



March 19 & 20, 2001, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on March 13, 2001, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 19th and 20th day of March, 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:

March 19, 2001

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

MANUFACTURED HOME ZONE FEE INCREASE: Newton Hawley, Building Inspector, again went over the reasons for the proposed increase to the zoning fee on manufactured homes. He stated that there is only one less inspection required for manufactured homes than stick-built homes, and he usually does more inspections than required by law. The fees charged in the P & Z Department do not cover the total cost of running the Department. Newton gave information on the proposed fee increase to many contractors and other people in the County and has posted the proposed change around the community.

A motion was made to approve the proposed zoning fee increase for manufactured homes, effective April 2, 2001. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

USED GEM COUNTY EMS VEHICLES: Mark Rekow, EMS Supervisor, met concerning the old extrication vehicle and the ambulance that the County has replaced. Mark is working on several options to sell the vehicles. He is planning on offering the vehicles state-wide. Mark stated that the old Yunker Glass property and building may be for sale and he feels that it would be an ideal location for an ambulance garage. The building could be added to and would work

well for what would be needed for the ambulances.

Government students from Black Canyon High School came into the meeting to fulfill a requirement to attend a public hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(b) concerning personnel. Those governing bodies present in the meeting were Commissioners Mansfield, Skippen, and Pratt. No final decisions were made. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to come out of executive session.

ENHANCED 911 EXPENSES: Dispatcher Lisa Risinken and Sheriff Clint Short met with the Commissioners to present the figures expected to be spent from the Enhanced 911 expense line item. There is enough money in the line item for the expense of the remodeling of the equipment room and an air conditioner for that room.

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

01-026 Application for rent, power, and natural gas.

01-027 Application for rent, power, and natural gas.

01-028 Application for medical expenses presented for information only.

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

A motion was made to approve 01-026 for the current month's rent, gas, and electric of \$406.15 and to deny 01-27 because no indigency exists. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: There were no applications to be put before the Board of Equalization.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL: A motion was made to approve the amended Alcoholic Beverage License for Gem County Golf Association, Inc. to include wine by the drink. It was seconded and carried.

RUSS MANWARING - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Russ Manwaring, from West Central Highlands RC&D, presented a document for the Commissioners to sign to authorize him to act as supervisor to manage a grant of \$25,000 going to GEDA from the Forest Service for the revitalization and beautification of downtown Emmett and

the street access to the Gem Island Sports Complex. The proposal would have a 50% match to the businesses using some of the grant. The Commissioners told Mr. Manwaring that GEDA would be welcome to have a web page on the internet under the umbrella of the County's web page, at no cost to GEDA, unless they wanted to add more pages to their web page. A motion was made to have Chairman Manafield sign the USDA Forest Service Rural Community Assistance Application Summary Form.

Mr. Manwaring went over the organization of the RC&D. It is a six-county organization that supports economic improvement projects. They meet monthly. They have an annual planning meeting for projects in all Counties and then work on funding to help pay for the projects. They have helped with several projects in Gem County. Mr. Manwaring stated that there may be a grant available for signage and/or other needs on the Kennedy Creek Project. He asked the Commissioners what projects they feel should go on the list.

The projects in the County that were discussed were: the second entrance to the Gem Island Sports Complex, a designated industrial park with all of the infrastructure available, supporting an ethanol plant that may be going in somewhere in Payette County with a farmers' cooperative, getting a full-time employee for GEDA, the development of sewer districts, cleanup of the corridor area and help to market the railroad program, a commuter parking lot, an indoor arena at the fairgrounds, a community center, improvement to the cycle park.

The Board recessed to March 20, 2001, AT 8:00AM.

March 20, 2001

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EAST IDAHO BLVD DITCH PROJECT: Road & Bridge Supervisor Dennis Pulley, Russ Manwaring from RC&D, and Roy Maxwell from Emmett Irrigation District met to discuss grant money for the enclosure of the irrigation ditch on E. Idaho Blvd. Russ could possibly get \$6-7,000 in grant money. The project would probably be set for Spring of 2002. The total cost of the project would probably be approximately \$50,000. Russ would like to put a cost estimate and plan in front of the Bureau of Reclamation and then the Bureau of Reclamation representative could allocate the money for the project. Russ needs a cost estimate to put the agreement together. He also needs landowner agreement. Dennis Pulley was asked if the County could budget for the road next year. Dennis stated that we could be into it for approximately \$75,000 using

the right away that is existing. Roy Maxwell will come up with a cost estimate including labor, machine time and materials. Ed Mansfield would like to see this pursued. He asked that all get their cost estimates together. Russ thinks that we should have something in front of BOR within a month to get the money allocated. Dennis Pulley, Russ Manwaring & Roy Maxwell will coordinate together to get cost estimates, etc. going.

STATE/LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AGREEMENT: A motion was made to accept the State/Local Agreement Transportation Plan between the Idaho Transportation Department and Gem County that is entered into for the purpose of obtaining Federal participation and funding for the Gem County Transportation plan. It was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - MASLEN REZONE: This hearing was tape-recorded. Chairman Mansfield read the notice of hearing for a rezone application by Holbrook Maslen to rezone three parcels of land on Highway 52 from D (light industrial) to A-2 (suburban agriculture). A letter from the Bureau of Land Management was read, with no objections to the rezone. Mr. Maslen submitted an amended application to rezone only two parcels instead of three that were originally on the application.

A letter was read from Gary Shipley stating he is not in support of the rezone. He had previously written a letter in support, but had changed his mind after talking to the neighbors.

Larry Shoemaker, realtor, representing Holbrook Maslen, explained the reason for the amendment of the application was because one of the parcels had been sold and will be used for a business.

Mike Williams, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that there was an amendment to the P & Z findings of fact, which he explained.

Steve Groening, from Unimin, a heavy industrial company which borders this land, spoke, stating that his company felt that rezoning this piece of property would have an adverse affect because he doesn't feel that residential property would be good next to a heavy industrial area. The light industrial area should be used as a buffer between heavy industrial and residential areas.

Larry Shoemaker stated that he feels this property is on the very edge of the light industrial zone and would not adversely affect the buffer zone.

Commissioner Skippen asked how long Mr. Maslen had owned the property. Mr. Shoemaker said he thought it has been about 15 years and has used it as pasture, but has since sold his cows. The Unimin plant has been there for at least 35 years.

A copy of the P & Z findings of fact has been sent to the Prosecuting Attorney.

A decision was taken under advisement until March 26, 2001. The public hearing was closed.

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Commissioners took a road tour to check on some concerns.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Prosecuting Attorney Dick Linville and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Fleming met to discuss several matters.

A piece of property is owned by a deceased person's estate that has never gone to probate. As far as the County knows, there are no heirs and it may be unclaimed property at this point. It is not eligible for a tax deed so maybe the Treasurer needs to be appointed as public administrator. It may be eligible to be condemned or declared a nuisance. Deputy PA Fleming will check into it.

The Prosecuting Attorney's office will work on some speed limits, road right-of-way issues, and vacation of roads in Sweet.

On motion the Board recessed to March 26, 2001, at 8:00am.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk