



April 24, 2000, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on April 17, 2000, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 24th day of April, 2000, at 8:00 a.m.

Present:	Norvil R. Elliott	Chairman
	Ed Mansfield	Commissioner
	Kathy Skippen	Commissioner
	Susan K. Howard	Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS SAID.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED: The minutes of April 17, 2000, were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 17, 2000, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

COMMISSIONER MATTERS: A motion was made to give \$7,500 from Cigarette Tax Fund for the restrooms at the 4-H Building and \$5,000 from the Cigarette Tax Fund for the Skateboard Park on the Gem Island Sports Complex. It was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Skippen has contacted some parents of youth using the skateboard park as a BMX track. It will be hard to keep them off of the skateboard park until there is a sign put up designating no bicycles. The parents and kids need to get together to help plan a BMX track on the Island. They will try to get some parents and youth to present their plan at a Commissioner meeting.

Terry Gestrin, Commissioner from Valley County will be sending information on what the High Valley people who live in Valley County pay for landfill fee. They are bringing their landfill items to the Ola pickup site for Gem County Landfill.

Commissioner Mansfield has been in contact with Joe Haynes about the railroad crossing being changed at Vanderdassen Road and Highway 52. They are checking on it.

Don Zuefelt proposed a cost of \$1,050 to run a sprinkler line over to the Skateboard park. Landscaping and parking lot plans need to be decided in that area before the sprinkler system is put in there.

There have been 81 trees donated to the Gem Island Sports Complex. It needs to be decided who will plant them.

The Prosecuting Attorney's office needs to get a hold of

Boise Cascade to talk about the land across the River and south of the Island that they are willing to donate to Gem County.

There is a lot of turmoil going on with the Letha Sewer District. The advice given by the Commissioners is to have everyone get together with the records and go over everything.

Some of the Fair Board plans for a concert and carnival during the fair are not working out. There is a question of spending more than is budgeted, which cannot be done. More will be discussed at a meeting later this week. The racetrack can be used for individuals to ride their horses on and not just persons with horses stabled at the track.

A pump needs to be put in the RV Park for the sprinkler system. Someone needs to be contracted with to mow the lawn there.

Ray Franklin called to see if he still had the job of RV Park host for the summer. He will be back in the area soon.

The Mische rezoning on Waterwheel Road was discussed. Commissioner Skippen stated she would be in favor of it if there were stipulations put in concerning sewer, water, road easements, and time restraints. Chairman Elliott agreed. It will be run by the Prosecuting Attorney.

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: Deputy Clerk Sue Spencer presented the following indigent applications:

00-030 Application for additional medical costs. It was approved through motion.

00-031 Application was denied through motion because of lack of cooperation in obtaining information.

00-035 Application was withdrawn and the lien release was signed through motion.

00-038 Application was denied through motion because of lack of cooperation in not showing up for interviews.

00-J26 Application for dental expense for an inmate was approved through motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made to go into executive session under I.C. 67-2345(b) concerning personnel. It was seconded and carried. Those present in the meeting were Commissioners Elliott, Mansfield, and Skippen, and Clerk Howard.

No decisions were made. A motion was made to come out of executive session. It was seconded and carried.

CLAIMS: The claims presented were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the claims. It was seconded and carried.

WADE DISHION - CSS, ADULT PROBATION: Wade Dishion met to go over the quarterly report for the adult probation program. There were 34 cases assigned from Gem County, with 26 discharges, with 25 of

them being successful. There were 1,266 hours of SILD program community service ordered, with 1,226 hours completed. There were 36 people ordered for treatment and 36 completed their treatment.

There was \$15,220 in fees ordered, with \$14,946 paid and \$274 owed, which is a 98% collection rate. There were a total of 155 active cases from Gem County as of March 31, 1000. They will be adding a couple more Counties to their program, which will probably make them self-sustaining financially.

CSS would like to be included in the drug-testing proposal that will be going out soon.

ROD REED - ITD, EQUIPMENT IN CLOSET: Rod Reed from ITD met to ask permission to put some equipment for their program for the driver's license department in the same closet that the telephone equipment is in. Lucent Technologies will be checked with to see if there is a problem with them. Also, Bruce Reuck, the custodian will be checked with.

PHIL CHOATE - IDA-ORE RESOLUTION: Executive Director for IDA-ORE Planning and Organization Program met with the Board concerning a revised resolution that endorsed IDA-ORE as the program for certain grants for this area that was signed about nine months ago. Mr. Choate explained that there are no financial obligations for the County. The County's obligation is to accept financial liability if the grants are not spent in the correct way. In the past, there have been no problems in that area. The resolution will be given to the Prosecutor to look over.

There was some discussion over a letter from Washington County, who is one of the partner Counties with Gem County with ORE-IDA. There was a problem with a grant being approved for a study for Washington, Adams, and Gem Counties through the University of Idaho. It looked like some comments from IDA-ORE may have been part of the cause that the grant was not approved. Mr. Choate stated that if this were the case, the comments were not intended to be taken that way. There is still time for the grant to be resubmitted before August, 2000. It may also be submitted with a grant request from USDA. The grant will be "reworked" and submitted in August.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00pm and reconvened at 1:15pm.

4-H SUPERINTENDENTS: Laurie Vaughn, Shannon Alley, and Evie Russell, 4-H Superintendents, met with the Board concerning some problems with their program. They are not very happy with some of the new ideas for the 4-H program being presented by the Fair Board. The superintendents are all in favor of the score card system. They want to keep the Idaho judge instead of bringing one in from Colorado. They are also against paying a judge a

considerable amount to come in from Colorado, or anywhere else. The previous judges have all been paid \$50 for their help. They wondered if the 4-H kids and their animals need to be there on Monday of the Fair. They really have nothing to do until Wednesday.

Commissioner Elliott explained that the Commissioners have talked with the County Agent, the Fair Board, and now the 4-H Superintendents. There has been a somewhat different story from each. He stated that everyone will meet together right after the fair is over this year and the Memorandum of Understanding with University of Idaho gone over to see if there needs to be changes made.

OUTSIDE AUDITOR: Department heads and other employees met with questions for the outside auditor, Jared Zwycart, from Bailey & Company. He suggests that there be department office and procedure manuals in place in each office. He went over some of his suggestions, such as a protocol between offices.

He suggests that there be a resolution that all County moneys be turned over daily. Idaho Code states that the minimum of cash turnover is quarterly. It has not been changed. But, if it is turned over more often, it can be invested daily and be earning interest. Gem County is pretty much doing that. There also needs to be a resolution on how to handle bad checks.

Another thing that is recommended is that the County have a current fixed asset list.

Jared would like to see the County make the outside auditing program be more of a year-round procedure rather than a four-week time period at the end of the year. He suggested that each department look at their current system of procedures and checks and balances and see if there is anything that needs to be changed.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Prosecuting Attorney Doug Varie met with the Board on several matters.

It was discussed how to handle the problem of bicycles at the Gem Island Sports Complex. P A Varie suggested making a resolution stating all of the areas a bicycle is not allowed.

The Miche rezone was discussed concerning the stipulations about water, sewer, irrigation and drain, time restraint, road easement, and non-transferable rezone. PA Varie thought they were all good stipulations. A motion was made to approve the rezone application by Tom Miche of approximately 60 acres at 2300 Waterwheel Road from A-3 to B-1 with the following stipulations: central water and sewer, 40 foot easements from the center of all existing County roads, a plan for irrigation and drain water approved by the controlling irrigation district, and a 2-year time

limit for filing of preliminary subdivision plat application. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

PA Varie was asked to check to see if the warrantee on the County's modular home at Ola is valid if the home is being used as a rental to a County employee. He will review the contract.

PA Varie was asked to review the resolution presented by IDA-ORE and advise the Commissioners to sign or not sign. He stated that it is probably just a formality so they can apply for the grants they do. Legally, the Board can sign it.

Discussion was had on the Fair Board. PA Varie let Fair Board member Judy Woody know that the Fair Board cannot enter into any financial contracts that have not been budgeted for.

A bad check policy needs to be made for the County in handling NSF checks. It was decided to write up a policy that charges the person \$10.00 for an NSF and needs to be replaced with a money order, certified check, or cash. PA Varie will write up a resolution. It was done so by motion.

The County has an Equal Employment Opportunity Statement, but not an Affirmative Action Plan.

If the County adopts an all-county drug-testing plan, we can get a 5% discount on worker's compensation. PA Varie will check into it further.

A motion was made to sign a Quick Claim Deed to change the lot line adjustment on County Property in Section 15. It was seconded and carried.

KATHY SMITH APPOINTED TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD: A motion was made to appoint Kathy Smith to the Planning and Zoning Board. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

SWEET MATTERS: The Commissioners recessed to go to Sweet.

Charles Beal read a petition written up by Art Beal, petitioning the Commissioners to vacate and open certain roads in the Sweet Township. It has been, or will be, posted in three public locations and each land owner will be notified and a copy will be sent or hand delivered to them. Charles read the petition to the group.

A suggestion was made concerning the involvement of the County with the BOR parks. It was suggested that the County not get involved because of the expense involved. They stated that the Montour Park is not used very much and is not user friendly. There are no hookups for power and water. There is a meeting already set up for the BOR to meet with the Commissioners to further discuss the matter. More discussion was had on the pros and cons.

Concerns were had on the improvements of Montour Road. The developers of the McConnell subdivision are improving their side

of the road. In doing so, the other side of the road is being "demolished." There is also concern about the water runoff without a culvert to let the water run in the natural drain path. The Commissioners will check with the Road & Bridge Department.

The oiling and/or paving of Liberty Road were discussed. It was realized that is probably not an option at this time. A change of speed limit down to 25mpm was suggested.

The bridge on Butte road is having a lot of traffic now. In one day, there were nine cattle trucks that crossed it. Now people are building up there. It was stated that the new bridge is in the planning. It was asked that the road be paved up to the bridge and a little beyond after the bridge is put in. The biggest cost to the new bridge is the engineering of it. But, it needs to be engineered to avoid the liability of any problems with it. Right now, the County is paying \$1,200 a year to store the bridge supports. The bridge is on the list to be done as far as Federal funding, but there are no funds available as yet. The load limit sign is gone off of the bridge. The Commissioners will check to see how feasible it would be to put in the bridge without the extensive engineering.

It was stated that Montour Road speed limit has been lowered to 35mpm. It will probably be in effect within a month's time.

The Sweet Cemetery District has opened a row of 15 plots for the County at \$250 each. If the County agrees to accept these plots, there may be a way to make a trade for some gravel for the roads in the cemetery. The budget for the Cemetery District is not adequate. Clerk Howard explained that the budget levy on property taxes can only be raised 3%/year. The only other way the budget can be raised is increased revenue. There may also be a tax levy override election for a one-time increase. Clerk Howard will send the Cemetery Board information on a possible election. There may also be some grants available for a Cemetery District. Commissioner Skippen will check on it.

On motion the Board recessed to May 1, 2000, at 8:00am.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk