

Franklin County Commissioners
May 11, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Commissioner Chair Robert Swainston, Commissioner Zan Bowles, 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. **Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (c) to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency.** At 8:01 a.m. Zach Stewart made the motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (c) to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency. Zan Bowles second. All voted in the affirmative. Attending: Robert Swainston, Zan Bowles, Zach Stewart, Vic Parson, and Camille Larsen.
4. **Review Courthouse Addition/Remodel and Other County Buildings.** Randy Henrie, Maintenance, said the carpet is scheduled to be installed in the Prosecuting Attorney=s Office in the next couple of weeks. Hoping to finish the Prosecuting Attorney=s Office by the end of this month. The next project will be the foyer floors and walls. The Event Center addition is to start in the next couple of weeks. The sheds will be completed before the fair. The Rocky Mountain Power=s bid to run power to the grassy vendor area, is \$20,000. Zan Bowles will follow up with Rocky Mountain Power Company to see if there is another option. Randy Henrie is hoping to get the grass planted in June. Randy Henrie will work with Lana Jenkins to talk about curbing, rock, and flowers in front of the Event Center.
5. **Open and Award Bids for Robinson Building Carpet.** Randy Henrie, Maintenance, received three bids for replacing the carpeting at the Robinson Building.
Hatch Flooring - \$31,568.18
Hart Floor Company - \$18,880.94
Abby Carpet - \$22,783.90
Randy Henrie has verified that they are bidding for the same type of carpeting. Each vendor did a walk through the Robinson Building prior to the bid. Zan Bowles made the motion to accept the Hart Floor bid for the Robinson Building for \$18,880.94. Zach Stewart second. Vote for unanimous.
6. **Proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Preston School District.** Lamont Doney met with the Commissioners stating the Preston School District would like a Memorandum of Agreement to use the Event Center as a place for the students to be moved to during an emergency. Lamont Doney stated the school would like to ask the Courthouse ladies to assist with the students, in the event of a crisis, until the teachers can take over. Robert Swainston suggested the City of Preston Clerks to assist as well. The school district asked the County to prepare the MOA. Lamont Doney will prepare the MOA and have Vic Pearson, County Attorney, review.
7. **Order Declaring Drought Emergency for the State of Idaho.** Lamont Doney

presented the State of Idaho Order Declaring Drought Emergency. Lamont Doney explained the County does not need to do anything since the State and the Idaho Department of Water Resources instigated the declaration. This Order covers all 44 counties in the State and the farmers can apply at the FSA Office for drought assistance. Lamont Doney will get this information out to the public.

8. **Land Exchange.** City of Preston Mayor Dan Keller and Shawn Oliverson, City Planner, presented a letter proposing a land exchange for services from the County. Dan Keller is proposing in exchange for property adjoining County property at the fairgrounds to have the County Road Crew pave the road entering the Wastewater Treatment Plant, one block area on 1st South and 1st West and one block area on 1st North and 2nd West. The County Assessor valued the proposed property at \$250,000. The Commissioners will review and add to the next agenda as an Action item.
 9. **Introduction Aaron Thompson, Candidate for 6th Judicial District Judge.** Aaron Thompson appreciated the Commissioner for taking the time to introduce himself. He has been a Magistrate Judge in Bannock County for the past eight years and is running for the District Judge Caribou County Seat A.
 10. **Lone Peak Standard Division - Paul Merrill.** Randy Henrie and Shauna Geddes, Planning and Zoning, and Tim Christensen, AA Hudson. Paul Merrill is the owner and the division is in the Mink Creek area. He is separating a home for a family member onto a 2.6 acre lot. The building already has water and septic so did not need to get approval. Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the Lone Peak Standard Division. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
 11. **Ellis Minor Land Development - Merri-Canna Ranches.** Randy Henrie and Shauna Geddes, Planning and Zoning, Tim Christensen, AA Hudson, and Mike Porter, owner. Mike Porter is proposing to create three building lots located in Fairview area. Mike Porter will dedicate the back property for the 3.2 acres to set aside. It was historically irrigated, however, it has not been irrigated since Mike Porter has owned it. Commissioners said since it was irrigated at one time, it needs to have the irrigated water stay with the property. He will need to contact the irrigation company to make the property Adry farm status@. Zan Bowles made the motion to deny the development as is without irrigation water. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
 12. **CWMA Cost Share Agreement.** Travis Ashby presented the Corporate Weed Management Weed Area Agreement to the Commissioners. This Agreement is an annual agreement to receive money to fight weeds. It assists funding the chemicals for the landowner, helicopter spraying, and Post Hollow. Zach Stewart made the motion to sign the CWMA Cost Share Agreement for the weeds. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
 13. **Master=s Touch, LLC Contract.** Chris Barton, Assessor, presented the Contract to the Commissioners for their approval. Chris Barton would like to have the Master=s Touch mail out the notices no later than the first of June. Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the Master=s Touch, LLC Contract. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
- Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request for Assessor and Revaluation.** Chris Barton,

Assessor, reviewed his budget requests with the Commissioners. He is asking for an increase in supplies.

14. **Approval of Bills.** Commissioners reviewed the bills. Zan Bowles made the motion to approve the bills. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
15. **Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2026.** Zan Bowles made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2026 Herd District Public Hearing. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
16. **Logic and Accuracy Test of Election Equipment.** Cessilee Weeks and Camille Larsen completed the Election Equipment Logic And Accuracy Test successfully.
17. **Attend Franklin County Medical Center and Senior Center with Congressional Delegations.**
18. **Land Acquisition.** This will be added to the next agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Next meeting May 26, 2026

Attest, Camille Larsen

Robert Swainston, Chair