

**Resolution No.23 - 28**

**Spending Authority Limitation for Road and Bridge**

**WHEREAS**, the Bonner County Board of Commissioners previously granted all County employees spending authority not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) via Resolution No. 17-11; but

**WHEREAS**, the Bonner County Road and Bridge routinely incurs expenses for repairs exceeding this amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirement to have such repairs approved by the Board of Commissioners in a regularly scheduled business meeting creates significant delays within the Department and limits its ability to keep vehicles in operation; and

**WHEREAS**, The BOCC reserves the right to ratify expenditures in excess of the fifteen-thousand dollar (\$20,000.00) limit in an open meeting;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Road and Bridge Department may pre-obligate the County to third parties in amounts at or below fifteen thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any attempt by a Road and Bridge employee or independent contractor to pre-obligate the County in amounts over said amount is hereby declared null and void, unless expressly ratified by the BOCC in a subsequent meeting conforming to Idaho's Open Public Meeting Law.

**Adopted** as a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Bonner County, Idaho on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023

**BOARD OF BONNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



Stephen Bradshaw, Chairman



Asia Williams, Commissioner



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**ATTEST:** Michael Rosedale

**BY**  Deputy Clerk



# BONNER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE

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## Memorandum

ROAD &  
BRIDGE  
Item #3

**Date:** April 11th, 2023

**To:** Bonner County Commissioners

**From:** Jason Topp, Director  
Road & Bridge Department

**Re:** Change spending authority over \$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00 for Road and Bridge

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 commissioners approved Resolution 17-11 stating that Departments may only pre-obligate the County to third parties in amounts at or below five-thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). This stemmed from litigation that a court has provisionally determined that county employees have the fiscal authority to obligate the County financially to third parties. It further states that any attempt by a county employee or independent contractor to pre-obligate the County in amounts over said amount is hereby declared null and void, unless expressly ratified by the BOCC in a subsequent meeting conforming to Idaho's Open Public Meeting Law.

Whereas the Road and Bridge department frequently spends over \$5000.00 for equipment repairs and these repairs must be completed to keep our equipment on the road for the public's safety and that of our operators in a timely manner and whereas the \$5000.00 amount is insufficient to keep our operations moving smoothly as most all of our equipment and truck repairs exceed this said amount as well as the daily operations for department it is recommended to move the spending authority to \$20,000.00 for the Road and Bridge department and allow the Director and Assistant Director of the department to have the ability to approve such expenditures. **Please see attached Resolution.**

Distribution: XX Electronic Copy to BOCC Office \_\_\_\_\_ Legal  
XX Original to Road and Bridge Department

A suggested motion would be: **Mr. Chairman, based on the information before us I move to approve Resolution 23- 2B Stating Road and Bridge may only pre-obligate the County to third parties in the amounts at or below twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) so long as they have budget authority.**

Recommendation Acceptance: Yes  No   Date: 04/11/23  
Commissioner Steven Bradshaw, Chair