



February 12 & 13, 2001, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on February 6, 2001, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 12th and 13th day of January, 2001, at 8:00 a.m.

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

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

February 12, 2001

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED: The minutes of February 5 & 6, 2001, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of February 5 & 6, 2001, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE TO PIGGYBACK FOR HIGHWAY OIL: A motion was made to piggyback on the Twin Falls Highway pavement oil, CRS-2 from Koch Pavement Solutions for \$178/ton, with \$8.00/ton subtracted out for the differential in freight costs, for approximately 600 tons of oil. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

BID PUT OUT FOR MODULAR JAIL: A motion was made to put out a bid for a jail modular with a bid opening on March 26. It was seconded and carried.

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: A motion was made to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(d). Deputy Clerk Sue Spencer presented the following indigent applications.

01-005 Application previously denied because lack of cooperation and now the applicant is deceased. An appeal has been made by the hospital.

01-019 Application needed a lien signed.

01-020 Application for medical costs for surgery and a lien needs to be signed.

01-J13, 01-J14, J015 Application for medical costs for inmates

housed in Weiser.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to come out of executive session.

A motion was made to approve #01-005, 01-J13, 01-J14, 01-J15, to sign a lien for #01-019, and to sign a lien for and deny #01-020 because of lack of following code. It was seconded and carried.

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

ED OBERMEYER - BILL BURNS ROAD AND RV PARK: Ed Obermeyer met with the Board asking that a letter be written to the Farmers Co-operative Irrigation Company asking for permission for the County, sometime in the future, to pave Bill Burns Road west from T.W. Makela's property approximately 1.3 miles to Bishop Road. Commissioner Skippen said she would write the letter.

Ed also stated that the Master Gardeners would like to maybe do a shrub project along the fence at the County RV Park, but they feel there needs to be some fill dirt brought in before anything is done.

MIKE WILLIAMS - LIBERTY CANYON BOYS RANCH SPECIAL USE PERMIT:

Mike Williams, P & Z Administrator, met concerning the wording in the Findings of Fact of the Liberty Canyon Boys Ranch special use permit appeal where it states that in a year an "annual renewal" of the permit is required. It will be left that way and then the next year the status may be changed to "annual review."

MORRIS HUFFMAN - FOREST SERVICE PLAN: Morris Huffman from the Forest Service met to discuss the Forest Service Plan. The Board is in favor of Alternative #5. The Board requested help in writing the best response to that affect. Mr. Huffman went over with the Board some points they need to make in their response. The response needs to be in by March 16, 2001.

Mr. Huffman stated that he feels the Kennedy Creek Stewardship group has done more work and more good than any other group of their kind in the nation.

JENNIFER WILLER, HOLLADAY ENGINEERING - ROAD INVENTORY:

Jennifer Willer and Renee Bettis from Holladay Engineering met concerning the mapping of roads in Gem county. They presented a proposal letter for the CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program) application at a cost of \$2000. A written response needs to be made.

Renee looked at a drawer full of old road easements, etc., maps that would be nice to include in the road inventory. It will

be a large cost to have that done, with all of the pre organization that would be needed. It could be put on a plan of several years. More discussion will be had on the idea.

The Board recessed to February 6, 2001, AT 8:00AM.

February 13, 2001

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

JUDY WOODIE - FAIR BOARD: Judy Woodie and Clayton Russell from the Fair Board met concerning the outcome of meeting with the appraiser for the fairgrounds. The appraiser was unwilling to give an estimate. It would cost \$3,000 to \$5,000 for a partial appraisal and a full appraisal would cost around \$15,000. It would be very expensive to do a full evaluation and study as to the value of the land and the cost of moving the fairground facility to the airport property. Commissioner Skippen will continue to look into it.

A five-year plan was asked for from the Fair Board a year ago. It is still being worked on. There are two openings on the Fair Board that the Commissioners are still trying to fill. Grants will be looked for to help with improving the grandstands and other parts of the fairgrounds. The sound system needs some work done on it.

BID OPENING - AIRPORT PROPERTY LEASE: Chairman Mansfield read the bid notice for the lease of the airport property and opened the bids. Two bids were received. One bid was from Jim Standley in the amount of \$5,200 and had a 5% cash bond in place. The other bid was from Jerry Pulley in the amount of \$5,910, with a 5% bond in place. A motion was made to accept the bid of \$5,910 from Jerry Pulley. It was seconded and carried.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Greg Himes and others met concerning updating offices for the Auto License, Planning & Zoning, and Juvenile Probation. A long-range/short-range plan was talked about. The immediate need is for the Juvenile Probation Office to have a more private facility and the P & Z Office to have more room. More will be discussed in two weeks. Maintenance Supervisor Bruce Rueck has been asked to head the group to come up with a plan.

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p.m.

BOISE CASCADE CLOSURE: The afternoon was spent discussing the sudden announcement that Boise Cascade Mill operations in Emmett and in Cascade will permanently close by June 1, 2001. There is much concern about the morale of the community and the fiscal impacts in all areas of the community.

Senator Larry Craig's office called to visit about the situation and will try to be of help in some of the areas, especially in job training and encouraging new industry coming in the area. Larry Craig is planning a visit to Emmett, possibly next week. The Commissioners came up with a list of possible areas of focus: improvements to Hwy 16 to the freeway, Indian Valley cutoff, job retraining, connectivity, promotion of workforce, commerce development, facilitated community building (city, county, outlying areas, chamber, GEDA, school district), and tax incentives.

REQUESTS FOR TAX AND/OR FEE CANCELLATIONS: Four tax cancellation requests from the Assessor's office were signed by Chairman Mansfield. They were for parcels #MH789900, #7255, #MO8063, and #RP4510, with a total tax cancelled of \$1,199.168.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Flemming met with the Board. Items discussed were; school speed limit zone ordinance; possibility of working off indigent bills; GEDA would like to incorporate Gem County Seal into their logo; use of Enhanced 911 funds; using salary budget to pay for contract labor; a 2001 Airport Property Lease Agreement needs to be made up; whether or not a portion of the building permit fee can be set aside as a dedicated building fund; legal counsel at P & Z meetings; a letter from Ervin Carskaddon concerning road closures at Sweet. Tim will get back with the Board on the conclusions of the discussion.

On motion the Board recessed to February 20, 2001, at 8:00am.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk