

Camas Commissioner Meeting Minutes August 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order in the upstairs courtroom at 9:02 p.m. by Commissioner Kramer. Also present were Commissioner Ralph, Commissioner Colter, Jim Thomas, Prosecuting Attorney and County Clerk, Brianna Walter.

The Board reviewed the agenda. Commissioner Colter motioned to approve the August 18, 2025 meeting agenda as posted, seconded by Commissioner Ralph, approved.

Motion by Commissioner Colter to go into Executive Session, per Idaho Code §31-874 as needed for indigent matter. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph. Roll call vote in favor, executive session in at 9:05 a.m.

10:01 a.m. Public Hearing for the 2026 County Budget began. No members of the public present. Public hearing closes at 10:05 a.m. Commissioners begin deliberations. Deliberations close at 10:10 a.m. Motion by Commissioner Colter to adopt the 2026 County Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed resolution #231 to Adopt the 2026 County Budget. Motion by Commissioner Ralph to approve and sign Resolution #231, seconded by Commissioner Colter, all in favor, motion passed.

Commissioners discussed correspondence with Josh Ashmead, Road & Bridge Supervisor.

Leo Cavanaugh, Planning & Zoning Administrator, requested a Public Hearing Date for the Agricultural Protection Area. Motion by Commissioner Colter to set the public hearing date for the Agricultural Protection Area on September 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, approved.

Leo also presented information on a building code violation at 141 N 1000E. Motion by Commissioner Colter to postpone any decision until the next meeting on August 25, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, approved.

Commissioners discussed the clarification of the Ag Exemption definition. Jim Thomas, Prosecuting Attorney, discussed Idaho Administrative Rules 31.01.03 which follows state statutes 60-45(d). Agricultural eligibility determination form specifically asks for what portion of your income is from the agriculture produce, indicating there should show a for-profit enterprise to be determined ag exempt.

11:00 a.m. agenda item of the Drought Declaration with Water Master, Rusty Kramer, has been moved to 1:00 p.m. today.

Commissioners discussed the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) audit / road inspection report at Phillips Creek. Commissioners reviewed the Forced Plat at Phillips Creek and the old filing from 1985. Jim Thomas will review with Lynn McGuire, County Assessor, land ownership and continue

decisions at the next meeting. Motion by Commissioner Colter to have the County Clerk send an email to ITD letting them know we are still in the process of the correct action on this section of road. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, approved.

Commissioners continued discussion with Jim Thomas and Josh Ashmead on moving the Road & Bridge supervisor from Salary to a Hourly wage. The rules are open and his position can become hourly. Commissioners will review time sheets and make a decision on hourly rate later today in the afternoon portion of today's meeting.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:06 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 1:04 pm.

Rusty Kramer, Camas Water Master, attended the meeting to discuss possible drought declaration. Currently Butte, Custer, Blaine & Bear Lake County have already signed a drought declaration. There are zero drawbacks to declaring a drought, but it can benefit if state or federal assistance for crops comes available. All of the reservoirs are down to zero percent and there has been hardly any measurable rain this summer. A letter has been drafted in the past and after it was sent to the Department of Water Resources (IDWR), they would then declare the drought for the county. This declaration would be for 2025 and only be in effect for a few months. Motion by Commissioner Colter for Commissioner Ralph to draft up a letter for drought declaration to IDWR by the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, approved.

Commissioners reviewed the August 11, 2025 Commissioner Meeting Minutes. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, approved.

Commissioners reviewed the August 11, 2025 Brief Synopsis for publication. Motion by Commissioner Ralph to approve the synopsis. Seconded by Commissioner Colter, approved.

Commissioners reviewed the August 13, 2025 Commissioner Meeting Minutes. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, approved.

Commissioners reviewed the August 13, 2025 Brief Synopsis for publication. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the synopsis. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, approved.

Commissioners continued the discussion on moving Josh Ashmead, Road & Bridge Supervisor, from Salary to an Hourly wage. Motion by Commissioner Colter to postpone the decision on the hourly rate until the August 25, 2025 meeting. Second by Commissioner Ralph, item postponed.

Commissioners called Andrew Brackman, County Airport Manager, to discuss the current airport lease for new hangars and if Camas needs to make some changes to our current agreement. Jim Thomas will send some sample leases to Andrew and see if he can get some input from the Idaho Aviation Group on changes that need to be made.

Commissioners reviewed a certificate of residency form for College of Southern Idaho. Because the Commissioners already approve the budget for Junior College Tuition, a motion was made by Commissioner Ralph for the clerks office to sign the attestation approving future Certificates of Residency forms. Seconded by Commissioner Colter, motion passed.

Commissioners discussed the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Geothermal Lease Comment Letter. No comment needed at this time.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

August 18, 2025 Synopsis

Motion Passed: Agenda, Aug 11,13 minutes, August 11, 13 synopsis, Executive Session for Idaho Code §31-874, Adopt 2026 Budget, Resolution #231 to adopt budget, Public Hearing date of Sep. 15th at 10:00 for Agriculture Protection Area, Clerk to send email to ITD, Commissioner Ralph to draft letter to IDWR, Certificate of Residency forms be approved in Clerk's office

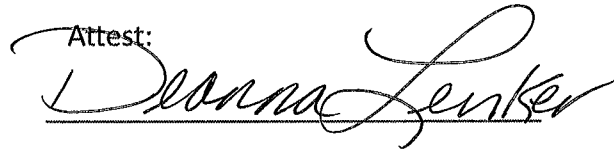
Items Postponed: Building Code Violation, R&B Supervisor wage from Salary to Hourly

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Travis Kramer, Chairman

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Deanna Lenker, County Clerk