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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 information on significant news and events in Ada County.

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



ADA COUNTY JAIL BOND ELECTION

Ada County Commissioners voted unanimously to authorize a resolution calling for a general obligation bond election for \$49M to expand the Ada County Jail. Voters in Ada County will see the question on the November 7, 2023 ballot.



The last major expansion to the Ada County Jail happened in 2003. At that time the county's population was just over 325,000 people. The county's current population is approximately

545,000. The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) estimates that in the next decade our population will be 600,000. Learn more about the [jail expansion project](#).

If you want to see how many inmates are in custody in real time – and how many people the county is keeping out of jail through our Pretrial, Alternative Sentencing, and Misdemeanor Probation programs, check out the [Ada County Jail Population Dashboard](#). The jail dashboard also includes demographic information, (age/race and gender) and information on types of charges for which inmates are being held..

If passed by two-thirds of voters, the estimated tax impact for the average homeowner in Ada County would be just over \$13 a year. (\$3.60 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value (assessed property value less any exemptions).

The Ada County Jail was originally built in the late 70s and is the largest jail in the state of Idaho. Ada County is the most populous county in Idaho.



TAX IMPACT

The anticipated interest rate on the proposed bond issue, based upon current market rates, is 3.87% per annum. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$71,665,875, consisting of \$49,000,000 in principal and \$22,665,875 of interest. The term of the bonds will not exceed twenty (20) years from the date of issuance.

The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer of the proposed bond is a tax of \$3.60 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions.

The total existing indebtedness of Ada County, including interest accrued, is \$0.00.

ADA COUNTY SIGNS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION AT ANNUAL EVENT

Women's and Children's Alliance (WCA) Event underscores the Treasure Valley-wide commitment to creating safe communities

Domestic Violence affects more individuals and families than many realize. The statistics say one-in-four women, and one-in-seven men but that doesn't include the residual effects of domestic violence - the effects it has on entire families and communities.

That's why the annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation signed by the mayors of Ada County cities as well as Nampa and Caldwell is so meaningful. Domestic violence flourishes in the shadows. It flourishes when families and individuals keep it a secret because reporting it often feels scarier than experiencing it. The annual WCA event allows the community to say **no**, it's not just your imagination, and **yes**, you have the right to live without fear.

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Law enforcement personnel from around the Treasure Valley as well as supporters and friends were invited to attend the September 29th event at



Bea Black, WCA CEO welcomes attendees

the Idaho Peace Officers Memorial in Meridian.

Distinguished speakers included Ada County Commission Chairman Rod Beck, [Ada County Paramedics](#) Chief Shawn Rayne, WCA CEO Bea Black, Caldwell Police Deputy Chief Shawn Sopoaga and Advocates Against Family Violence Executive Director Kim Deugan.



Ada County Commission Chairman Rod Beck signs proclamation



Ada County Paramedics Chief Shawn Rayne

The gathering also heard a gripping story from a young lady whose mother was killed in an act of domestic violence. A story that reminded us of the importance of hope and resilience after trauma.

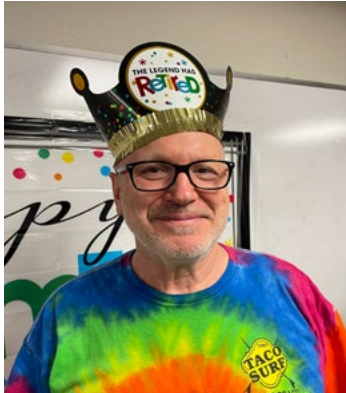
There are many resources available to those who may need help including [Faces of Hope](#) and the Women and Children's Alliance WCA. www.wcaboise.org





CONGRATULATIONS AND A FOND FAREWELL IN RETIREMENT TO ADA COUNTY DRUG COURT COUNSELOR PAUL NYDEGGER

There are some people in our world who find their calling in the most circuitous way, and then set about to make profound changes in the lives of others. Such is the case of Ada County Drug Court



Treatment Counselor Paul Nydegger who retired from the county after almost eleven years of service. Paul's service went way above and beyond. Paul's work undoubtedly saved lives.

Paul became a Drug Court Treatment

Counselor after graduating the program himself. He was accepted into the program after several years of battling addiction that almost killed him. He recalled how at one time his home was a tarp under a bridge in Boise. After successfully completing the Drug Court Program Paul went to school and after four years became a certified

alcohol and drug counselor. He then used his skills and a natural gift of connecting with others to work with Drug Court participants. So many graduates tell stories of how he changed their lives forever.

Thank you, Paul, for your work. Thank you for your caring heart. We wish you the most amazing retirement in your coastal home with the redwoods nearby. You are an inspiration to so many.



Pictured Left-Right: Marreen Baker Burton, Treatment Courts District Manager, Our Hero Paul Nydegger, Monica Nyman and Raeann Landreth, Treatment Court Coordinators.

ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10-16, 2023 AS 9/11 REMEMBRANCE WEEK

Each year on the somber anniversary of September 11, 2001 we pause to reflect on the events of that tragic day. Our lives were changed forever, but as a nation we remain resilient and true to our core beliefs in the goodness of humanity.

Ada County Commissioners honored those who bravely worked to save lives following the terrorist attacks, with a proclamation signed on **September 11, 2023**. The proclamation signed by the commissioners respectfully honors those who died in New York City, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania.



VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSIT OFFICIALS SHOWCASE WORK AND FACILITIES

Ada County Commissioners Ryan Davidson and Tom Dayley joined Valley Regional Transit (VRT) board members and CEO Elaine Clegg on a bus tour of VRT facilities in September.



Tour attendees gather at VRT's Orchard Maintenance Facility, which supports all services in Ada County and houses VRT's electric bus fleet



One of VRT's 12 electric buses



Tour attendees visit Main Street Station's customer waiting area, which features a bike locker, public restrooms, vending machines, and real-time arrival displays



The tour allowed the elected officials to see firsthand the incredible work VRT does getting people from here to there. CEO Elaine Clegg is committed to improving VRT's services in the future. So many alternatives await us in the coming years including enhanced transit, electrification, rail service, and more. Ada County is also doing its part to reduce traffic – all Ada County employees are allowed to ride the bus free.



Main Street Station's customer service area at the foot of the facility's stairs and bicycle-accessible elevator; the area hosts the Customer Service desk, where riders can get route information, purchase passes, and more



CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHELLE MOYER FOR TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO ADA COUNTY

Michelle started her career with Ada County in 2003 at the Barrister location of the Ada County Department of Motor Vehicles, when DMV was still located there.

After a year Michelle moved to the new Meridian office. Michelle spent the next four years learning all she could about rules, codes, processes, and statutes, and in 2008 all that hard work paid off when she was promoted to lead clerk of the Meridian Branch. She spent the next seven years in that role honing her skills and expanding her expertise. In 2015, Michelle was promoted to Assistant Branch Manager. She spent most of her time at Meridian, with a short stint at the Chinden Branch in 2019. Shortly after that she made her way back to Meridian in December of 2019 where she was promoted to Branch Manager. Little did she know her first year as Manager would come with so many challenges including Covid and the new ITD GEM System.

Presently Michelle oversees a very efficient, smooth-running, and customer-focused DMV Meridian Branch.

Michelle, thank you for setting a great example for your Clerks every day, and for your twenty years of service to Ada County.



(Pictured Left – Right) Ada County Motor Vehicle Division Manager Clayton Hall, Ada County Assessor Rebecca Arnold, Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson, DMV Branch Manager Michelle Moyer, Commission Chairman Rod Beck, Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley.

ADA COUNTY GOVERNMENT



In addition to elected offices, Ada County government includes thirteen 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/>

READY, SET, GO!

This time of year is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy our beautiful surroundings in Ada County. Congratulations to the 227 children ages 4-12 who participated in this year's **Ada County Kids' Duathlon** at Ada Eagle Bike Park!

Ada County Commission Chairman Rod Beck and Commissioners Ryan Davidson and Tom Dayley were on hand to award medals and cheer on all the participants. We have some super speedy youngsters in Ada County!

[Ada County Development Services](#) coordinates the event each year with help from volunteers representing thirteen different Ada County offices and departments.

If your youngsters wants to participate next year keep an eye out here

for details! A big thank as well to our 36 sponsors who provided an array of items for our raffle and much more. Thank you also to the Vendors who came out and made the event vibrant and fun for the entire family!



Ada County Commission Chairman Rod Beck, Ada County Landfill Spokesmodel, Scrapy, and Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley



Scrapy cheers on the cyclists

Scrapy meets a fan

Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson congratulates the winners



MY MERIDIAN PODCAST



If you'd like to hear recent interviews with Ada County elected officials and department heads check out Meridian Mayor Robert Simison's regular podcast. The podcast recently featured several Ada County department heads (Shawn Rayne, Adam Schroeder) and elected officials (Commissioners, Sheriff, Prosecutor, Coroner) You can listen here:

<https://meridiacity.org/mymeridian>

COMING UP!

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



Want to see what's on the Agenda?



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