



July 23 & 24, 2001, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on July 17, 2001, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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:

July 23, 2001

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS SAID.**

**PUBLIC ENTITIES HEALTH INSURANCE POOL PROPOSED:** A motion was made to sign the non-binding agreement to participate in the proposed state-wide public entities health insurance pool. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**DECISION ON INDIGENT APPEAL 01-031:** A motion was made to uphold the previous denial decision in the appeal on Indigent Case No.01-031 because of there being assets available, and no indigency existed. The motion was seconded and carried with aye votes from Commissioners Mansfield and Pratt and Commissioner Skippen abstaining because she was not at the hearing.

**PROBATION OFFICE UPDATE:** Janelle Schneider, Juvenile Probation Officer met with some questions pertaining to her new office space. She was told to check with the City of Emmett concerning garbage pickup. She is sharing internet with the District Attorney's office. She is still sharing the secretary/receptionist with Planning & Zoning. They still need a copy machine.

There is a need for a second vehicle, preferably a van, for the Juvenile Probation department.

They have had the IJAWS program on their computers, but have never been able get it to work right. Janelle wanted the Commissioners to know that she would like to go the with Juvenile Case Management instead of the IJAWS program.

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

**HOLLADAY ENGINEERING - BRIDGE INSPECTION:** A representative from Holladay Engineering met to go over the Gem County Bridge inspection. He stated that all of the bridges in Gem County are in good shape except Butte bridge, and it will be replaced in 2004. There are a couple that may have to be replaced someday, but they are fine now.

**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. Discussion was had concerning the duties of the Maintenance Supervisor. No final decisions were made. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to come out of executive session.

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

**MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DECISION:** There were over 50 citizens in attendance, so the Commissioners went up to the District Courtroom.

Ron Vaughn, Mosquito Abatement Supervisor, stated that he has two mosquito light traps set in the County for surveillance. Commissioner Skippen stated that she has been doing research and has found that a study needs to be done in the area to determine which kind of mosquito control would work the best. Four people on four-wheelers are larvaciding in the County at this time. If they get behind, they do some of the larvaciding from the plane.

Ron Vaughn went over some of the numbers needed for effective spraying and fogging and the drift of each. He stated that he doesn't spray with the plane until the mosquitoes are very bad-- they use it as a last resort, after land larvaciding and fogging.

He usually sprays about four to five times a year. He went over facts and figures concerning mosquitoes. He stated that the fogger is effective, for what it does. It works better in town than it does in the country. He felt that the fairgrounds could be fogged. Ron stated that at this time with his current flight plan flying North & South makes it difficult to not fly over the Peter Dill property because he is not allowed to fly over the

City. His flight plan would have to be changed and approved by FAA in order to be able to fly East and West.

Commissioner Pratt made a motion to keep the quarter mile buffer for aerial spraying around the Peter Dill property. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Several people commented on the decision and were unhappy with it. There was further discussion. It was generally thought by the public that the quarter mile buffer included any type of mosquito control. It was stated that the Commissioners decision was to only include aerial spray in the quarter mile buffer.

**The Board recessed at 5:00pm to go to an open forum meeting in Ola at the Ola Community Center.**

**OLA MATTERS:** Several areas of interest were discussed with some citizens of Ola. The noxious weeds in the area were discussed, and possible solutions as how to handle them. It was mentioned that there will probably be striping put on the road above Ola, the old High Valley Road could use some gravel, and that the turn-around at the end of Baldwin Lane has not been done yet.

**The Board recessed until 8:00 on July 24, 2001.**

**July 24, 2001**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED:** The minutes of July 16 & 17, 2001, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of July 16 & 17, 2001, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

**CLAIMS/QUARTERLY REPORTS:** The claims and quarterly reports presented were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the claims and the quarterly reports presented. It was seconded and carried.

**MORRIS HUFFMAN - BOISE NATIONAL FOREST FEASIBILITY STUDY:** Morris Huffman from the Forest Service met to update the Commissioners on the feasibility study of small wood utilization on the Boise National Forest. There is up to \$50,000 allocated to this feasibility study by the Idaho Department of Commerce. There is a requirement for a 20% non-federal match for this money. The Forest Service is currently trying to locate a source of funding to cover the \$10,000 needed. The Commissioners are looking for possibilities to help with the match.

**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:

01-050 Application for help on electricity expenses and needed a statutory lien signed.

01-049 Application for surgical expenses.

01-J37 Application for dental expense for an inmate.

01-J38 Application for medical expense for an inmate.

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

A motion was made to sign the statutory lien and approve a \$200 charge from Idaho Power for 01-050, to approve the application and sign a lien for 01-049, and to approve 01-J37 and 01-J38.

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**PUBLIC WALK-IN AND INPUT:** Citizen Roberta Ushman asked why the public walk-in time had been changed. She was informed that the Commissioners public agenda meeting will recess on Tuesday at 12:00pm and the last half of the day will be used as office time for the Commissioners. Discussion was had on where the Adult Probation Office is located, which is on Main Street.

Mike Williams, P & Z Administrator, presented a copy of the changes proposed for the Mixed Use Development Zone, based off the input at the public hearing.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS:** Prosecuting Attorney Dick Linville met concerning several legal matters. He advised that the Commissioners' names do not need to be on a form to address weed complaints.

Dick will check to see if, legally, the County would be able to pay for dispatch services with the Enhanced 911 surcharge money after the Enhanced 911 equipment is paid for.

Dick stated that research needs to be done to see if employees hired by the County Fair Board or other Boards should fall under the umbrella of County benefits.

Dick advised that open range is valid, even if there are fences put up. It stays open range unless it is changed to a herd district.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(d). An indigent hearing was discussed. 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.

**MARK REKOW - AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT MATTERS:** Mark Rekow , Ambulance Director, stated that he would like to see Steve Buck attend a paramedic class where he would like to have Fridays off, taken as vacation and comp time, but he is concerned about filling in the time with someone while he is off because two of his main volunteers are also taking the class. He feels there will be small budget impact. A decision will be made after visiting with Mark again, along with Steve.

Discussion was had concerning the proposed idea of purchasing a new site with a building for the Ambulance Department.

**MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DECISION RESCINDED:** After rescinding the previous motion made on July 23, 2001, during the mosquito abatement discussion concerning flying over Peter Dill's property, a motion was made to sign a letter to the Mosquito Abatement Board that specified requirements for pesticide use around the Robinson Dairy. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**The Board recessed until August 6, 2001, at 8:00am.**

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

Chairman

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

Clerk