

Franklin County Commissioners

June 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Commissioner Chair Robert Swainston, Commissioner Zan Bowles, Commissioner Zach Stewart, County Attorney Vic Pearson, and Deputy Clerk Heather Coburn. Excused: 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.** Zan Bowles made the motion to pay the bills. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
4. **Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Requests Discussion.** Clerk Camille Larsen discussed the 2026 Budget requests from each department. Commissioners gave their blessing to move forward.
5. **Review Courthouse Addition/Remodel and Other County Buildings.** Randy Henrie, Building Maintenance, had nothing new to report. He is still waiting on the State Fire Marshall before he can move forward with the Courthouse remodel.
6. **Mechanic Wages.** Troy Moser, Road and Bridge Director and Lance Geddes, Road and Bridge Supervisor, discussed raising the Mechanic's wage to be more competitive. Zach Stewart and Troy Moser will discuss this with Camille Larsen.
7. **Passthrough Funds Recipient Agreement for Juvenile Detention Center.** Zach Stewart made the motion to sign the agreement. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
8. **Resolution 2025-06-23 To Adopt the State Plan for Deferred Compensation.** Zach Stewart made the motion to adopt the plan. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
9. **Public Surplus Ford 2011 Ambulance Donated to the Senior Citizen Board.** Zan Bowles made the motion to give the ambulance to the Senior Citizen Board. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
10. **Department Head Meeting-July 14, 2025.** Robert Swainston and Vic Pearson are out of town.

Commissioner Meeting Convened at 9:30 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

11. **Board of Equalization.** Zan Bowles made the motion to go into Board of Equalization. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.

RP05171.00 – Angela Nielson. Chris Barton, Assessor, reported no formal appeals. Chris Barton recommended that the tax on the structure owned by Angela Nielson be reduced, due to a fire, until the home is rebuilt. The tax on the property would stay the same. Zach Stewart made the motion to approve the casualty loss on RP05171.00. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.

Zan Bowles made the motion to go out of Board of Equalization at 9:32 a.m. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.

12. **Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Map Public Hearing Wednesday, July 9, 2025 6:00 p.m.** Robert Swainston reminded Zan Bowles and Zach Stewart to attend this meeting.
13. **Name for new Fair Building.** Robert Swainston suggested the new building be called Franklin County Fair and Event Center and for short Event Center.
14. **Ratify Work Order and Agreement for Senior Center Design.** Robert Swainston signed the work order prior to the meeting due to a deadline. Zan Bowles made the motion to Ratify the Work Order and Agreement for Senior Center Design. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.
15. **Landscaping Needs at Senior Center.** There are 2 big trees on the West border of the property that needs to be cut back. Zan Bowles will talk to Randy Henrie and the neighboring homeowners to make a plan.
16. **Herd District Update.** Vic Pearson is waiting until he gets the opinion of Senator Mark Harris before he gives an opinion.
17. **Preston Municipal Airport Land Lease.** Zach Stewart made the motion to sign the lease on a new hangar construction for James Solomon. Zan Bowles second. Vote was unanimous.
18. **Executive Session.** At 9:45 a.m. Zan Bowles made the motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code ¶74-206 (1)(f) pending/imminently likely litigation. Zach Stewart second. A roll call vote was taken, and voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Attending the Executive Session: Robert Swainston, Zan Bowles, Zach Stewart, Vic Pearson, Heather Coburn, and Chris Barton.

Executive Session ended at 10:08 a.m. Zan Bowles made the motion to adjourn. Zach Stewart second. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. Next meeting will be Monday July 14, 2025.

Attest, Heather Coburn

Robert Swainston, Chair