



Camas Commissioner Meeting Minutes January 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Commissioner Kramer. Also present were Commissioner Ralph, Commissioner Colter, Jim Thomas, Prosecuting Attorney, and Brianna Walter, County Clerk.

Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the January 13, 2025 agenda as posted. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the January 6, 2025 Commissioner Meeting Minutes. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the January 6, 2025 Commissioner Meeting Synopsis. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the Forest Service Grant Modification form updating the minimum wage changes. Motion by Commissioner Ralph to approve and sign the modification, seconded by Commissioner Colter, approved.

Lynn McGuire, County Assessor, presented information for the Fairfield Community Church and the Fairfield Community Church parsonage for tax exemption. Motion by Commissioner Ralph to approve the tax exemption for the Community Church, seconded by Commissioner Colter, approved.

Commissioners discussed correspondence.

10:00 a.m. public hearing for S 400 W 200 S possible road abandonment. Commissioners following Idaho Code 40-203. Chairman Kramer reviewed the procedures with the public and discussed any ex parte communication about the road abandonments. Petitioners, Jim Hunter and Rod Gonsales mentioned why they would like the road abandoned, particularly for cattle and would like to put gates across the potential abandoned road. Second to present is Josh Ashmead, County Road & Bridge Supervisor, gives some history of the road. Commissioners present questions to petitioners. 10:18 a.m. Public testimony opens. 10:26 public testimony closes. Josh Ashmead follows up to mention he is neutral in the decision. The road does bring in around \$4,000 in gas tax revenue per year to the county. 10:31 a.m. public hearing closed. Deliberations began. 10:55 deliberations close. Motion by Commissioner Colter to abandon a portion of S 400 W 200 S Road. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, all in favor, motion passed.

10:58 a.m. public hearing begins for a possible road abandonment for S 700 W 200 S. Chairman Kramer reviewed the procedures with the public and discussed any ex parte communication about the road abandonments. Petitioners, Jim Hunter and Rod Gonsales mentioned why they would like the road abandoned, same reasons as previous road, to run their cattle and not have to make extra fencing to go around the unused portion of road. Second to present is Josh Ashmead, County Road & Bridge Supervisor, gives some history of the road. 11:10 public testimony begins. Ken Backstrom, reads a letter with points on why he would like the road to stay open. Josh Ivie gives points for county revenue lost as well as an idea of putting a gate across this road to help with the cattle but then leaving the road open for future access.

11:17 public testimony closed. Josh Ashmead provides further information on road maintenance history and county expenses. Petitioners give final response after testimony. 11:23 a.m. public hearing closed. Deliberation began. 40-203 and 40-204 reviewed: jurisdiction of Roads with County Commissioners and the best interest of the public. To build the road has cost the county funds to build, more than they have received back through gas tax income. 40-2310 provides criteria for a gate or cattleguard. Motion by Commissioner Ralph to abandon S 700 W 200 S Road, seconded by Commissioner Colter, all in favor, motion passed.

Findings and Facts and Conclusion of law and new resolutions will be presented at the next Commissioner meeting. Maps will also be updated at the next meeting.

Todd Tupper filled in for David Alden as spokesman for Soldier Mountain Ski Hill. A hill climb race is coming to Soldier on January 24th - 25th. Soldier Mountain is requesting the road to be closed at the last bridge before the hill as well as have ambulance coverage for the race days. Overflow parking will be available to skiers and spectators. The main lot will be full of the 300+ Snowmobile racers for Rocky Mountain States Hillclimb Association, RMSHA, the oldest snowmobile circuit in the U.S. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the EMT coverage at the snowmobile race days, January 24-25, seconded by Commissioner Ralph, approved. Motion by Commissioner Colter to allow traffic control on Soldier Road at the last bridge before the hill from January 23rd - 25th. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, approved.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:28 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioners reviewed December Timesheets with Julie Storey, Payroll Clerk. A "Holiday" line will be added to the timesheets to make tracking easier. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the December 2024 timesheets, seconded by Commissioner Ralph, approved.

Commissioners Ralph motioned that no action is needed for the 1:45 airport manager position as the candidate needed to reschedule. Seconded by Commissioner Colter, approved.

Jen Fredrickson, County Treasurer, presented December Treasurer reports.

Commissioners discussed the new resolution 224 regarding holiday pay with the Road & Bridge Crew. Comp time accrual was also discussed and put on future agenda.

Commissioners reviewed December 2024 claims. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Kramer, passed. Commissioner Ralph recused.

Motion by Commissioner Ralph to approve the remaining claim, Seconded by Commissioner Kramer, passed. Commissioner Colter Recused.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Expenditure Funds: December Expenditures (Report dated 1/13/2025)

Justice Fund	\$12,650.15	Current Expense	\$1,300,177.93
Road & Bridge	\$142,697.64	District Court	\$385.03
Health	\$1,092.11	Landfill	\$432.00
Noxious Weeds	\$532.62	Revaluation	\$0
Elections	\$1,356.31	Ambulance	\$1,576.46
911 Communications	\$20,754.49	State Fund	\$26,200.80
Camas Library	\$63,666.17	Court Trust	\$2,887.29
City of Fairfield	\$107,121.85	School Dist. #121	\$150,466.91
Cemetery District	\$22,067.64	West Magic Fire	\$6,836.39
Camas Mosquito	\$6,677.574		
Payroll	\$199,470.75	Total Expenses	\$1,867,579.36

Attest:

Travis Kramer, Chairman

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Brianna Walter, County Clerk