



April 10, 2001, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on April 3, 2001, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 10th day of April, 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:

The Commissioners spent all day April 9, 2001, in Boise at a Moving Idaho Forward Forum.

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Pledge of Allegiance was said.

USING STEAM FOR WEED CONTROL: Quinn Nuffer met with the Board and discussed a new method of killing weeds with steam. The cost of the machine is around \$40,000. It is run by propane or diesel. Quinn will arrange to have the supplier bring one to the area to demonstrate.

PROPOSALS FOR AIR CONDITIONER IN 911 EQUIPMENT ROOM: Maintenance Supervisor Bruce Reuck presented several proposals for an air conditioner in the room containing the equipment for the enhanced 911 program. A motion was made to accept the proposal from Johns Plumbing & Heating for a 1½ ton Fredrick air conditioner and equipment for the enhanced 911 equipment room at a cost of \$3,125. It was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Mansfield left with Quinn Nuffer to attend a meeting on hay certification.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED: The minutes of April 2 & 3, 2001, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 2 & 3, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

WILL COOK, EXTENSION OFFICE MATTERS: Will Cook, Extension Agent,

met to discuss several items concerning his office. He had been asked by Commissioner Mansfield how he would feel about moving his office. He was wondering if that was a real possibility and was told that several departments in the County need more room, so options are being looked at.

Will was concerned about going over on his telephone line item expense in the budget this year because of some extenuating circumstances, but his bottom line budget amount will be fine. He wondered when the budget process will begin this year. He would like to have new carpet in his office in the next budget. **INDIGENT APPLICATIONS:** 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:

00-061 Application for medical services provided by a relative.

01-019 Application from a provider for medical expenses was presented for information only.

01-030 Application needed a statutory lien signed.

01-032 Application needed a statutory lien signed.

01-J26 Application for medications for an inmate.

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

A motion was made to deny 00-061 because of I.C. 31-3413 stating the County is not obligated to pay relatives and it was not a timely application, to have the Chairman sign statutory liens on 01-030 and 01-032, and to approve 01-J26 for an inmate. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:** Sheriff Clint Short stated that he feels that if the County purchases medication for an inmate, any leftover medication belongs to the County when he leaves. The Prosecuting Attorney has told him to give it to the inmate as he leaves. The Board will visit with the Prosecuting Attorney.

The Sheriff's Department needs to get with the Building's and Ground Supervisor in setting up the modular jail and some other things that need to be done along with it.

**PUBLIC WALK-IN AND INPUT:** Greg Lindsey met with the Board concerning the Newell gravel pit. They say that the gravel pit is not following the stipulations the Commissioner's set up in approving the permit. They feel no one is monitoring the things that are happening. He stated that the gravel pit operation is driving and parking on an easement on their property that is for a personal residence only. His wife stated that the hours are very long and six and seven days a week sometimes. They say there is

excess smoke, noise, and dust. The Commissioners stated that they would get with the Planning & Zoning and go over the stipulations in the approval of the special use permit, and an investigation will take place. They stated that the Newell's easement is 20 feet. They stated that there has been no fence put around the gravel pit, which is located in an open range area. They stated that this was a stipulation in the permit approval.

Mark Pryor, from Grainger Industrial Supply, a supplier of industrial supplies and equipment (from electric motors to toilet paper), has been awarded a national bid that all local government agencies can piggyback on through U. S Communities. They have over 100,000 items listed in their catalog. A contract needs to be signed to participate in the program and there is no fee involved. No decision was made on setting up a contract with them.

**MARK REKOW-AMBULANCE FEE:** Mark Rekow, Ambulance Supervisor, met to discuss a proposal for an agreement with Blue Cross on their allowable charges for ambulance services. Most of the County ambulance charges fall within the allowable charges from Blue Cross. Blue Cross would like the County to sign the agreement and have it back in their office by May 1, 2001, and implemented by June 1, 2001.

**Commissioner Mansfield returned to the meeting.**

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS:** Dick Linville, Prosecuting Attorney, met on various matters. Discussion was had concerning left-over medications furnished for inmates. Dick feels that the medication is purchased for the inmate and it belongs to him. He suggested that an alternative method may be looked at by purchasing medications for few days at a time.

PA Linville will look over the Blue Cross Agreement for payment of ambulance services for Blue Cross policy holders.

The Prosecutor's office is still working on the Sweet road vacations, the animal ordinance, and the fairgrounds deed.

**HAY CERTIFICATION MEETING:** Commissioner Mansfield reported on the meeting he attended concerning the certification of hay. There will be two people in Gem County qualified to certify—Quinn Nuffer, Noxious Weed Supervisor, and another employee of the Weed Department. The cost to the owner would be \$30/field, plus the cost of \$.05/tag. The County will buy the tags and resell them to the owners. The certification fee will be charged by the State.

**On motion the Board recessed to April 16, 2001, at 8:00am.**

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

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