



December 4 & 5, 2000, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on November 28, 2000, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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:

December 4, 2000

**Pledge of Allegiance was said.**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED:** The minutes of November 27 & 28, 2000, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of November 27 & 28, 2000, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

**COMMISSIONER MATTERS:** Commissioner Skippen reported on a mental health meeting she went to. Region 7 has a very efficient system they use in handling the mental health needs. Gem County, which is included in Region 3, spent \$70,000 last year on mental health, which is considerably more than any County in Region 7. The difference probably has a lot to do with a certain Health and Welfare employee who is on top of things and has a good system going in Region 7.

Commissioner Mansfield has set up a meeting with Mayor Ron Morgan of Emmett and IDT to discuss Freezeout Hill and the signal light at Substation Road and Highway 16. The meeting will be December 7 at 1:30pm.

The roof of the picnic shelter on the Island is almost completed. The ball field fencing has been staked and will be started in two weeks.

Commissioner Mansfield said he called Dick Farber, the engineer of the Ola High Valley Road, who said when the road was put in, they stopped way short of what they should have done. The Road was not built up like it should have been. If it would have been, there would be no problem today. Morris Huffman from the Forest Service will be taking his engineer to look at it.

It will take about a day to get the pad at the RV Park done

by City Transfer. The gate to the park will be locked while it is drying.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Dennis Pulley, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported that ICRMP said that the \$10,000 claim from a landowner next to the Road & Bridge shop in Emmett may not have a case. ICRMP wants to wait until Spring to see if the trees come back. The County didn't spray right next to the fence—they left a buffer. Dennis met with Soil Conservation people concerning the County property on Highway 52 near Star Lane and the waste water ditch that was filled in on the property. There is another existing ditch that doesn't work too well. Also, one of the adjoining properties has a culvert that needs to be cleaned. Dennis let the property owner know. Dennis is a little concerned about having to post some County roads at 55mph at the end of the other speed limit changes. Dennis will look at the part of the Ola Road that was paved a couple of years ago to see if it needs to be put on the chip seal list which is put together in the Spring. He would be willing to buy sand from the Bigger's sand pit in Ola, which would be more convenient for the County, but maybe it needs to have a weed assessment done first and also make sure it is being operated under a special use permit. There is an area of Perkins Lane that floods each spring. Dennis is looking into it. It would be the land owners responsibility to take care of their waste water so it doesn't flood the road.

Quinn Nuffer, Noxious Weed Supervisor, stated that he is working on some cost share reports. He had a meeting with department heads from the Upper Payette Weed Management group. They will be getting about a grant for about \$35,000 for taking care of scotch thistle.

Martin Joyce, Landfill Supervisor, reported that their new truck will be here on Wednesday. A customer damaged the building and the customer's insurance will be taking care of it. There is not much coming down from High Valley right now because of the season of the year.

Mike Williams, Planning & Zoning Administrator, 25 new build permits for a total valuation of \$657,391 and \$7,791.75 fees collected for November. There were 4 zoning permits for manufactured housing for a total valuation of \$164,909 and \$320 fees collected. There were 5 applications for special use permits with \$470 collected in fees. With miscellaneous fees of \$15, total fees collected from all sources was \$8,596.75. Mike is planning to use power point presentations at the P & Z meetings. Next month the P & Z Commission will be taking six changes/additions to the P & Z ordinances to public hearing and asks that the Commissioners follow up ASAP with their public hearing.

Janelle Schnieder, Juvenile Probation Officer, reported there are sixty-nine juveniles currently on probation, with 13 committed and five new petitions this month. There are two in detention, one in jail in Gem County (she is 18 years old), and one in Gem Youth Home.

Mark Rekow, Ambulance Director, reported collections of \$11,293 57 for November. They transported 57 patients and had 27 no transport calls. The total transports for the year is 609, which is up 35 from last year. The new ambulance is in service. The new extrication vehicle is in the works.

Bruce Reuck, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that the maintenance on the boiler is paying off because we haven't had any problems with it so far. He will be ordering new flags for the front of the Courthouse. The Assessor's office remodel will be started next week. The security monitor cameras will be installed today.

Will Cook, County Extension Agent, has a new secretary. He is putting on a re-certification for pesticide applicators class.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS:** Greg Himes, Assessor, reported that he has hired a new mapper and hopes she stays a while. He is losing an assessor.. He will start advertising the job opening this week. The State Tax Commissioner is coming to look over the plan to catch Gem County up on assessments. The fall Assessor's Conference starts today.

Marilyn Frasier, Treasurer, reported \$670,440 in taxes collected. There are 85 outstanding 1997 accounts still due. The County Cares party on December 21 at 3:00pm. The Ambulance Fund may need to borrow money before the end of the month. The new AS400 is working very well and much faster. The new Treasurers' software is in and working well except some old tapes are not being read by the new system. There will be a small source of revenue still coming in on property litigation that could be used by any fund possibly short of cash—maybe the ambulance.

Clint Short, Sheriff, reported \$12,270 spent in out-of-county inmate costs for November. There were 67 bookings for the month. There are currently 9 inmates housed in the Gem County Jail and 11 housed out of county.

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

01-005 Applicant needs to be subpoenaed to bring in application information. The Commissioners felt this should be the appellant's responsibility.

01-006 Application lien was signed, through motion.

01-J03 Application for dental expense for an inmate was approved through motion.

Sue reported that EDS will no longer price out Medicaid rates for the Counties. She will check to see what other counties are doing and IAC will be called.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2001-03 - SELLING LIQUOR ON NEW YEARS EVE, SUNDAY,**

**DECEMBER 31, 2000:** A motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 2001-03 to allow the sale of liquor by the drink on Sunday, December 31, 2000, until 2:00am the next morning. It was seconded and carried.

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

**MARK REKOW - SURPLUS AMBULANCE VEHICLES:** Mark Rekow, Ambulance Director, met to update the Board on the status of the old ambulance vehicle and the old extrication vehicle the County will be getting rid of. Some time ago, Mark was willing to set up the training for a First Response team in Sweet. He has recently talked to Mark John and it sounds like he and/or the Fire District would like to see a satellite program in Sweet from the County. Mark Rekow thinks that Mark John expects the County to fund any training required if there is a first response team set up. Right now there is about one call a month to the Emmett Ambulance Department from the Gem Fire District #2 area. Mark feels there are grants out there that could help them with the costs involved for training, etc., and he thinks it should be kept as strictly a Fire District operation. The Commissioners will wait for a formal request from the Fire District #2.

**INDIGENT HEARING:** An indigent hearing was scheduled for Case #00-065 and there was no one present representing the appellant. There was no new evidence or testimony presented. A motion was made to dismiss the appeal and uphold the previous decision on #00-065 because of no new evidence and failure of appellant to appear.

**STAN BROWN, LETHA CUL-DE-SAC:** Stan Brown met to discuss his land in the Letha township. He stated that if the County needs to do a cul-de-sac at the end of Florence, and more land is needed to widen the road in order to put it in, he is willing to use some of his land.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES:** A motion was made to approve alcoholic beverage licenses for Scott, Nicole, Daniel, and Ruth Lemen dba Lemco Inc., dba Scogans Food Marts #4 for bottled or canned beer not to be consumed on premises, Scott, Nicole, Daniel and Ruth Lemen dba Lemco, Inc., dba Scogans Food Marts #2 for bottled or canned beer not to be consumed on premises, and Lary

Gardner dba Dew Drop Inn for bottled or canned beer to be consumed on premises. It was seconded and carried.

**DR. RICHARD T. ROBERGE SUPPORTED FOR SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH**

**BOARD:** A motion was made to have Chairman Elliott sign the authorization supporting Dr. Richard T. Roberge for the physician representative on the Southwest District Health Board. It was seconded and carried.

**The Board recessed to December 5, 2000, AT 8:00AM.**

**December 5, 2000**

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**GUIDE DOG BEING TRAINED BY WEED DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE:** After considering the pros and cons about a Weed Department employee training a guide dog for the blind while on County time, a motion was made to not allow any County employee to have animals in the work place, unless they are needed for a specific situation or there is a disability requiring it. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

**JACK MOOERS - CHUCK MCKENZIE FENCE:** Jack Mooers met concerning a fence put in along Baldwin Lane by Chuck McKenzie that Jack Mooers states is on the County right-of-way and also encloses a piece of his land. The County right-of-way for roads is 50 feet. The Commissioners will check with the Prosecuting Attorney and may require Chuck McKenzie to remove the fence and then Jack Mooers will smooth out a turn-a-round on the County right-of-way and a small portion of his property.

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**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE:** A motion was made to approve alcoholic beverage licenses for Albertson's, Inc., dba Albertson's Food Center #140 for bottled or canned beer not to be consumed on premises and retail wine, and for Jose Jaime German dba La Costa Mexican Restaurant, Inc. for draught and bottled or canned beer, bottled or canned beer to be consumed on premises and wine by the drink. It was seconded and carried.

**PUBLIC WALK-IN & INPUT:** Gary Resinkin met to discuss leasing County property with plans to put in a sprint boat business. The Board told him that he may need to purchase the property instead of leasing it. He will get back with the Board after talking to the others in the corporation.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2001-04 - DUANE S. HILL REZONE:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to sign the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law and to approve Ordinance No. 2001-04 for the Duane S. Hill rezone approval.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS:** Indigent applicants can be asked to come back in to sign a promissory note in order to have approval of the claim.

Counties may not sign a lease purchase for someone who is interested in County land. The County may carry a contract for someone who wants to purchase real or personal property for a term of not more than ten years and an interest rate set by statute. Whether leased or bought, the County needs to be indemnified by the individual's or company's insurance.

**CLAIMS FOR THE FOLLOWING FUNDS WITH WARRANTS WRITTEN NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2000:**

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND .....	\$ 134,967.88
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND .....	58,022.82
CIGARETTE TAX/BLOCK GRANT .....	4,915.61
DISTRICT COURT FUND .....	8,131.23
COUNTY JUSTICE FUND .....	132,509.42
FAIR, GROUNDS & BUILDINGS FUND .....	2,019.81
III HEALTH DISTRICT FUND .....	2,693.84
CHARITIES & PENSIONS FUND .....	27,235.37
REVALUATION FUND .....	7,230.19
SOLID WASTE FUND .....	35,544.71
TORT FUND .....	2,426.96
NOXIOUS WEED FUND .....	17,970.52
WATERWAYS FUND .....	33.77
INSURANCE POOL .....	4,357.23
AMBULANCE FUND .....	<u>39,556.31</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>477,615.67</b>

On motion the Board recessed to December 11, 2000, at 8:00am.

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

Chairman

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

Clerk