

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-208 a complaint was received on July 23, 2020 that Valley County did not comply with the open meeting laws during the Planning and Zoning meeting held on June 11, 2020. In accordance with Idaho Code § 74-208(7)(a)(ii) Valley County has not been properly served with a complaint in the matter and further denies a violation of the open meeting laws. The meeting was live streamed as opposed to in person pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation of March 18, 2020 which suspends the requirement for in person attendance by the public to meetings. Individuals wishing to access the live streaming were able to do so on their individual devices. During that meeting the general public was able to testify both in person and telephonic. For those who wished to testify in person, they were escorted into the Valley County Building by a Valley County Deputy. Each was allowed to present for three minutes pursuant to hearing protocols. At the end of their testimony, individuals were escorted out of the building. This was done to maintain social distancing in the midst of the COVID restrictions. Valley County maintains wifi connections and has eight hot spots on the county property. In the meeting announcement, the following instructions were provided, "To listen to and/or comment during the hearing, please go to www.co.valley.id.us and click on the link labeled "**Watch Commissioner Meetings Live**" Instructions will be provided." Individuals wishing to participate needed to follow those directions. There were no complaints received from anyone except an individual who was in the Valley County Building parking lot. The parking lot is covered by Valley County Wifi and the system was operational at that time. Accordingly, Valley County denies any open meeting law violation and therefore no cure is necessary.