total $198,113.63 and first payment of $32,827.50 for this year. In addition will approve the agreement between Eagle View and Jefferson County. Second by Commissioner Clark. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.

- **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – HOMEOWNERS’ EXEMPTIONS – (ACTION ITEM)**

  **10:25:10 AM**  Chairman Hancock recesses the Board of County Commissioners and reconvenes the Board of Equalization.

  **10:25:34 AM**  Jessica said they had additional parcels come in last week. Then the three parcel on the other list were on the list from last week but were in error. They have not come in and signed up for the exemption.

  **10:27:01 AM**  Motion by Commissioner Clark to approve the list for homeowners’ exemption for 2021 with a total amount net taxable value. Need to add the amounts together. Will restart the motion.

  **10:29:09 AM**  Motion by Commissioner Clark to approve the parcels listed on (Exhibit B) for homeowners’ exemption for 2021 with $418,000 full market value subtract $208,500 for the approved homeowner exemption. Second by Commissioner Young. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.

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Robert, the top one and last one did not apply for the exemption the parcel in the middle will receive fifty percent of the exemption. (Exhibit C)

Motion by Commissioner Clark to resend the exemption on parcel #RPA00650020110 and #RBP01750160090 homeowners’ exemption has not been applied for. Second by Commissioner Young. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Commissioner Clark on parcel #RPA00650030170 they will only receive fifty percent of the homeowners’ exemption. Second by Commissioner Young. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.

Jessica said the top one and last one did not apply for the exemption the parcel in the middle will receive fifty percent of the exemption. (Exhibit C).

PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION – JARED RICKS

- UPDATE ON PUBLIC DEFENSE ACTIVITIES & STANDARDS

Jared is over Zoom. One of the credits deals with credits and the other is procedural. Had their first public defender trial college. This was a great success. This is one of the first to occur online. These training programs are in place. Regarding the financial assistance they will go through these applications tomorrow. They will know the award amount around the end of this week or within two weeks. One of the requests of the commission is to ask the county about this year they received $15 million in request for assistance and only have $10 million. This has to be because of when budgets are set. The commission has asked him to speak about how they can better assist the county in this process. This could be for the fiscal years beyond that. Realizing they are dropping this on them today. Has been requested to think of ways to incorporate these systems better.

Chairman Hancock thinks they need to have their Public Defender to have some input first. Jared appreciates that. Before they move onto their last topic do any of them have any questions? Colleen said that Jared has been great and easy to work with. Jared said if they ever have any questions he will communicate with the commission to make the process better. Is hopeful they are heading in the right direction.

Jared said in negotiating rulemaking they had hearings at the end of June. Should receive notice soon on the public hearing on rulemaking. Was fairly limited in scope this year. There was some concerns from IAC and attorneys. Focused on these concerns and met with the legislators this year. This did raise some concerns with other counties.

Chairman Hancock believes that John Stosich has made his comments. Have left this up to him since he is the one that is directly affected. Jared said that John has been an active participant. Asked if there is any other questions he can assist them with. Colleen asked on when they will hear on the financial assistance. Jared is hoping within the next week and a half to two weeks on the awards. Colleen asked if this is awarded in October. Jared said they are sent out in October. If they have anything else please contact him.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAVE WALRATH

- 2014 LAY MOR SM400 SELF PROPELLED SWEEPER PURCHASE – (ACTION ITEM)

Dave got onto the machine trader to view some comp. These have more hours. Chairman Hancock said these are all the same brand. Said they have one for $49,000, $32,000 and $35,000. Commissioner Clark thinks with these thinks they are priced right. Dave is hoping to negotiate them down to $30,000. Chairman Hancock said they can approve up to the $32,000.

Motion by Commissioner Young to approve the purchase of a 2014 Lay Mor SM400 self-propelled sweeper from Double Edge Equipment up to $32,000. Second by Commissioner Clark. Roll call taken. Commissioner Clark – aye, Commissioner Young – aye, Chairman Hancock – aye. Motion passed.

Recess until 11:00

Open session 11:00

TIFFANY HANSEN

- CONCERNS ON HIGHWAY 48 AND 4100

Tiffany Hansen 87 North Cambridge Drive. Is here today as a concerned resident and mother of six children. The big push is she has two new teenage drivers and have had too many close calls. Specifically looking at the intersections of 4000 E and 4100 E. Sure they are aware these intersections can be scary. Has her teenage kids taking elementary kids to school. There has to be something more that can be done to help with the flow of traffic. Lives in the Cambridge Subdivision. Has lived here since 2007. Starting in 2012 is when they started attending South Fork Elementary school and has to drive these roads multiple times a day. Been driving these for nine years with some close calls. Not sure why school speed limits are not enforced by these elementary schools. Makes it even more concerning they are not coming together to help with the growth we are experiencing. Knows she is not the only one. On Friday posted with her concerns. Within two and a half days had 121 comments on Facebook asking for better travel management on these roads. Some of the comments. Andrea Gibson said they drive each day which is six miles and was in an accident on 4000 E luckily they had no major injuries but did total their family vehicle. Comments from First Responders is they have seen way to many accidents at this intersection. Leslie Curtis has a son that leaves for work and has to go this route. It makes her so nervous. Jessica Goldman has to take the 4100 exit every morning. Think they should lower the speed limit just before 4100 or a light would be nice. Tam Jenkins my kids leave at 7:30 just to avoid the traffic. A light would be nice. Marty Ann Peterson lives in town but travels these roads. They are dangerous with the growth they are experiencing. Cindy Caldwell was in an accident there in 2012 and uncle died on the intersection down the road. It is bad. Shayla Berry Tyler her brother-in-law was killed on the intersection of 4200 E. Jessica Brown lives between 4000 and 4100 on Highway 48. There have been several accidents in front of my house. I myself have gotten rear ended and put into a telephone pole then my nephew and daughter were hit from...
behind and pushed into oncoming traffic. Had to be life flighted. Need to look into slowing traffic down as well. Seth Fry worse during the school year have spent thirty minutes trying to cross Highway 48. Still building more houses. Need a traffic light around 4000. Mindi Newsom said this is a dangerous area something should have been done before two schools were built. This is a state road but the city needs to push the issue with the state. Mitzi Ritz has anxiety every time she goes to town. Maylynn Beck turning left off of 48 has been difficult and very stressful for her and her family. Has almost been in four accidents personally.

11:06:29 AM Proposed suggestions are police patrol, reducing speed limits, school speed limit signs during designated times, four way stop, roundabout. These are suggestions and they may not realize all of the hoops that have to be jumped through. Chairman Hancock appreciates their concern. They are concerned about this as well. Have the turn lanes added last year. Have discussed traffic lights. Knows how long they have to wait to turn. Is backed up past the cemetery. Dave said they have discussed exempting school busses from having to stop at the tracks. This would mitigate some of this. Will be a multi-agency effort to help this issue.

11:08:49 AM Chairman Hancock said they talked about having some interaction on the state highway. Dave said they used to meet regularly before COVID. Tiffany mentions a meeting with ITD in September. Dave said this may be on a different project where they are looking at a specific action. Chairman Hancock said they can talk with their District Engineer. Commissioner Young said they can invite them to a meeting. Dave can look at what his schedule is. Commissioner Clark said an off ramp would help with this. Chairman Hancock said this was a proposal at one time was accepted and would elevate a lot of the pressure. Tiffany asked what they can do on the county roads.

11:11:10 AM Chairman Hancock said they have to ask the state. Dave said they could have flashing speed limit signs. Chairman Hancock said they do realize this and have mentioned it with the growth. Dave was also talking about the congestion on 3800. Definitely have some problem intersections. Is having a Zoom meeting next Monday afternoon to talk about a traffic study with a commercial development that is planning to come in. Tiffany said they are taking alternate routes onto County Line. What can they do? Dave will get with Jason Metzger the ITD Engineer and see if they can discuss some of these issues. Chairman Hancock said they have offered to give us the highway. Tiffany asked what they should do. Should they go and share their experiences. Chairman Hancock said they take this back to their planning group. Dave said they have a corridor plan. Chairman Hancock thinks they are doing what they can with trying to make the public aware. Audrey said if they go onto the county website they can make an account and can request agendas that are sent.

11:20:13 AM Dave said they have a corridor plan. Chairman Hancock said their biggest concern right now is from Chester to Ashton. Commissioner Young said they have limited budget and it is going other places. Chairman Hancock would like to see lights on the highway. Dave thinks they would start at 4000 then they could slow down the traffic. Commissioner Clark thinks they are doing what they can with trying to make the state do not move on this. Commissioner Clark said they just want to give the county the highway. Tiffany asked where their road crosses the state road they still cannot do anything. Dave said signals have to meet warrants. These probably do meet these warrants. Doesn’t help that it is only three times a day that this is really bad. There is a process they must meet. Can bring this up with their traffic engineer. Chairman Hancock said they do need to push this again. Tiffany is worried about once school starts and they have Hailey Creek and another subdivision now in that area.

11:22:05 AM Amy Johnson lives between 4000 and 4100. On 4000 they have a business the problem is her client’s park out front and obstructs the vision going north. Also not sure but the family on the opposite side they park along the highway. Have a business and a large family. Hailey’s Creek is going to have 200 additional residents. Already seeing this congestion now. Chairman Hancock knows how long they have to sit waiting on 4000. Amy knows the busses have a really hard time getting on the highway. Chairman Hancock said they are well aware of this.

11:27:13 AM Michelle Gordon lives in Blackstone and 4200 is also scary. Commissioner Young said they have a higher speed on the highway. Michelle said there are a lot of people that take 4200 to get to Rexburg. It is just too fast on this stretch of road. A lot of time they have traffic they cannot see past. Chairman Hancock said the state can add no parking signs. Dave said they will be having their board meeting on September 22. Will try and get Jason to come in. Chairman Hancock said they cannot do a lot but they are concerned. Some of this they do not have control over. Dave said since this is a state highway they cannot apply for LHTAC funds. Chairman Hancock said they did do the flashing lights. Dave said the same thing in Cottonwood this was funded by the school district. Tiffany said Southfork does not have anything like this. Dave said it will take a while for a project to start. Chairman Hancock understands the concerns they all have kids and grandkids that live in the area. Dave said this is right by the shop so they have the same issues. Chairman Hancock said they have a lot of issues in Idaho Falls as well mainly Crowley Road down by Thunder Ridge High School.

11:36:11 AM Motion by Commissioner Clark to adjourn at 11:36. Second by Commissioner Young. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.