



January 16, 2001, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on January 9, 2001, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 16th day of January 2001, at 8:00 a.m.

Present:	Ed Mansfield	Chairman
	Kathy Skippen	Commissioner
	Sharon Pratt	Commissioner
	Susan K. Howard	Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

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**Pledge of Allegiance was said.**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED:** The minutes of January 8 & 9, 2001, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of January 8 & 9, 2001, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

**LITTLE GEM CYCLE PARK:** The State grant for work on the Gem Cycle Park will basically be used for erosion on the park, requiring a "grant change" stating that most of the money will be used for erosion instead of putting in a restroom, picnic area, etc., at this time. It would also be written in that change that the Sheriff's Department would get a four-wheeler to patrol at the park to help control people using the park with motorcycles without correct permits.

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MEETING:** A meeting with ITD was held concerning a signal light on Highway 16 and Substation road and passing lanes on Highway 16. The projects are scheduled for 2004 and 2005. The Commissioners asked that the dates be switched on the passing lane on top of Freezeout Hill, scheduled for 2005 to 2004 and the passing lane at Firebird Raceway, scheduled for 2004 changed to 2005 and that the passing lane at Substation and Highway 16 be put in at the same time as the signal light. ITD stated they would try to work with the County wherever they can. Four lanes all the way up Freezeout Hill are in the long-range plans.

**CATERING PERMITS APPROVED:** Two Alcoholic Beverage Catering Permits were approved by Sheriff Clint Short, and through motion by the Board. They were permits from Tiks Tavern for the Black Canyon Bowmen at the Fairgrounds, and from Tom's Cabin for the Optimist Club at the Armory.

**DEANA RYDER - GRAVEL PIT ON SUNSET:** Deana Ryder met to discuss the property she is renting and hopes to purchase. It borders the gravel pit owned by Dick Standerfer on Sunset Road. The noise is a nuisance at 4:00 a.m. She is afraid that the undercuts on northwest banks at the pit are putting the property above the pit in danger. Standerfers say they are going to stop mining in the pit and will rebuild the walls. She would like to have an enforcement of the problem. The Commissioners told her that the area has been a concern in the County and has been looked into.

Mike Williams, P & Z Administrator, stated that the gravel pit is zoned industrial and is in compliance with that use. He stated that he contacted the Department of Lands and a letter was sent to Mr. Standerfer concerning a reclamation plan. It looks like work has begun. Mike will contact the Department of Lands and check to see what is being required of Mr. Standerfer.

**HOLLADAY ENGINEERING - GRANT FOR ROAD MAPPING:** Jennifer Willer, from Holladay Engineering, stated that their company would be interested in working on the transportation plan for the County. If their company is chosen, a letter needs to be sent to ITD to let them know.

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

00-056 & 00-061 Applications requesting additional help with medication for the months of January through May 2, 2001, were approved for 00-056 from January through May 2, and denied for 00-061 because of lack of cooperation for a doctor follow-up.

01-006 Application for medical expenses was approved through motion.

01-009 Application for medical expenses was denied through motion because no indigency exists.

01-J11 Application for medications for an inmate was approved through motion.

**INDIGENT HEARING:** No one appeared for the appeal hearing for case 00-075. A motion was made to uphold the original denial of the case, based on no further information presented. It was seconded and carried.

**WADE DISHION - CSS MISD. PROBATION REPORT:** Wade Dishion from Comprehensive Solution Services met to give the quarterly report for the County's misdemeanor probation. He reported 30 cases for the quarter and 35 case closures with a 94% success rate. There was \$10,330 collected in fees, with a 95% collection rate. They had 100% treatment rate. SILD completion was 92% completed. They did 19 drug tests with 15 negative. Two of these tests were positive for opiates. There were 4 out of 166 probations violated last year, which is 2%. They are up and running on the interlock system. They currently have 12 on the system.

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

**The Board attended the retirement celebration for Road & Bridge employee Neil Dillon, Commissioner Norvil Elliott, and Prosecuting Attorney Doug Varie. Chairman Mansfield presented plaques to each retiree.**

**PUBLIC WALK-IN AND INPUT:** Kathleen Hunt and Roberta Ushman were present and discussion was had on the idea of moving the County Fairgrounds to the Airport property and selling the existing Fairground property.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DESIRES ANIMAL ORDINANCE:** Officer Donnie Wunder from the Sheriff's Department met and said he would like to see an animal-at-large ordinance. They have many complaints from animals running loose in the County. He would like to see a fine and court appearance ordered after the third warning. The Prosecutor will be visited with concerning the matter. A Gem County Load Cover Ordinance needs to replace the one on the Landfill sign. The Sheriff's Office would like to send one or two officers to an animal euthanasia workshop so they would be able to better handle situations when the County needs the service.

**P & Z VEHICLE TO BE FINANCED THROUGH WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC.:** It has been unanimously approved and agreed upon by Gem County Commissioners to acquire the use of and finance through Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Inc., the vehicle generally described as a 1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue Automobile costing \$10,588 for a term of 1 year, at 6.95% annual percentage rate. The car will be paid off in January 2002 with the sum of \$11,232.87.

**FINDINGS OF FACTS APPROVED FOR TRAVIS MADSEN SPECIAL USE PERMIT:** A motion was made to approve the findings of facts and conclusions of law for the special use permit appeal by Travis Madsen dba the Liberty Canyon Boys Ranch. It was seconded and carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2001-05, UNION LANE SPEED LIMIT:** A motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 2001-05 changing the speed limit on Union Lane from 55mph to 40pmh. It was seconded and carried.

**The Board recessed to February 5, 2001, at 8:00am.**

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

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