



May 22, 2000, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on May 15, 2000, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 22nd day of May, 2000, at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Norvil R. Elliott Chairman  
(came into meeting at 1:00pm)  
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 May 15, 2000, were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes of May 15, 2000, as read. It was seconded and carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(b) concerning personnel. It was seconded and carried. Those present in the meeting were Commissioners Mansfield and Skippen, Clerk Susan Howard, and Tony Young, Planning and Zoning Administrator. No decisions were made. A motion was made to come out of executive session. It was seconded and carried.

**COMMISSIONER MATTERS:** Stephanie Richie, Deputy Juvenile Probation Officer, turned in her resignation to terminate on May 31, 2000. She is accepting a position in Canyon County.

Tony Young, Planning and Zoning Administrator, turned in his resignation to terminate on June 12, 2000. He is accepting a building inspector position for the city of Boise.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Dennis Pulley met with a proposal to purchase 2,000 square feet of property needed to change the intersection of Vanderdassen and Hwy 52 because of the danger involved with the intersection and a railroad crossing. The owners are asking \$3,000 for the property. A motion was made to have Commissioner Mansfield negotiate with Wilbur McKinney on the price of the property, and to contact Emmett School District to see if they would be willing to help with the expense. It was seconded and carried.

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

00-046 Application for medical expenses was approved through motion.

00-052 Application for medical expenses was presented for information only.

00-J29 Application for lab work for an inmate was approved through motion.

**BARBARA PULTZ - BOARD OF COMMUNITY GUARDIANS**: Barbara Pultz from the Board of Community Guardians met with their annual report for the year 1999. There are seven members on the Board with one ex-officio member. Their Board had 3 wards during the year. There were five referrals made to the Board and they accepted one of those. They will not need budget help this next year.

**GARY McCLANAHAN - VALUATIONS NORTHWEST**: Gary McClanahan met with a proposal to update the fixed asset list for Gem County. The last appraisal they did was almost 10 years ago. They recommend buildings to be reappraised every 8-10 years and other fixed assets every 4 years. They would put together three reports. One would be a recap of all of the buildings and the value of the buildings. The second would be the equipment contained in all buildings. The third could be equipment listed by type of equipment. They could probably get this done in August and it would take approximately five weeks before the report would be finished.

A motion was made to approve the proposal submitted by Valuations Northwest with the cost being not greater than \$4800, the cost to be taken out of the Current Expense Fund, Commissioner Department, under professional services, with the approval of the Prosecuting Attorney. It was seconded and carried.

**MICHELE MONTOYA - BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS**: Michele Montoya from Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Linda Larson, principal from Butteview Elementary School met to further plan the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. The school will recommend the students to be in the program. Big Brothers/Big Sisters will give them a form for parental permission. Matt Lindley, Counselor at Butteview Elementary, will be the mediator. They will work with the teachers and counselors at the High School to find the mentors. Big Brothers/Big Sisters insurance will provide the transportation liability as a second insurance to their personal insurance, but the mentors have to provide their own transportation to and from Butteview. They hope to have the program running by the end of September, 2000.

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

**CLAIMS:** The claims were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and carried. Chairman Elliott abstained from voting because he didn't have time to review the claims.

**DEAN CHARTERS - ROADWAY:** Dean Charters and family met to ask about a road at Pleasant Valley Rd. and Jordan Lane. The State thinks that the road is a County right-of-way in through Charter's land. Dennis Pulley says it is on a County jurisdiction map, but he can't see any need the County has for it. Therefore, the County needs to have a public hearing in order to vacate the road. The Commissioners will get back to the Charters and let them know if they have to do anything. There are some culverts that go under the County road by the Plaza Bridge in the Last Chance Canal that irrigation water travels through. The culvert seems to be rusting out and changing shape so debris gets caught in the culvert. They wondered if the County is responsible to repair the culverts. The Commissioners will check on it.

After further discussion, it was decided that instead of vacating the road, the State will be informed that the road was never a County right-of-way because it has never shown up on any other map.

**WALT DITTMAN - FENCE REPAIR & BARRICADE ON MILL RD. & MAIN STREET:** Walt Dittman met to discuss damage to his fence on Mill Rd. at the corner of Mill Road and Cascade. He said that in 1999 when some work was done on the intersection by the State and the County there was an agreement that a barricade would be put up to prevent a vehicle from going off the road and doing damage to the fence. This was an agreement between the County negotiator and Mr. Dittman that was never signed by the Commissioners nor the State. The Prosecutor will be consulted and a decision will be made. Dennis Pulley stated that to put up a guardrail would run approximately \$3,700. A motion was made to allow Craig Hash to repair Walt Dittman's fence on Mill road for \$375. It was seconded and carried.

**TONY YOUNG & PAM GARRISON, PLANNING & ZONING:** Tony Young and Pam Garrison from Planning and Zoning met with the Board. Tony reported that the current costs and estimated costs for the planning specialist, Jerome Mapp, are approximately \$1,440. They also presented a proposed advertisement notice for hiring a new P & Z Administrator and/or building inspector.

**RESOLUTION 2000-09:** A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 2000-09 prohibiting car and bicycle use on the Island Skateboard Park. It was seconded and carried.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CATERING PERMIT:** A motion was made to approve an alcoholic beverage catering permit for Jim Hadley for May 28 and June 4, 2000, at 2424 Airport Road, under the alcoholic beverage license for Double Diamond. It was seconded and carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345 (b) concerning personnel. Those in the meeting were Commissioners Elliott, Mansfield, and Skippen, and Clerk Howard. Discussion was had concerning the hiring of a new P & Z Administrator. No decisions were made. A motion was made to come out of Executive Session. It was seconded and carried.

**PLANNING & ZONING OPENINGS:** A motion was made to advertise job openings for a Gem County Planning & Zoning Administrator starting at \$26,000 and a Gem County Building Official starting at \$26,000. The motion was seconded and carried.

**WAL\*MART GRANT:** A motion was made to nominate Commissioner Mansfield for a 2000 American Hometown Leadership Awards Wal\*Mart grant. It was seconded and carried. Commissioner Mansfield abstained from voting.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS:** Prosecuting Attorney Doug Varie met with the Board on various legal matters.

A ruling on the Sanders Applewood Subdivision was received. The ruling was in favor of Sanders. Doug will look it over and advise the Commissioners if there should be an appeal filed.

Doug advised that the public defenders proposed contract from Paul Butikofer looked okay.

**The Board recessed to reconvene in Ola at 7:00pm.**

**OLA MATTERS:** It was asked who is responsible to clean the borrow pit between Spiker's and Carlock's. Water runs over the road when the waste water runs. The County used to clean it.

It was asked why the County can't spray the scotch thistle by the DeMaster's place on Blessinger's property. Commissioner Skippen doesn't think it is on the noxious weed list, but she will check. There is not too much in the County, but it spreads very quickly. The County has been working on the star thistle. They wondered why the County doesn't hire out to spray. There are a

couple of problems. One is that the County is so busy that they don't have the manpower. Also, it would be running competition with the private companies. It was stated that Valley County does a lot of private spaying for people for a charge. The question of liability came up. Commissioner Skippen stated that Valley County does a lot of things that Gem County doesn't do. Private people can be forced to spray noxious weeds and/or pay the County to spray for them. A noxious weed called Canadian Thistle is quite prevalent in the Ola area.

They are getting some money for the repeater for the Fire District. They are pretty short on money. They plan on remodeling the fire station, but it will be a pay-as-you-go project.

Discussion was had on the jail and how much savings will be had in keeping our inmates in our own County. The County is not planning on actively inviting other Counties to house their inmates in the new jail if the bond passes. It would also keep our police officers at home instead of on the road daily. There are jail standards that, like them or not, the County is forced to follow. If they are not met, the State could close down the jail.

It was asked if the 30mph speed limit could be extended in Sweet past Melvin Hale,s driveway through a narrow stretch. Murrays seem to always have a horse trailer and other rigs parked on the right-of-way along there. Also, the road between Sweet and Ola is only 50mph and they feel it should be at least 55mph. The "Sheriff's Patrol" did a good job of picking up garbage and fence poles and such. They came and picked up all of the collected garbage, but left the fence poles along the road.

Nothing has been heard of from Valley County about their people living in High Valley who bring all of their garbage to Ola. It will be followed through.

On the Holbrook Road where, it comes out of High Valley, the people coming out on Monday mornings are driving so fast that they could hit a school bus or something. All weekend the traffic is quite a hazard. All County roads, unless posted, graveled or paved, have a speed limit of 55mph. The new High Valley Road needs to be posted, also. Deputies need to patrol more often, especially on weekends. Maybe a speed trap needs to be set.

Ola needs an ordinance to control burning trash. They wondered if the Fire District has the authority to write citations, etc., and if the Fire District makes the ordinance. The garbage trailer has caught on fire twice in the last little while because of hot coals in the trash barrels. The Firemen have had to go to two fires started by burning trash barrels.

Some reflector sticks need to be put on the road from McCaw's to Coburn's.

On motion the Board recessed to June 12, 2000, at 8:00am.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk