

Franklin County Commissioners

August 24, 2026 at 9:00 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. **Approval of Bills.** 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 Minutes of August 10, 2026. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
5. **Review Courthouse Addition/Remodel and Other County Buildings.** Randy Henrie, Building Maintenance, discussed the front entrance of the Courthouse to be updated. Discussed whether to close the front stairs for the winters, for liability purposes, or purchase a small boiler specific for heating the stairs to keep the snow and ice off. The new boiler system has a sensor for moisture and temperature. Commissioners asked Randy Henrie to get a bid for the boiler.

Matt Haslam, Preston Electric, discussed the fair week electrical issues with the Commissioners. There wasn't enough lighting at night for people to walk to their vehicles. The indoor arena has an outside light that does not work and the exhaust fans on the north and south sides do not have any power to them. The Fairly Nice Shelter has three lights that are taken down each winter, Matt Haslam is proposing to install the lights under the eaves. He is also proposing to put more lights up on the south side of the rodeo arena to light up for the vendors and the city bathrooms. Zach Stewart would like to separate the outlets and possibly add another circuit to avoid tripping the breakers. The Commissioners will review the bid of \$7,781 and make a decision at the next Commissioner Meeting.

Cody Travellor, Fairboard Chairman reported there was a record number of vendors that attended the fair this year. He appreciates all the Commissioners have done for the fairgrounds. The Commissioners appreciate the Fairboard and their efforts in preparing for the fair. There were several compliments this year. Cody Travellor would like to apply for grants to improve the power at the fairgrounds. There are two leaking hydrants that need to be repaired. Randy Henrie will get an excavator in to repair and move the hydrants next to the buildings.

6. **Subdivision Approvals.** **Hans Peterson Minor Land Development.** Brian Allen, Surveyor, Randy Henrie, Planning and Zoning, and Shauna Geddes, Planning and Zoning were present. The subdivision is located on Capital Hill in Mink Creek. The owner wants to divide off the existing house from 20.27 acres. The irrigation water remains with the land. Septic has been approved. Planning and Zoning have approved. Zan

Bowles made the motion to approve the Hans Peterson Minor Land Development. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.

Josh Taylor Minor Land Development. Brian Allen, Surveyor, Randy Henrie, Planning and Zoning, and Shauna Geddes, Planning and Zoning were present. Shauna Geddes reported the septic approval has not been received. Robert Swainston said to table until the next meeting.

Little Mountain Subdivision. Brian Allen, Surveyor, Randy Henrie, Planning and Zoning, and Shauna Geddes, Planning and Zoning were present. This subdivision is located along the 3600 West road that connects Fairview to Franklin. The owner is proposing to divide into six building lots. All lots front on the County road. There is no secondary water. Septic has been approved for all lots. The water wells, because of the five lot rule, will be inside use only, no outside watering. Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the Little Mountain Subdivision as presented. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.

Setback Variance - Steven Bishop. Steven Bishop is asking for a setback variance for a detached garage that measures 35'x40' and requesting a 40' variance from the center of the Cherryville Lane. There was a variance for 50' for his home. The Commissioners recommended to attach the garage to the home and it can have the same setback variance as the house at 50'. There is concern with future expansion of the road. Zan Bowles made a motion to approve the setback variance of 50' for Steven Bishop and to attach the garage to his house. Zach Stewart confirmed that the structure will be attached to the existing house. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.

7. **Discuss Fees For Development.** Randy Henrie, Planning and Zoning and Shauna Geddes, Planning and Zoning reported the Board has approved the application form and fees for the Development Code. The Commissioners will need to have a Public Hearing and prepare a resolution to adopt the fees. Robert Swainston is concerned about charging additional fees after zoning the County. Randy Henrie clarified the rezone fee would be paid by the developer. Shauna Geddes will prepare the fees for the Commissioners to approve.
8. **Taxes - Kyle Saxton.** Kyle Saxton did not attend. Janet Kimpton, Treasurer, attended. The assessment notice was sent out and Kyle Saxton did receive the tax bill and paid the 2025 taxes. Those taxes have been disbursed to the taxing districts. There was no error on the County=s part. Zach Stewart made the motion to deny the request for Mr. Saxton to refund 2025 taxes. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
9. **Variance - Devin Migliori.** Devin Migliori appeared before the Commissioners July 30, 2025 and was denied by the Commissioners while the Planning and Zoning had approved the variance. Devin Migliori is returning to ask for a 65' variance for the setback for the mother-in-law building. The Commissioners discussed that the Maple Creek Road is going to need improvements some day and don=t want to put the County in a bad position to have to purchase another building to be able to improve the road. The Commissioners agreed if Devin Migliori could do the setback at 70' that would be workable. Zan Bowles made the motion to approve the Devin Migliori variance for 70' from the centerline of the road to build his structure. Zach Stewart second. Vote was

unanimous.

10. **Public Hearing Fiscal Year 2027 County Budget.** Zach Stewart made the motion to open the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2027 County Budget. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous. Camille Larsen, Clerk, reported she is good with the proposed budget that is being presented and can adopt this budget and still keep the County fiscally sound. She thanked the elected officials and department heads for their willingness to keep the requests reasonable. Robert Swainston opened the hearing for comments. Dan Keller, Mayor of the City of Preston, said his main reason to speak publically is to give credit to the Commissioners for a great job of improvements made at the fairgrounds, it is making Preston look good. The Event Center is something that has been needed for a long time and appreciates the two previous Commissioners and the current Commissioners for the improvements. No further comments were made. Zan Bowles made the motion to close the Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2027 County Budget. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
11. **Public Hearing Fiscal Year 2027 Abatement Budget.** Zach Stewart made the motion to open the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2027 Abatement Budget. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous. Camille Larsen, Clerk, reported she is good with the proposed budget. The Abatement Board will use \$45,019 reserves to purchase a new truck for spraying. The Commissioners are impressed with the Abatement Board being frugal with tax payer dollars and use what they need to, to keep the mosquitos at bay. Zan Bowles made the motion to close the Public Hearing for Fiscal 2027 Abatement Budget. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
12. **Airport Master Plan Resolution No. 2026-08-24.** Zach Stewart explained the reasons for the Master Plan. There are a lot of FAA requirements and one of them being is to have a Master Plan adopted. The plan discusses short-term goals to shorten the cross, expand the apron and have more tie downs. There is also a proposal to have a parallel taxiway and a wildlife fence to keep the animals off the runway. The mid-term goals are to expand the parallel runway further, expanding fuel tanks, and the taxiway turnaround. The long term goals are to acquire land to expand the footprint to build more hangars. None of these are in concrete, it is just a plan. Dan Keller, City of Preston Mayor, thanked the Commissioners for keeping the airport going. It is getting busier. The City of Preston pay 5% and the County pays 5% of the grant for the airport improvements. Zan Bowles made the motion to approve the Airport Master Plan Resolution No. 2026-08-24. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
13. **Cub River Intersection from Highway 91.** Zan Bowles has received several requests from citizens to add a turning lane onto and off of Cub River Road onto Highway 91. He will be contacting Idaho Transportation Department and Troy Moser, Director, to see what can be done.

14. **Set Employee Appreciation Dinner Date.** The Commissioners agreed to have the dinner on Monday, September 28 at the Event Center at 6:00 p.m. Dinner to be served at 6:15 p.m.
15. **State of Idaho Subgrant Number 10042 for Ambulance Association.** Commissioners reviewed the subgrant for a new CPR machine. Zach Stewart made the motion to apply for the State of Idaho Subgrant Number 10042 for Ambulance Association. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
16. **Four County Commissioner Meeting.** Zan Bowles will be out of town. The meeting will be held at the Event Center at 10:00 a.m. Any agenda items need to be submitted to Camille Larsen, Clerk, by Friday, September 4.
17. **Herd District.** Zach Stewart would like to set a new date for the Public Hearing to dissolve the herd districts. The Commissioners discussed whether or not it was necessary to hold another public hearing to dissolve the districts. Vic Pearson, County Attorney, stated it is not required but would be a good idea. Commissioners discussed whether to wait to dissolve until the Livestock Ordinance is ready for a public hearing. Zach Stewart wanted to move forward with dissolving and have a separate hearing for the Livestock Ordinance. The Public Hearing to Dissolve the Herd Districts will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Zach Stewart made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous. Next meeting September 14, 2026.

Attest, Camille Larsen

Robert Swainston, Chair