



August 27 & 28, 2001, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on August 21, 2001, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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:

August 27, 2001

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED: The minutes of August 20 & 21, 2001, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 20 & 21, 2001, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

GEM FIRE DISTRICT #2 - SAGE COMMUNITY RESOURCES GRANT: A motion was made for Gem County to serve as the applicant for a grant written by Sage Community Resources (formerly Ida-Ore) for the Gem Fire District #2. It was seconded and carried.

JIM BUFFINGTON - EXCESS COUNTY PROPERTY: Jim Buffington, from Fire District #2, stated that they would like to get a Quick Response Unit established in the Sweet area. If the Commissioners decide to donate the old extrication vehicle, they would like to have it donated to the Fire District #2 in Sweet. They already have some things in place (some training, possible grants, etc.) to become a QRU. It could be run through the Fire District and would not have to be through the Ambulance Department. Jim will take some questions on insurance and several other areas back to the Fire District Commissioners and then will get back to the County Commissioners.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST: Morris Huffman, newly hired Economic Development Specialist for the Economical Development Partnership project met to discuss some items concerning his new position, which begins September 4, 2001.

**JOHN PETERSON APPOINTED TO DISTRICT #2 ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL**

**BOARD:** A motion was made to rescind the motion made on August 20, 2001, nominating Brad Little to the District #2 Animal Damage Control Board, and to move to appoint John Peterson as director from Gem County to the District #2 Animal Damage Control Board. It was seconded and carried.

**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:

01-055 No further information presented.

01-058 Application for help on power bill.

01-059 Application for medical expenses needed a statutory lien signed.

01-J40 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 continue to table 01-055, to sign the previously approved 01-058 as an emergency, to sign the statutory lien for 01-059, and to approve 01-J40. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

**ALL VALLEY INSURANCE - HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL:** Pete and Stan Clements, from All Valley Insurance, met with an updated proposal from Primary Health and Blue Shield health insurance companies for the County health insurance.

**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.

**RUSS CAMPBELL - HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL:** Russ Campbell met with a proposal from Blue Shield for health insurance for the County.

**LEVI MONTOYA - EWP FIRE STUDY EVALUATION:** Levi Montoya met with more information concerning the Emergency Watershed Program for land where there have been fires. He stated that the fires in Gem County had been "fast burns." After studying the fire sites, there seems to be no serious problems with watershed in the

future. Therefore, none of the property within the fires in the County would be eligible for help with watershed problems.

**COUNTY TO KEEP PRIMARY HEALTH:** A motion was made to stay with All Valley Agency and keep Primary Health for County health insurance, but change the policy to the \$30 co-pay and the \$7-20% prescription card. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

**BUTTE ROAD BRIDGE AGREEMENT:** A motion was made to sign the Agreement and PSA for the Butte Road Bridge over Squaw Creek, Project No. BROS-300(102), Key No. 7221, Agreement No. 4810. It was seconded and carried.

**The Board recessed at 5:00 to reconvene at 7:00pm.**

**EMMETT OPEN FORUM:** The Board met in an open forum. Some of the discussion concerned the Walter Knox Memorial Hospital and the emergency care there. The Commissioners suggested that they go to the next Hospital Board Meeting, which is tomorrow, and voice their complaints during their public input time.

The economy of Emmett was discussed and some of the salary increases in the County budget. Discussion was had on getting businesses to come to Emmett. The position of the Economic Development Specialist was discussed and how his responsibilities to each County (Gem and Boise) are split. The whole process is a learning experience because it is new.

The mosquito abatement issue was brought up concerning the Peter Dill organic farm. Chairman Mansfield explained the things they did concerning the problem. Other opinions and discussion were had.

Commissioner Skippen stated that Gem County, with the new redistricting, is whole as a legislative district, and there will be two House of Representative positions open in the 2002 election.

It was brought up that there were four postings of the notice for the open forum.

**The Board recessed to August 27, 2001, AT 8:00AM.**

**August 27, 2001**

**Pledge of Allegiance was said.**

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

**DECISION ON JAMES & NISSA WATTS REZONE:** A motion was made to not support the decision by the Planning and Zoning Board to approve the rezone request by James and Nissa and denying the application for the following reasons: does not comply with the Comprehensive Plan; it can be used as it is currently zoned; farming around this property would be adversely impacted by the rezone; houses and/or small lots that are currently in the area are there because of zoning practices that were in place at the time they were created; it would divide viable agricultural ground; farmers testified against the rezone. The motion was seconded and carried.

**DECISION ON JIM & TAMMY STEPHENS REZONE:** A motion was made to uphold the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the rezone of Jim and Tammy Stephens to rezone five acres from A-3 to B-1 and adopt the P & Z Commission findings of fact, with several stipulations. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WALK-IN AND INPUT:** Timi McCarthy, the Recreation District employee who is doing the maintenance work on the Gem Island Sports Complex, met with some concerns on the Island. She is having some vandalism. The weeds are getting over-grown in some areas, and the mosquitoes are very bad. The Commissioners will look into those areas.

**The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00pm to reconvene at 1:00pm.**

**ROAD CLOSURE APPROVED FOR TRACK MEET:** A motion was made to give approval for the road closure of Old Dam Road from 2:00pm Friday, September 21 to 7:00pm of the same day for a cross country track meet for Emmett High School. It was seconded and carried.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM:** Carmen Nichols, from the Emmett City Library, reported on how the summer reading program went this past summer. This was the first year that the County children were able to participate at no cost though donations from the Juvenile Probation Department. There were 151 County children that participated through the funding.

**The Board recessed at 5:00pm to September 4, 2001, at 8:00am.**

**CLAIMS FOR THE FOLLOWING FUNDS WITH WARRANTS WRITTEN AUGUST 1 – AUGUST 31, 2001**

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	.....	\$ 101,173.89
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	.....	149,196.82

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CIGARETTE TAX/BLOCK GRANT .....	10,836.96
DISTRICT COURT FUND .....	29,070.10
COUNTY JUSTICE FUND .....	109,066.52
FAIR, GROUNDS & BUILDINGS FUND .....	2,502.82
III HEALTH DISTRICT FUND .....	6,047.67
CHARITIES & PENSIONS FUND .....	49,327.20
REVALUATION FUND .....	8,073.80
SOLID WASTE FUND .....	30,908.87
TORT FUND .....	8,415.07
NOXIOUS WEED FUND .....	13,877.90
WATERWAYS FUND .....	6,060.66
DISASTER/EMERGENCY FUND .....	778.00
INSURANCE POOL .....	5,278.89
AMBULANCE FUND .....	<u>12,026.11</u>
TOTAL	\$ 542,641.28

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

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