

RESOLUTION NO. 23 - 84

ENGINEERING

Spending Authority to Engineering for the EMS Station 1

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 Engineering Department will encounter change orders exceeding this amount on the EMS Station 1 project; and

WHEREAS, the requirement to have such change orders approved by the Board of Commissioners in a regularly scheduled business meeting creates significant delays in the project; and

WHEREAS, The BOCC reserves the right to ratify expenditures in excess of five thousand dollar(\$5,000.00) limit in an open meeting;

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

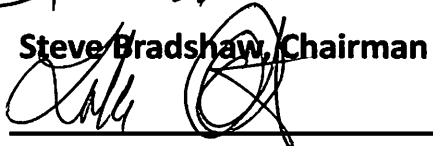
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any attempt by an Engineering employee or independent contractor to pre-obligate the County in amounts over said amount is hereby declared null and void, unless expressly ratified by the BOCC in a subsequent meeting conforming to Idaho's Open Public Meeting Law.

ADOPTED as a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Bonner County, Idaho upon a majority vote on the 10th day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF BONNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Steve Bradshaw, Chairman

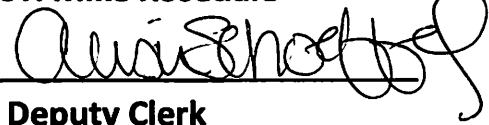


Luke Omodt, Commissioner



Asia Williams, Commissioner

ATTEST: Mike Rosedale

By 

Deputy Clerk



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October 10, 2023

ENGINEERING
Item #1

Memorandum

To: Commissioners

From: Spencer Ferguson, Engineering

Re: Change spending authority over \$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00 for EMS Station 1

On January 31st, 2017 commissioners approved Resolution 17-11 stating that departments may only pre-obligate the County to third parties in the amounts at or below five thousand dollars(\$5,000.00), This stemmed from litigation that a court provisionally determined that the 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 a construction project will sometimes have a change order over \$5,000.00 and waiting for BOCC approval could delay the project. It is recommended to move the spending authority to \$20,000.00 to the Engineering Department for the purpose of only the EMS Station 1 project. Please see attached Resolution.

Auditor Review _____
Legal Review B. Wilson

Distribution: Original to BOCC
Email copy to Teddi Lupton and Spencer Ferguson

A suggested motion would be: Mr. Chairman, based on the information before us I move to approve Resolution 23-~~84~~ stating Engineering may only pre-obligate the County to third parties in the amount at or below twenty thousand dollars(\$20,000.00) for the EMS Station 1 project.

Recommendation Acceptance: yes no Steve Bradshaw Date: 10-17-23
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Chairman