

Franklin County Commissioners

February 23, 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.** Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the bills. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the February 9, 2026 Minutes. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
5. **Review Courthouse Addition/Remodel and Other County Buildings.** Randy Henrie, Building Maintenance, reported that the Prosecuting Attorney=s Office is gutted and framing should begin next week. The fire suppression has been approved at the same time the Treasurer=s Office was remodeled. The wood in the foyer and display cases will be updated and the granite will be polished.

The Scale House at the landfill is completed and just waiting for the new scales to be inspected.

Fairgrounds. Randy Henrie, Lana Jenkins, Fairgrounds Facility Manager, and Cody Treavellor, Chairman, were present. Randy Henrie brought the sample of the carpet to cover the Event Center floor. The estimate for the 30' x 40' addition to build on the north side of the Event Center, is approximately \$50,000. To build a 30' x 60' addition it would be a 1/3 of the cost added to the \$50,000. The new livestock sheds bid is \$76,000 each for a 60' x 100' and 10' high structure. The Commissioners discussed the Event Center addition of whether the additional footage would be cost effective. Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the construction of the two 60' x 100' livestock barns and approve the 30' x 40' addition to the Event Center. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.

Bids for Robinson Building. Randy Henrie, Building, and Lana Jenkins, Fairgrounds Facility Manager presented three vacuum bids. Webstaurant Store bid is \$2799; Uline \$3010; and BradyPlus \$3694.91. Lana Jenkins recommends the BradyPlus, she has worked with them before. Zan Bowles made the motion to accept the BradyPlus Carpet Trever Area Vacuum. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.

6. **Birch Creek Drainage.** Dell Transtrum, Acting Montpelier District Ranger, and Anna Golightly, Bear Lake Forest Service met with the Commissioners to discuss the project at Birch Creek. The Juniper trees are encroaching on the drainage. They will be treating approximately 1544 acres of a 2534 acre project area. The trees will be cut, lop and scattered in Phase 1. Phase II will be to treat the encroachment area and Phase III will treat the encroachment to create small openings. The project is funding dependent.

Commissioners discussed the Hillyard Road. Dell Transtrum explained there is only one road crew that covers the Montana to Utah area. Dell Transtrum has heard about the request for the road to Hull Valley be open in the winter. He has concerns with parking and proposes a parking lot between Hull Valley and the Willow Flat turnoff. Zan Bowles suggested that Hull Valley purchase a side by side and trailer with tracks.

7. **Rifle Range and Discussion and Needs.** Kevin Olsen, Manager, met with the Commissioners. He is worried about the donations, as they have declined the past few months. Janet Kimpton, Treasurer, said Venmo is not secure and Zelle, the person making the donation has to be signed up for it. Kevin Olsen is requesting a speed limit sign. Robert Swainston suggested to get a sign that reads AProceed Slowly@ and post at the entrance. Kevin Olsen will check with the Road Department about the sign. He would like some sand bags for the shot gun area to use to help hold down their launching equipment. Randy Henrie will get him some bags. The berm needs to be raised on the pistol side, and in the past the Road Crew has helped with this. Troy Moser, Director, said the bottom will need to be wider to go up higher. Robert Swainston asked if the tire bales that have just been hauled to the Landfill could be used as a filler for the berm. Zan Bowles and Kevin Olsen will meet with Lance Geddes, Supervisor, to look at the berm.
8. **Subdivision Approvals. Sandy Slope Minor Subdivision - Bracken Christensen.** Shauna Geddes, Planning and Zoning, Randy Henrie, Planning and Zoning, and Brian Allen, Surveyor were present. The subdivision is located in the Fairview area off of 1400 West. It will create two lots, both fronting on a County Road. The septic has been approved, fees have been paid, and Troy Moser, Director, has reviewed the access to 1400 West. There is no irrigation water on the property. Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the Sandy Slope Minor Subdivision for Bracken Christensen. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.

David and Jamie Sharp Minor Partition. Shauna Geddes, Planning and Zoning, Randy Henrie, Planning and Zoning, and Tim Christensen, Surveyor were present. The proposed Minor Partition is between Riverdale and Treasureton along Highway 34. They are requesting to add two lots. The septic has been approved and fees have been paid. Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the David and Jamie Sharp Minor Partition. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
9. **William Wempe Price for Tax Payment Extension.** William Wempe Price cancelled.
10. **Tax Deeds.** Janet Kimpton, Treasurer, reported that all of the Athree year past due taxes@ have been paid, the County will not need to do any Tax Deeds.
11. **Ratify Grant Agreement with the Idaho Office of Drug Policy.** Cuyler Stoker, Sheriff, explained to the Commissioners there is a \$300,000 grant available, statewide, and between the City of Preston Police and the County Sheriff Departments, they will receive over a 1/3 of the grant moneys, \$17,000 of the grant money is specific for the purchase of the canine. The grant had to be signed before the next Commissioner meeting. Zan Bowles made the motion to ratify the Grant Agreement with the Idaho Office of Drug Policy. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
12. **Herd District Ordinance Review.** Cuyler Stoker, Sheriff, presented the latest draft of

the proposed Herd District Ordinance. He has reviewed the draft with Gene Love, Brand Inspector, and he reported Gene Love is happy with the changes. A definition has been added to define large animals, an exemption defining an Act of God, and the enforcement authority has been set for criminal. A party can still file a civil action. The Brand Inspector and the Certified Feed Lot will determine what is owed when cattle is held while finding the owner. This ordinance will be complaint driven. Commissioners are happy with the ordinance and will move forward to advertise to dissolve or change the herd districts and adopt this ordinance. Vic Pearson, County Attorney stated the public notice will need to be published as well as posted in three places in each herd district. Commissioners would like to schedule the hearing on April 22, 2026.

13. **2200 East Road Improvements.** Troy Moser, Director, Lance Geddes, Supervisor, and Sam Smith, Developer were present. Troy Moser distributed an agreement between Sam Smith and Franklin County to improve the 2200 East Road from East Oneida to the north end of the Cottonwood Estates Subdivision. Vic Pearson, County Attorney, is concerned about the Aestimated amount@ wording. Troy Moser indicated it is difficult to determine the amount of asphalt needed because the depths vary. Sam Smith recommended to say Anot to pay in excess of \$207,000" or a specific amount of \$207,000. It was agreed to have it as a specific amount and to have the parties cross out the Aestimated@ wording and have each party initial. The road improvements are to be completed this 2026 season. Zach Stewart made the motion to sign the agreement with Sam Smith to improve and pave 2200 East to the north end of the Cottonwood Estates Subdivision. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
14. **Resolution 2026-02-23 Supporting the America 250.** Camille Larsen, Clerk, explained to be able to apply for the \$2,500 America 250 Grant the Commissioners need to adopt the proposed Resolution. Zan Bowles made the motion to pass the Resolution 2026-02-23 Supporting the America 250. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
15. **Herd Districts - Public Hearing Date Set.** The Hearing is set for 6:30 p.m. on April 22, 2026. Commissioners will post the three signs in each herd district.
16. **Register for Board of Equalization Training.** The training will be hosted by Franklin County this year on Wednesday, March 18. Camille Larsen will register the three Commissioners.
17. **Motivhealth Pharmacy Benefit Management Agreement.** Camille Larsen, Clerk, explained the Agreement is identical to the previous year=s Agreement. Vic Pearson, County Attorney, did not see any issues. Zach Stewart made the motion to sign the Motivhealth Pharmacy Benefit Management Agreement. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.

Recessed at 10:35 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Fairgrounds. Commissioners readdressed the bid for the addition to the Event Center.

Zach Stewart would like to go with the larger size and will amend his motion: Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the 30' x 60' addition to the Event Center. Zach Stewart said it is better to get it done all at once instead of having to add on later. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.

18. **Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (f) pending/imminently-likely litigation 74-206 (1) (a and b) consider personnel matters.** At 11:35 a.m. Zach Stewart made the motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code _74-206 (1) (f) pending/imminently-likely litigation _74-206 (1) (a and b) consider personnel matters. Zan Bowles second. Vote was in the Affirmative. Attending: Robert Swainston, Zan Bowles, Zach Stewart, Randy Henrie, Shauna Geddes, Paul Fitzer via zoom, Nicole Spencer via zoom and Camille Larsen.

At 12:35 p.m. Zan Bowles made the motion to exit the Executive Session. Zach Stewart second. Vote was in the affirmative.

Zan Bowles made the motion to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.

Next meeting March 9, 2026.

Attest, Camille Larsen

Robert Swainston, Chair