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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



## ADA COUNTY'S NEWLY ELECTED OFFICE HOLDERS TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE

*January 9, 2023 event draws hundreds of well-wishers and staff*

Seven newly elected Ada County officials took the oath of office at the Ada County Courthouse January 9, 2023. The event included the presentation of colors by the Ada County Sheriff's Office Color Guard, as well as the Pledge of Allegiance given by Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson. Current Idaho Secretary of State Phil McGrane administered the Oath of Office to his successor as Ada County Clerk Trent Tripple. The event was streamed live on Ada County's YouTube channel. If you would like to watch the entire ceremony, please go to:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX0yc\\_CFmLE&t=285s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX0yc_CFmLE&t=285s)



### Ada County Elected Office holders

L-R front row - Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley, Ada County Board Chairman Rod Beck, Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson  
L-R back row - Ada County Prosecutor Jan Bennetts, Ada County Coroner Rich Riffle, Ada County Treasurer Elizabeth Mahn, Ada County Clerk Trent Tripple, Ada County Sheriff Matthew Clifford and Ada County Assessor Rebecca Arnold



Ada County Commission Chairman Rod Beck takes the oath of office. This is Chairman Beck's 2nd term. His first term was two years, this term is four years.



Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley takes the oath of office January 9, 2023. This will be Dayley's first two-year term.



Ada County Commissioners Tom Dayley, Commission Chairman Rod Beck, and Commissioner Ryan Davidson

# ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET WITH BOISE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

*Developing a Partnership to address the lack of available affordable housing*

The lack of available affordable housing for working individuals and families in our communities remains a serious challenge that cities and counties are trying to address.



At Boise City Hall, January 25th, Ada County Commissioners Ryan Davidson, Chairman Rod Beck, and Tom Dayley met with the Boise City Council and Mayor Lauren McClean to discuss how the public agencies can work together to help people who are transitioning from shelters and temporary housing to longer term housing alternatives that provide more stability and enhance their quality of life.

The Boise City Ada County Housing Authority (BCACHA) has done remarkable work in providing emergency assistance to those in need. So far, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) has paid out more than \$53M in rent and utility payments in Ada County.

Now with the second phase of ERAP called **ERA2** Ada County has received \$19.6 Million in additional funds. The City of Boise has received \$18.7 million in additional funds.

Both the city and county are entitled to use 25% of that money (\$4.9 M for the county/\$4.6M for the city) for “other affordable rental housing purposes.”

Those *other* uses under this criterion include:

- Construction, rehabilitation, or preservation of affordable rental housing projects serving very low-income families\*; and
- Operation of affordable rental housing projects serving very low-income families that were constructed, rehabilitated or preserved using ERA2 funds.

In Wednesday’s joint meeting, Ada County Chief Operating Officer Steve Rutherford proposed the county and the city combine their funds to provide enduring help for individuals and families who face housing insecurity. The funds must be used in full by January of 2026.



The City of Boise’s Housing Advisor Nicki Hellenkamp also presented at the Wednesday joint meeting. Hellenkamp outlined the city’s plan to add 1250 new homes, preserve 1000 homes, and establish 250 permanent supportive housing units.

While no decision was reached on combining the county and city funds available for ‘other affordable rental housing purposes,’ the two agencies will continue collaborating to find solutions to some of these difficult issues.

\*Very low-income families are usually based on 50% of the area median income. (\$21,150 for a single person, \$24,150 for two persons, and \$30,150 for a family of four)

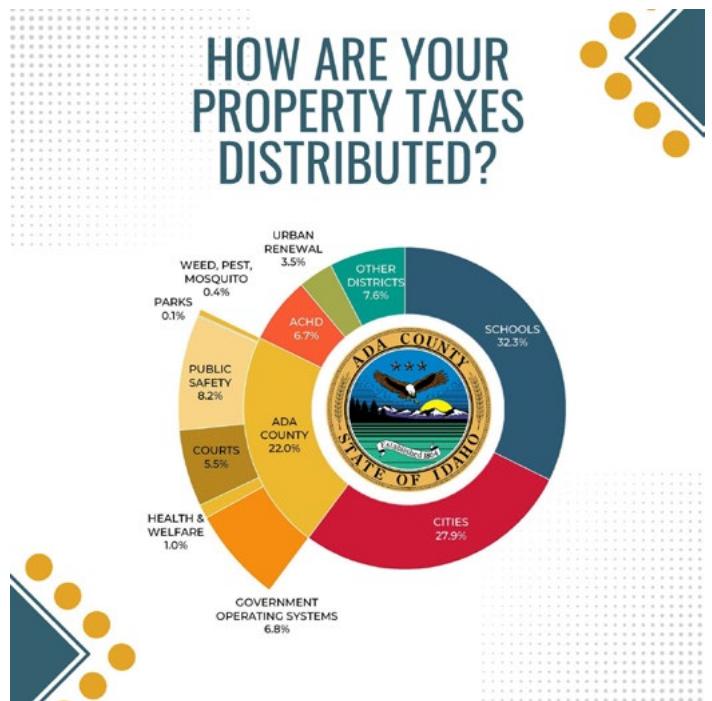


## WHERE DO MY PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO?

**Property taxes.** It's one of the top concerns among homeowners in our communities. Simply put – just about everyone thinks property taxes are way too high. So, what exactly are you paying for? Where does your money go?

We've put together this pie chart so you can see exactly your property tax money goes. Short answer: primarily the city in which you live. Ada County keeps just over 21% of the property taxes we collect on behalf of dozens of taxing districts. Of that money, a lion's share goes to public safety

What should you do with this knowledge? We encourage you to keep informed as your local city governments and various taxing entities set their budget.



## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

*Ada County employees exemplify outstanding public service*

Skills, talent, dedication, integrity, and a can-do spirit thrive here. Luke ten Doeschate and Rich Eveland have both worked in Ada County IT for more than 20 years. The board and their colleagues thank them for their service and contributions. Here's to twenty-five more years!



Rich Eveland receives his Employee Recognition Plaque for more than twenty years of outstanding service and poses with his co-workers



Luke ten Doeschate, (2nd from left) who is affectionately known as IT GUY receives his Employee Recognition Plaque for 25 years of service from Ada County Commissioners Ryan Davidson, Chairman Rod Beck, and Tom Dayley



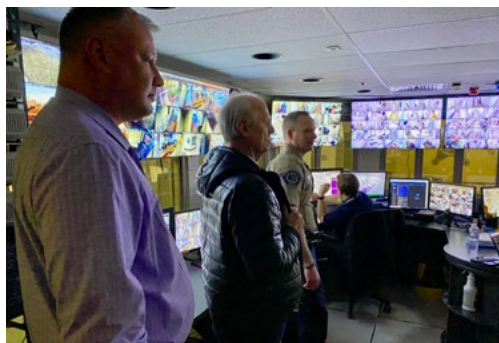
## EMS DAY AT THE CAPITAL

Ada County Paramedics do amazing work, day in and day out no matter the circumstances. During COVID they were on the front lines, wearing their protective gear, answering calls and helping to save lives. That's why EMS Day at the Capital this week was so important.

Their presentations and interviews with media help inform the public and lawmakers on why their services are so important. When you need emergency medical help - they are there. No matter what. Thank you - for all you do!



## ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONER TOM DAYLEY TOURS KEY COUNTY FACILITIES



Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley enjoys an extensive tour of the Ada County Sheriff's Office Barrister facility, including the security control office, and the Ada County Jail's Health Services Unit.

Commissioner Dayley, who took the oath of office January 9th will be visiting each of Ada County's nine elected offices and all eleven departments in the coming weeks.

## 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 disaster 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/>

### EMPLOYEES HONOR ADA COUNTY PARKS & WATERWAYS DIRECTOR SCOTT KOBERG WITH UNIQUE PLAQUE

By Jarrod Mathews, Ada County Parks & Waterways Maintenance Supervisor

A few years ago, after researching various off-the-shelf whiteboards for my Ada County Parks & Waterways office in the Barber Park maintenance shop, I realized that a tempered glass whiteboard might be a nicer option. But after realizing how expensive a tempered glass whiteboard would be, I knew it wouldn't be a good use of taxpayer dollars so I just ordered a normal office whiteboard and moved on. The idea of a unique glass whiteboard never left me though, and I thought if I found a cost-effective piece of tempered glass, I could make my own.

Then, while searching online classified ads on a weekend in early December, I stumbled across an ad for an old office cubicle with a tempered glass window. The price: free. Immediately I thought about how I could re-use that piece of free glass to make a unique whiteboard.

The process seemed easy enough. I figured I could remove the glass from the cubicle frame and simply sandblast the back to create a frosted look. Then I thought to myself, "Why simply sandblast it?" What if I could incorporate the Ada

County Parks & Waterways logo into the design? It was then that I approached all my co-workers with the idea of splitting the costs to help create a custom designed glass whiteboard as a holiday surprise (and an almost 10-year anniversary gift) for our Director Scott Koberg. When the project was complete, I arrived early to work and installed the finished whiteboard in Scott's office. Our entire Parks & Waterways team was there when we presented it to him as a holiday surprise.



Pictured from Left to Right: Robbie Sosin, Program & Education Specialist; Ethan McCurry, Waterways Maintenance Mechanic; Brooke Conn, Events Coordinator; Davey Brown, Train Crew Foreman; Candy Hahlbeck, Administrative Specialist; Angelina Williams, Event Attendant; Tom Harshfield, Parks Maintenance Supervisor; Jarrod Mathews, Waterways Maintenance Supervisor



Jarrod Mathews and Ethan McCurry

## 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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