

Franklin County Commissioners

January 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Commissioner Chair Robert Swainston, Commissioner Zan Bowles, and Commissioner Zach Stewart, Vic Pearson, County Attorney, and Clerk Camille Larsen.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Adopt Agenda.** Zan Bowles made the motion to adopt the agenda. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
3. **Approval of Bills.** Commissioners reviewed. Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the bills. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Zan Bowles made the motion to approve the December 22, 2025 Minutes. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
5. **Review Courthouse Addition/Remodel and Other County Buildings.** Randy Henrie, Building Maintenance, reported that the Scale House is being sheetrocked and the power will be installed today. The concrete is done and the tin is on the sides. If all contractors show up, the building will hopefully be completed at the end of the month.

Event Center Floor Covering. Randy Henrie, Building Maintenance, presented a bid of \$21,955 to protect the floor at the Event Center, especially during the fair week. Zan Bowles concerned why the need to protect the floor, when it was presented to be so durable. The dirt and high heels can cause damage to the floor. Randy Henrie will be asking the rug company about a 10 x 20 rug, to put the logo on, for the entrance.

Trailer Bids. Randy Henrie, Building Maintenance, presented bids for a trailer.
Mountain Tech Motor Sports 20' tilt deck = \$8,324 (Hilcrest Trailer)
Summit Sales 22' deck = \$12,480
Valley Implement 20' deck = \$9,937 (Walton Trailer)
Commissioners reviewed the bids. It was agreed the Walton Trailer is a better trailer. Zan Bowles made the motion to accept the bid from Valley Implement for the bumper pull trailer for \$9,937. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.

Entrance to Ambulance Building if Power is Out. Zan Bowles met with the Ambulance Board and they are concerned about being able to enter the building when the power goes out. Randy Henrie, Building Maintenance, said they have keys and TJ Burbank, IT Specialist, said there is a 30 minute backup system to the locks. TJ Burbank suggested to have a lock box on the outside of the building for a key to be kept in.

Robinson Building Flooring. Lana Jenkins, Manager Fairgrounds, asked the Commissioners to replace the flooring at the Robinson Building. The floor is stained and they have tried to clean it. The Commissioners discussed carpet, hardwood flooring or polishing the cement. The Commissioners asked Lana Jenkins to get bids for the carpet to be replaced.

Discuss Part-Time and Hours at Event Center. Lana Jenkins, Manager Fairgrounds,

reported there is a need to hire a part-time person to cover and assist at the Fairgrounds. She would like to have set office hours. Zach Stewart will review the budget with Camille Larsen to determine what is available. The past weekend was the first Saturday for the little league basketball. Lana Jenkins reported there were a lot of people and not enough parking. The scoreboards were having problems and Cody Travellor, Fairboard Chairman, is working on them.

6. **Board of Equalization for New Construction.** Zach Stewart made the motion to enter into the Board of Equalization for New Construction. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous. Chris Barton, Assessor, reported there are no formal appeals. He received a couple of phone calls and answered their questions. Commissioners appreciate the staff for doing a good job. Zan Bowles made the motion to go out of Board of Equalization. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
7. **Adopt Ordinance 2026-01-12-A Juvenile Offenses.** Robert Swainston said there were no comments made at the December 30, 2025 Public Hearing. Zach Stewart made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-01-12-A Juvenile Offenses. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
8. **Adopt Ordinance 2026-01-12-B Living in Recreational Vehicles at County Reservoir Areas.** Robert Swainston said the comments were in favor at the December 30, 2025 Public Hearing. Zach Stewart made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-01-12-B Living in Recreational Vehicles at County Reservoir Areas. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
9. **Precinct Boundary Adjustments for Dayton #8 and Weston #15 Precincts.** Precinct Boundary Adjustments for Mapleton #11 and Whitney #16 Precincts. Cessilee Weeks, Elections Director, presented the changes to the Commissioners. The changes will fix irregularities and maintain efficient elections without impacting a large number of voters. The mapping adjustments follow existing landmarks. Zan Bowles made the motion to change the Dayton #8 and Weston #15 Precincts as presented. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous. Zan Bowles made the motion to change the precinct boundaries as presented to Whitney #16 and Mapleton #11. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
10. **Change Cleveland #13 and Mound Valley #18 Precincts to Mail Out Precincts.** The counties can no longer use the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints buildings for voting, it is proposed to change the Cleveland and Mound Valley back to being mail out precincts. Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the change to Cleveland and Mound Valley to become mail out precincts. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
11. **Discussion on Dissolving Herd Districts and/or Adopting an Ordinance; Direction on Next Steps.** Yance Bosen and Jason Fellows attended. Robert Swainston asked the Committee to come back and discuss the options. Yance Bosen, Chairman, reported the Committee recommended to dissolve the Herd Districts and have an ordinance to protect the open range and fencing. The Committee's main objective is to protect the property and animal owners as well as protect the residents. The Ordinance the Committee is recommending, is from Benewah County, it has clear definitions of large animals,

fencing, and defines fines and fees for the Sheriff and Brand Inspector. Robert Swainston would like it adopted this spring before cattle is let out. Zach Stewart requested to have the County Attorney and Sheriff review the Ordinance. A public hearing will need to be advertised to dissolve the Herd Districts and have a public hearing for the new ordinance.

12. **Signatures Required on Platte Maps Discussion.** Troy Moser, Director, and Randy Henrie, Planning and Zoning, reported to the Commissioners that the new code requires Road and Bridge as well as the Engineer to sign off on each subdivision. The intent was to have only new roads to be signed off and only need the Road and Bridge to sign off for road access. Randy Henrie will schedule a Public Hearing for Planning and Zoning to make the changes.
13. **Clearing Crooked Trail.** Zan Bowles was asked by the City of Franklin Mayor Packer to ask about clearing Crooked Trail. A few years back, when the County had flooding, the debris in the creek took out the trail. The Road and Bridge Crew helped clean up the Trail. Troy Moser, Director, explained since the Trail accesses forest ground, it is important for the County to keep it open for the residents. Troy Moser and Zach Stewart will go look at the Trail with Mayor Packer.
14. **Second Credit Card.** Zan Bowles said the Ambulance Board would like another credit card. Camille Larsen, Clerk and Janet Kimpton, Treasurer, explained the County has \$39,500 for all departments to share, and cannot issue a credit card to a department, it has to be to an employee.
15. **Update the Sign at the Parking Lot Entrance.** Zan Bowles would like to get the sign at the parking lot entrance updated. Robert Swainston said that Mayor Dan Keller said the City would help and offered Shawn Oliverson to help. Zach Stewart suggested to remove the sign. Robert Swainston will talk to Mayor Dan Keller.
16. **Tri-County Grooming Support Letters.** Zan Bowles was asked, by Nic Higgins, Tri County Grooming Manager, to get a letter of recommendation signed by the Commissioners for grants for a new truck, trailer and snow cat. Zan Bowles made the motion to sign the Tri-County Grooming Letters of Support. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
17. **War Memorial Names.** Zach Stewart has received phone calls asking how to get names updated to the memorial. Camille Larsen, Clerk, said there is a list in the Clerk's Office and is usually updated every few years. Zach Stewart asked if the paper would write up an article to have names submitted to have them added to the Memorial. Camille Larsen will get the names prepared and call to schedule the company to update the memorial.
18. **Adopt Samera Health Injection/Infusion.** Stacey Rindlisbacher explained the program at the previous Commissioner Meeting. The program offers an alternative for injections/infusions at a clinic at a cheaper cost. Zach Stewart made the motion to adopt the Samera Health Injection/Infusion. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.

Adopt Samera Health ClearPay Program. Stacey Rindlisbacher explained the program at the previous Commissioner Meeting. The program offers to the employee/dependant to negotiate a scheduled medical procedure. Zach Stewart made the motion to adopt the Samera Health ClearPay Program. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.

19. **Event Center Floor Covering.** Robert Swainston is in favor to purchase the floor covering for the Event Center to protect the investment. Zach Stewart said a vacuum will need to be purchased to clean the floor covering. Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the purchase the Event Center floor covering. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.

Zan Bowles made the motion to adjourn. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23. Next meeting February 9, 2026.

Attest, Camille Larsen

Robert Swainston, Chair