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# NEWS FROM THE BOARD

A monthly newsletter from the Ada County Board of Commissioners

**Welcome to the monthly newsletter from the Ada County Board of Commissioners. We are happy to share with you information on significant news and events happening in Ada County.**

Tom Dayley - Commissioner  
Rod Beck - Board Chairman  
Ryan Davidson - Commissioner



## MERIDIAN LIBRARY DISTRICT

### *A Petition to Dissolve the District, Public Hearings, and a Decision*

After holding two public hearings attended by more than 800 people and receiving thousands of messages from residents of the Meridian Library District, the Ada County Commissioners voted Wednesday March 29, 2023 to not place a measure to dissolve the Meridian Library District on the November ballot. The vote was unanimous.



The vote to not place the measure on the ballot came following a petition submitted to the board in February by a group called Concerned Citizens of Meridian. The petition by the citizens group to dissolve the district, centered on books the group considers offensive that they say are available to children at the Meridian Library District. Pursuant to Title 33, Chapter 27, Idaho Code, the board held two public hearings to hear from the community on the issue. The board's only purview was to vote to put the measure on the ballot or to not put the measure on the ballot. The Ada County Commission has no authority to oversee the library's functions.



More than 800 people came to the Ada County Courthouse during two evenings of public testimony on the petition to dissolve the Meridian Library District

While the board acknowledged there were concerns presented by the citizens group, the board said the group's methodology to address their concerns by dissolving the district was overly broad, and overwhelmingly disruptive.

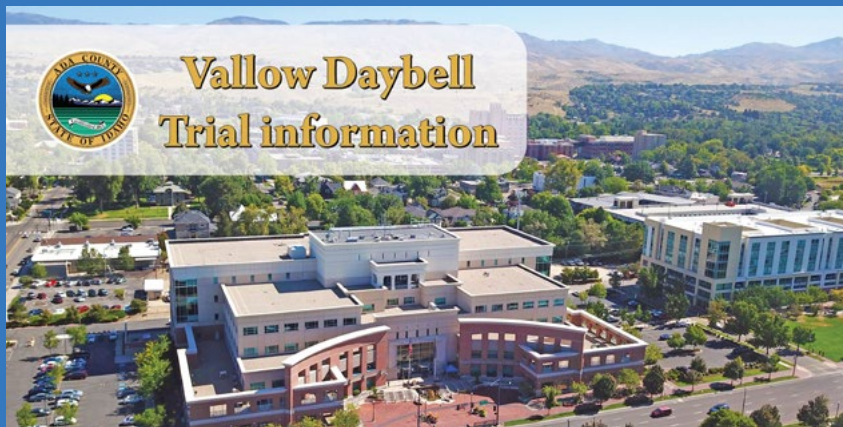
If voters had chosen to dissolve the district, all property and assets of the library district would have been disposed of by the Ada County Board of Commissioners. Any indebtedness would have been retired with the remainder being placed in the county general expense fund.

Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Board Chair Rod Beck, and Commissioner Tom Dayley each expressed their appreciation for the community involvement and encouraged both parties to cultivate a productive dialogue going forward.

**READ THE DECISION HERE:** <https://adacounty.id.gov/blog/news/meridian-library-district-decision/>



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## Vallow Daybell Trial information

The following link includes comprehensive information on courthouse access, media requirements, courtroom conduct and more.

<https://adacounty.id.gov/judicial-court/vallow-daybell-trial/>

## ADA COUNTY GOVERNMENT



In addition to elected offices, Ada County government includes eleven individual departments. Each department provides important services to our residents in Star, Eagle, Meridian, Boise,

Garden City, Kuna, and Unincorporated Ada County.

These services include law enforcement protection, emergency preparedness, election services, parks and waterways, public defense, indigent services, juvenile court, solid waste management, the Western Idaho Fair, Weed, Pest & Mosquito Abatement and more.

Learn more about the services provided to you by Ada County

<https://adacounty.id.gov/>

## ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONER TOM DAYLEY TOURS ADA COUNTY PARKS & WATERWAYS

If you've floated the river and put in at Barber Park, or biked parts of the Greenbelt, if you've attended a wedding or a party at the Barber Park Events Center, or if you've used any of the docks at Lucky Peak, you've had the pleasure of using Ada County Parks & Waterways amenities.

Of course there's so much more that happens at Parks & Waterways including protecting fauna and educating the public on the beautiful natural resources we all enjoy. That's why newly elected Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley toured the Barber Park facility in March to learn more about all the services and programs the department offers.



L-R Waterways Maintenance Mechanic Ethan McCurry, Waterways Maintenance Supervisor Jarrod Mathews, Parks & Waterways Director Scott Koberg, and Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley



Ada County Parks & Waterways Staff L-R Robbie Sosin, Program & Education Specialist; Jarrod Mathews, Waterways Maintenance Supervisor; Ethan McCurry, Waterways Maintenance Mechanic; Candy Hahlbeck, Administrative Specialist; Brooke Conn, Event Coordinator; Angelina Williams, Event Attendant; Donna Swett, Parks Maintenance Mechanic; Tom Harshfield, Parks Maintenance Supervisor; Davey Brown, Trail Crew Foreman; Scott Koberg, Director

## CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH!

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) signed a proclamation designating March as *Certified Government Financial Manager Month*. Kathleen Graves, Tim Sturges, and Sarah Lund with the Clerk's Office, are Certified Government Financial Managers, and members of the Idaho Centennial Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants. This professional organization is associated with and a part of the Association of Government Accountants, who work to advance government accountability with an emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor and character in its Code of Ethics.

The BOCC recognizes the Certified Government Financial Manager program for its impact on governmental accounting and financial management in Idaho, and proclaim March 2023 Certified Government Financial Manager Month!



Pictured L-R: Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Accounting Manager Tim Sturges, Controller Kathleen Graves, Chairman Rod Beck, Commissioner Tom Dayley, Ada County Clerk Trent Tripple, and Accountant Sarah Lund.

## ACCEM Chairman



Congratulations to Ada County Commission Chairman Rod Beck on being elected as the Chairman of the Ada City-County Emergency Management (ACCEM) Executive

Council. Membership of ACCEM consists of ten elected officials (mayors & commissioners) from Ada County. The purpose of the ACCEM Executive Council is to provide the Board of Ada County Commissioners with advice and recommendations

on emergency management programs and systems and to assist Ada County in performing all actions reasonably necessary to fulfill the responsibilities and obligations existing pursuant to Idaho Code § 46-1009.

The ACCEM Executive Council engages with Ada County Emergency Management and Community Resilience (EMCR) and other key community stakeholders to oversee and provide direction for the emergency management mission, understand, and prioritize our public safety priorities, and consider ways to make Ada County a more prepared and resilient community.

## ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SIGN PROCLAMATION FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The Ada County Commissioners signed a proclamation recognizing March as Women's History Month. In their proclamation the Commissioners stated, "*Women have led by example by inspiring both men and women to pursue leadership positions ensuring that all communities are equally represented*".

To recognize the achievements of women leaders in Ada County, a new permanent photo installation honoring the trailblazing elected officials who are women was unveiled in the Ada County Courthouse lobby in October of 2022. The **Ada County Women Making History** wall currently recognizes the contributions of five women who were the first women in their elected positions in Ada County. Soon another elected official will be joining these five women this month. Ada County Assessor Rebecca Arnold was elected in November 2022 and assumed the duties of her office in January. Arnold is the first female Assessor in Ada County.

The original Women's History Month acknowledgement was organized by the school district in Sonoma, California, in 1978. The idea rapidly caught on within communities, school districts and organizations nationwide. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation designating the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration in honor of women. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.



# SPRING CLEAN UP

Got trash to get rid of? Let us help!

## APRIL 10TH - 14TH

Unlimited residential collection services will be provided for no additional cost for unincorporated Ada County trash customers

**What can be collected?**

- Extra trash
- Recyclables
- Closed bags weighing 35 lbs or less
- Tied bundles of tree limbs
- Carpet
- Vinyl

Items must measure four feet or smaller and weigh 60 lbs or less

**Do you live in Unincorporated Ada County?  
If so your big trash day is coming up!**

Unincorporated Ada County is the part of the county not included in the city limits of Star, Eagle, Meridian, Garden City, Boise or Kuna (Ada County's 6 cities)

## ATTENTION SENIORS – YOU GET A TRASH BILLING PRICE BREAK

**Are your trash services provided by Hardin Sanitation?  
Are you over 65?**

If so, you are eligible for a reduced trash pickup rate!

Remember, you must live outside the city limits and you'll need to show proof of your age. Take advantage of this benefit for Ada County residents!

Proof of age can be submitted by email to: [acbs@adacounty.id.gov](mailto:acbs@adacounty.id.gov) or by mail to:

**Ada County Trash Billing  
PO Box 2780  
Boise, ID 83701**



Please reference your six-digit trash account number or your property address to ensure proper processing of your discounted service.

## COMING UP!

You can watch the Ada County Board of Commissioner's weekly Open Business Meeting on YouTube.

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Want to see what's on the Agenda?

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