



NEWS RELEASE

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(Caldwell) – Today the City of Caldwell approved an occupancy permit for the tent jail facility located at the intersection of Chicago Street and 12th Avenue. The tent jail experienced several attempted and successful break-outs over the past two years. In April of 2017, the Caldwell City Council approved an appeal to a special use permit by Canyon County to continue using the tent as a minimum security jail. Their decision was based on the County performing several security enhancements within six months. “I congratulate Canyon County for meeting all of the conditions of approval imposed by the Caldwell City Council to convert the work release facility into a minimum security jail. I am confident the current administration will address any lapses in security without hesitation from this point forward” said Caldwell Planning & Zoning Director Brian Billingsley.

Canyon County was required to perform several improvements to prevent future escapes. The County placed a metal lid over the recreational yard, built a secondary fence beyond the recreational yard, improved doorways, and built a lid over the kitchen facility. City staff inspected the work yesterday and concluded it satisfied the requirements of the special use permit.

Mayor Nancolas said “we appreciate the work accomplished by Sheriff Kieran Donahue, County Commissioners Tom Dale, Steve Rule, and Pam White, and Director of Operations and Facilities Paul Navarro. Their efforts have resulted in increased security measures for Caldwell residents.”

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