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The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 15th day of May, 2017.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

Betty Thomas, Clerk, called roll call. Tom Anderson, present; Kirk Chandler, present and Nate Marvin, present.

Kirk Chandler opened the meeting and Nate Marvin led the Pledge of Allegiance. Betty Thomas gave the invocation.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS AND REPORTS)

Correspondence received by the Board was reviewed and disseminated as required.

Kirk reported on the District 3 Elected Official meeting last Friday.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of May 8, 2017 were approved as amended.

IN THE MATTER OF DEMAND WARRANTS)

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve issuance of a demand warrant in the amount of \$506.00 for the fee for the final plat review of the Kindall Acres Subdivision for Planning and Zoning. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve issuance of a demand warrant in the amount of \$12,376.44 to the Gem Plan in payment of the County buy-down. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF FAIR)

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve signing an agreement with Idaho Power for burying of the power lines at the Fairgrounds to allow building of the Sale Barn. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve issuance of a demand warrant in the amount of \$8,925.00 to Idaho Power for burying of the power lines at the Fairgrounds. Motion carried unanimous.

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IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCY)

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve certificates of residency for Rachel J. Konvalin, Cecylia E. Whitehurst and Karley Juarez. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF IT DEPARTMENT)

Glenn Tourville, IT Administrator, met with the Board.

Glenn clarified how the Courthouse budgets for computer hardware were to be handled. It was decided that everything but printers, copiers, scanners and similar equipment would be taken out of the IT budget. He said each office would budget for printers, copiers, scanners and similar equipment.

Glenn discussed other general IT issues and budgeting.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. Lynn Clements was also available.

Delton discussed the parking of trucks complaint received from Mrs. Clements and reviewed information he found regarding parking. Delton said they need to ascertain whether the area is on someone's private property. He said they also would need to know if there was a safety issue.

Delton presented a public defender contract signed by Tim Felton.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Tom Anderson to authorize the Chairman to sign the Public Defender contract with Tim Felton and send it to the other attorneys to present this as the County's contract. Motion carried unanimous.

Delton discussed his proposed budget.

IN THE MATTER OF JUVENILE PROBATION)

Dahlia Stender, Juvenile Probation, met with the Board.

Dahlia discussed the Multi-Agency Training this week and reviewed the Substance Use Disorder Services numbers. She also discussed the training she attended over the weekend. She presented the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Score and ACE Resilience Score used in the training.

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IN THE MATTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES)

Lorri Nakamura, Social Services Deputy Clerk, met with the Board.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Tom Anderson to go into executive session at 11:21 a.m. for Indigent matters according to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code. Motion carried unanimous. Tom Anderson, Aye; Kirk Chandler, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Kirk stated they were out of executive session at 11:29 a.m.

Tom Anderson moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to deny applicant 2017-39 in accordance with I.C. 31-3502(17) did not prove medically indigent, I.C. 31-3506 did not prove obligated county, I.C. 31-3502(25) did not prove last resource, medically necessary, I.C. 31-3511(3) and I.C. 31-3502(7) incomplete application as the applicant withdrew his application. Motion carried unanimous.

Tom Anderson moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to deny applicant 2017-25 in accordance with I.C. 31-3502(17) not medically indigent, I.C. 31-3502(25) not the last resource, I.C. 31-3511(3) and I.C. 31-3502(7) incomplete application and 31-3503E(3) failed to cooperate with the County. Motion carried unanimous.

Tom Anderson moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to deny applicant 2017-34 in accordance with I.C. 31-3502(25) not the last resource as applicant has been approved for disability and retroactive Medicaid. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to adopt the Social Services Deputy Clerk's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF LUNCH)

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Tom Anderson to recess for lunch at 11:36 a.m. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD AND BRIDGE & SOLID WASTE)

Arlen Wilkins, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the Board.

Arlen presented a piggyback bid for asphalt through Shoshone Highway District No. 2. He said Delton reviewed it. He said it was for chip seal oil and dura-patching oil.

Tom Anderson moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve the piggyback bid for asphalt through Shoshone Highway District No. 2. Motion carried unanimous.

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IN THE MATTER OF AMBULANCE)

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Tom Anderson to recess as the Board of Washington County Commissioners and convene as the Board of the Weiser Ambulance District. Motion carried unanimous.

Betty Thomas, Clerk, called roll call. Tom Anderson, present; Kirk Chandler, present; Nate Marvin, present.

Larry Colella, Ambulance Supervisor, met with the Board.

Larry said there were 20 calls for service last week with 5 transfers.

Larry presented claims for payroll in the amount of \$9,030.23.

Tom Anderson moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve Order No. 17-26 in the amount of \$9,030.23 in payment of payroll claims. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to recess as the Board of the Weiser Ambulance District and reconvene as Board of Washington County Commissioners. Motion carried unanimous.

Betty Thomas, Clerk, called roll call: Tom Anderson, present; Kirk Chandler, present; Nate Marvin, present.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING)

Rob Dickerson, Planning and Zoning Administrator, met with the Board.

Kirk opened the hearing and read the notice of public hearing in to the record on the Intrinsic Organics tax incentives.

Rob Dickerson, Planning and Zoning Administrator came forward and reviewed the application. Rob said the County has also agreed to rough in the road an addition to these incentives if approved.

Kirk clarified the subject of the hearing was whether the tax incentives were warranted or not and whether there is agreement with the business locating in Washington County.

Georgia Plischke, Assessor, came forward and spoke against the exemption saying her office believes in fair and equitable treatment. She said she did not find this exemption to be equitable. She said she felt County amenities are paid for by the taxpayers and used by the taxpayers. She said this applicant will be using County roads, County Sheriff, Weiser Ambulance and they are not paying their fair share of the taxes. She said she did

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not understand where the significant economic benefit is in I.C. 63-602NN. She said it was not stated in the hearing notice. She said she does not understand why a company who allegedly is building a \$5.5 million facility would be worried about \$300,000.00 in 5 years of taxes. She said they should be able to pay their way just like BiMart and other businesses who have come into the area and have not asked for this exemption.

Patrick Nauman, Snake River Economic Development Alliance and owner of Weiser Classic Candies, spoke in favor of the incentives. He said that there will be economic benefit that this company will provide to the area not only through the product they will be producing and distributing but also the additional revenue and additional benefits to the agricultural economy. He said it will be of a huge benefit to the everyday working citizen in Washington County and especially Weiser. He said there is a great opportunity for jobs this company will bring to the area so it is hopefully going to employ some of our local residents and bring in families. He said all of those employees will be adding benefits to the tax base as well. He said even though they as a company may not be paying any improvement taxes on the property, they will be providing jobs and the County will be collecting the tax revenues. He said this is one of the projects SREDA and economic development have been working on for almost 3 years. He said he thinks this is the first of hopefully “a domino effect” and they will be able to attract other companies.

Kit Kamo, Snake River Economic Development Alliance, spoke in favor of the incentives and explained the process they have gone through. She explained that the exemption would only be on the new construction. She said the County would be collecting taxes on the property that they had been receiving. She said the reason the State felt it was important to give the counties the choice is it allows that company to get established, the buildings built and get operational without those taxes. She said established businesses can also ask for these exemptions if they are expanding, if it is unique and, not in competition with an existing business.

Sot Chimonas, Intrinsic Organics, spoke regarding their application. He said he appreciates the Assessor’s point of view. He explained the background of the project and stated Canyon County offered them a similar exemption. He said unfortunately the rest of the story with Canyon County is that they asked for a conditional use permit to build a larger bio refinery facility besides the food processing portion which required a conditional use. He also said basically the local residents and the commissioners felt it was too much disruption for the local area. He said the Commissioners invited them to consider Washington County. He said they have the commitment to spend up to \$5.5 million to build the facility for the first phase only. He said there will be subsequent phases. He said the next phase will be in the next 2 to 2½ years and will be an additional \$12 to \$15 million investment. He said they will start with about 20 full time employees in the first phase and then add 5 or 6 others. He said within 5 years they want to consider the larger bio refinery complex they have designed and modeled in the past. He said that will be approximately a \$65 million project with 50 to 55 full time employees. He said

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the average salary for those particular positions including the 20 being considered for this fall will be approximately \$10,000.00 above the average wage for this County. He said they feel the long term economic benefits are certainly there not just the fact they are asking for an exemption of property tax.

Tom read a letter from Rick Michael into the record in opposition to the tax incentives.

Kirk closed the hearing at 2:27 p.m.

Tom said it was his recommendation that they do a 100% exemption for the first 3 years and then 50% on the following 2 years. He said he thought 3 years is the key with Sot on this business. He said when he gets up and running, it is going to do very well. He said he thought giving them 3 years gives the business a good opportunity to reinvest that money and get going.

Nate clarified it would start in 2018. Nate said he would be in favor of this. He said we have not had any new business come into this area with the possibility of expansion in a long time. He said it is going to bring good paying jobs to community. He would like to see kids be able to stay in Weiser and be able to work.

Kirk stated he felt the same way. He said he feels it is important that we offer this exemption. He said it is being used other places a lot. He said he learned at the District 3 meeting last week that Canyon County has 8 ongoing exemption in process.

Tom Anderson read into the record and moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve Resolution 17-08 to allow tax incentives for the Intrinsic Organics project. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH)

Nikki Zogg and Patty Foster, Southwest District Health, met with the Board.

Nikki presented and reviewed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposal. Washington County's portion will be \$54,785.00.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION)

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Tom Anderson to recess as the Board of Washington County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Equalization. Motion carried unanimous.

Betty Thomas, Clerk, called roll call. Tom Anderson, present; Kirk Chandler, present; Nate Marvin, present.

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Georgia Plischke, Assessor, met with the Board and presented the casualty loss exemption applications resulting from the disastrous snow fall this winter.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Tom Anderson to recess as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as Board of Washington County Commissioners. Motion carried unanimous.

Betty Thomas, Clerk, called roll call: Tom Anderson, present; Kirk Chandler, present; Nate Marvin, present.

Tom Anderson moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to approve the list of casualty losses more than 41 in the amount of \$2,163,307.00. Motion carried unanimous.

Tom Anderson moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to deny casualty loss exemptions with \$0 value or shown not have a casualty loss. Motion carried unanimous.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Tom Anderson to approve the exemption applications in accordance with I.C. 63-602. Motion carried unanimous.

Motion by Kirk Chandler, seconded by Nate Marvin and unanimously carried to recess at 4:05 p.m. until May 22, 2017 at 8:45 a.m.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk