



February 20, 2001, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on February 13, 2001, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 20th day of February, 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:

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED: The minutes of February 12 & 13, 2001, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of February 12 & 13, 2001, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

BOARD RESIGNATIONS: A letter of resignation was received from Dan Holland, resigning from the Fair Board. Also, a letter was received from Stephanie Oxley, giving her resignation from the Planning and Zoning Board.

JUVENILE PROBATION - BLOCK GRANT: Janelle Schnieder reported on the JAIB Block Grant funds and some ways she would like to use part of the money. There is a chance to help fund a residential, substance abuse treatment center. She needs to get the forms sent in for a JAIB Block Grant of \$10,500.

FAIR BOARD INTERVIEWS: An interview was had with Richard Penrod for a position on the Fair Board. He stated that he had a good ranching background and some 4-H experience. He feels he also has the knowledge of where and how to get grants. He has time available right now to spend on the Fair Board, and will have time when the fair is on. His major objective on the Board would be to bring in year-round activities, improve the grandstands, and better utilize the space. He does not feel that the horse racing is an asset to the fairgrounds. He has had experience being a volunteer fireman in Valley County.

Sharon Hollingsworth was interviewed for a position on the Fair Board. She said that she was raised in Kansas where the Fair

was a very important part of her community. She would like those same kinds of experiences coming from the Gem County Fair. She would like to give her energy to the Fair. She feels she is an honest individual and makes thoughtful decisions. She feels that improving the facilities would be the first step in having year-round activities at the Fairgrounds. She feels that the horse racing needs to be capitalized upon, partly because of the history of horse racing in the community—being the first County with para mutual racing in Idaho. She has had experience in writing grants.

She is involved in the Hospital Auxiliary and several other Boards. Sharon is retired now and has the time and interest to give to the Fair Board. She feels that there are a lot of improvements that need to be made and they could be done a little at a time, to make the area more accessible, comfortable, and attractive.

Dan Medford met for an interview for a position on the Fair Board. His biggest interest and experience has been in the Rodeo part of the Fair. He is busy, but his evenings are available and he has always been very much involved in Fair week. He doesn't have any formal volunteer service experience—he just helps out when and where needed. He would like to see more people show up at the Fair and would like to see an indoor horse arena built. He feels that the horse race program brings in revenue.

JAKE JENSEN - CITIZENS' ZONING COMMITTEE: Jake Jensen, representing the Citizen's Zoning Committee, met to discuss their original ordinance changes. The Committee feels they were not really taken seriously by the Commissioners. The basic feeling of the changes was property rights. He stated that a map is still needed that shows the zoning in the whole County. Jake was asked by the Commissioners to work with the current P & Z Administrator and Commission to get some of the things they want.

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

00-067 Application needed a 25.6% Catastrophic signed.

01-016 Applicant has failed to cooperate.

01-020 Application for surgery was previously denied because of lack of following code.

01-J16 Application for medical expenses for an inmate.

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

A motion was made to sign a repayment of 25.6% to the Catastrophic Fund for 00-067, to deny 01-016 for lack of cooperation, and to approve 01-020 and 01-J16. It was seconded and carried.

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

GEDA DISCUSSION: Cathy Smith with GEDA and Sharon Vawter from Job Service met with concerns about getting and keeping GEDA a viable organization in the community. There is at least \$50,000 with maybe another \$25,000 coming from the Forest Service, possibly to GEDA. GEDA's current greatest need is a full-time employee. It needs to be determined where the money will end up at and a meeting needs to be set up with the County, City of Emmett, GEDA, and maybe Boise Cascade to make a plan, determine the money available, find an employee and office space.

GEDA needs to have a permanent representative from the County Commissioners on the GEDA Board. The decision will be made later.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(f) concerning pending litigation. No decisions were made. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to come out of executive session.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Prosecuting Attorney Dick Linville met with advice on several items.

Planning & Zoning fees may be increased to allow a specified amount to go into a capital building fund.

Indigents should not be given the opportunity to work off a debt to the County, because of no provision in the law.

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COMMISSIONER PRATT TO BE GEDA REPRESENTATIVE: It was decided that Commissioner Sharon Pratt would be the County representative on the GEDA Board.

The Board recessed to February 26, 2001, AT 8:00AM.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk

