

BOARD OF LEMHI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes- February 23, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session pursuant to recess of the February 9, 2026 meeting with Rick Carlson Chairman, Kim Caywood and Lynn Bowerman present. Lynn D. Bowerman motions to approved the minutes of February 9, 2026 with Kim seconding all are in favor motion is carried

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Kristin Miller updated the Board on the progress she has made with the WUI program, including key contacts she has established to better understand and advance the program. Supervisor Treva Wing commended Kristin, noting that she has “jumped in feet first” and is doing an excellent job. Kristin reported that current grants remain in place and that she will be working to move those projects forward. Commissioner Carlson asked about the vehicle she is currently using for travel. Supervisor Wing stated that the vehicle is not adequate for Kristin’s job duties and suggested that in the upcoming budget year, a new emergency management vehicle be purchased, allowing Kristin to use the existing vehicle.

EMS Coordinator Treva Wing informed the Board that she is still waiting for several grants to open and is currently managing a grant to update lighting at the Leadore Fire Station. She also plans to apply for a grant to purchase a new ambulance. Mrs. Wing reported that nine students are currently enrolled in the EMT class, with completion expected in April. CPR classes are also being offered to first responders and community members. Additionally, she shared that the Gibbonsville QRU recently transferred a truck they had been using to Salmon Search & Rescue. The intent is to convert the vehicle into a swift water rescue truck.

Scott Duncan informed the Board that one of the Leadore transfer sites has again been vandalized. He presented photos showing that the lock appeared to have been cut off with a grinder. When asked how he would like to proceed, the Commissioners directed him to speak with the Sheriff about possibly establishing a tip line and offering a reward for information leading to the identification of those responsible. Scott stated he would follow up with the Sheriff.

Tammy Stringham with LCEDA updated the Board on changes to the meeting schedule for a planned tour of INL, due to a conflict with a conference the Commissioners are scheduled to attend. She requested confirmation of attendees, as paperwork will need to be completed to issue entry badges. She clarified that this visit will not include the desert site, though a future visit there may be scheduled.

Lemhi County Sheriff John Bennett reported that dispatch is in the process of installing new consoles, and the project is progressing well. He indicated that the city has received a grant to install license plate readers but is unsure how many will be installed or where they will be located. He noted that license plate readers have been helpful in investigating drug-related crimes

and missing persons cases. Sheriff Bennett also stated that he will provide the Board with a copy of the proposed survey Tom Taylor has been developing for the new Search & Rescue building. Commissioner Lynn asked Sheriff Bennett to coordinate with Scott Duncan regarding the landfill vandalism issues to determine possible next steps.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED LANDFILL COMMITTEE

As reported at the previous meeting, only one member of the public expressed interest in serving on the proposed landfill committee. Kim moved to not establish the committee due to the lack of public interest. The motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTROOM BLIND BID

Lemhi County Clerk Teresa Morton presented the Commissioners with a bid for the installation of new blinds in the courtroom. She explained that the existing blinds are broken and falling apart. The bid, submitted by Elle Williams, is in the amount of \$5,481.11.

Kim moved to approve the installation of the new courtroom blinds as presented. Lynn seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION 2026-07

Lynn D. Bowerman moves to approve resolution 2026-07 as previously submitted at the February 9th meeting in regards to the updated personnel policy. All are in favor motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SCHEDULE A AGREEMENT

Clerk Teresa Morton informs the board that it will be tabled for another meeting at the request of the Forest Service.

IN THE MATTER OF KSRA ATTENDENCE

Rick Carlson informs the board that himself and the clerk will be going to KSRA the following morning to give the public a quick update. Lynn volunteers to go to the next one with Treasurer Kammy Mcfarland.

IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING PERMIT REFUND

Gary Mitchell formally requested a partial refund of his building permit fee. He explained that due to power line locations, he was unable to construct a portion of the project originally permitted through the Building Department. He is requesting a refund of \$202, which the Building Department confirmed represents the permit fee for the portion that could not be constructed.

Lynn moved to approve the \$202 refund. Kim seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER TO UNDERSECRETARY MICHAEL BOREN

The Commissioners were presented with three draft letters addressed to Undersecretary Michael Boren regarding Pine Creek Ranch Road and the activity that was promised but has not occurred. The letters outline the community’s frustration with the Forest Service.

The Commissioners tabled the matter and will determine at the next meeting which version to send, emphasizing their desire to maintain a positive working relationship with the Forest Service and its partners.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Kim updated the Board on the status of House Bill 356 and reported that the JFAC budget hearings are nearing completion. She also recently attended a meeting with the Alternative Mobility Group, which is exploring the possibility of installing a roof over the handicap seating area at the fairgrounds. The group is also working to form an organization to help ensure ongoing maintenance of the pathway.

Rick reported that he recently attended a Twin Peaks meeting, where he offered them the old Rattlesnake Bridge. The offer was well received. Clerk Teresa Morton will work with the County Attorney to prepare the necessary documentation. Rick also noted that significant progress is being made on the new State Park, with a grand opening anticipated in June. Additionally, he has been attending LCEDA meetings.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Kim moves and Lynn seconds to go into executive session

There being no further business, Lynn Bowerman moved to adjourn the meeting.

_____, Chairman

ATTEST: _____ Lemhi County Clerk