



October 1, 2, & 3, 2001, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on September 25, 2001, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 1st, 2nd, & 3rd day of October, 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:

October 1, 2001

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED: The minutes of September 24 & 25, 2001, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 24 & 25, 2001, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Dennis Pulley, Road & Bridge Supervisor, stated there was a property owner that he talked to about a burm encroaching on County right-of-way. There is some concern about the speed limit on Bill Burns Road. Commissioner Skippen stated that she had two reports of people unhappy with the 40mph change on Black Canyon Hwy. Payette County is in the process of purchasing a right-of-way on County Line Road in order to widen part of the road. Chairman Mansfield stated that Valley County will send some help when the High Valley Road is worked on. A citizen living on Cascade Road has concerns about someone wanting to put up a cross on the road along their property where a fatality happened. Commissioner Skippen had visited with them and has asked that they get on the Commissioners' agenda to discuss it. The Road and Bridge Department has gone back to an 8-hour workday.

Mike Williams, Planning & Zoning Administrator, reported they were down 114 total permits and that valuation was down, but fees collected were over \$3,000 more than last year. He reported on a meeting he attended last week.

Newton Hawley, Building Official, reported that the number of building permits and zoning permits were down compared to last

year, but the revenues were up. He has done 1,105 recorded building inspections during the year.

Janelle Schnieder, Juvenile Probation Officer, reported there were 72 juveniles on their caseload, with 18 new petitions last month. There are 2 juveniles serving detention and 2 are on the monitor. She has been discussing the in-school suspension program with the schools.

Martin Joyce, Landfill Supervisor, reported waste at 9,047 ton this year and 8,247 ton last year. There were 20,142 people last year and 24,145 people this year, not including last Saturday. They are still spraying for bees.

Quinn Nuffer, Noxious Weed Supervisor, reported that he took vacation the last two weeks, during which he attended a couple of meetings. He stated that the Annie Newell gravel pit had received notification a couple of years ago that her gravel pit had to be cleaned up from noxious weeds before they could operate out of it. He wondered it that had been done. It will be checked on.

Mark Rekow, Ambulance Director, reported \$9,726.30 in collections and \$479 from life-flight. They had 57 transports & 23 calls that were non-transports, with a total of 497 this year compared to 493 last year. Boise Cascade may possibly donate a couple of harnesses to the ambulance department. Mark said that the new repeater is on line and they will be changing all of their radio frequencies.

Morris Huffman, Economic Development Specialist, reported that things are starting to happen. There will be an Economic Development Board meeting in Idaho City on October 18.

ELECTED OFFICIALS: Clint Short, Sheriff, reported that for the last three weeks there was \$20,230 out-of-County expenses to other jails, with 23 inmates housed in other county jails at the present time. The modular should be up and running this week. He reported that a jailer has been charged with two counts of helping prisoners escape. The problems of transferring of prisoners back and forth to keep up with court dates and open beds in other jails was discussed.

Greg Himes, Assessor, reported that several people from the State Tax Commission want to meet with the Board on Thursday, Oct 18. The Commissioners will meet with them, but would rather meet as an agended item on a regular commissioner meeting. Greg brought up the FY2002 budget holdbacks. Discussion was had on the different options for the jail expense.

Marilyn Frasier, Treasurer, reported \$43,524 in taxes collected. She received a 1999 tax on a bankruptcy. She will do a demand to Boise Cascade personal property tax because of the closing of the mill. There are 125 unpaid accounts on 1998 property taxes. There are currently 6 bad checks that have been

written to the County and not collected. Further discussion was had on the jail issues.

Susan Howard, Clerk, reported that the levies have been set and sent off to the State Tax Commission.

The Commissioners asked that all elected officials sit up front during the employee meeting tomorrow.

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.

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

WEED CONTROL BILL ADDED TO PROPERTY TAXES: A motion was made to apply a \$211 Weed Control for fire control to the property taxes of Shawn and Brandy Marquez at 1877 Shadow Drive in Emmett, ID. It was seconded and carried.

PIGGY-BACK ON CITY TRANSFER PROPOSAL: A motion was made to accept the piggy-back proposal from City Transfer for 6,000 cubic yards of 5/8" chips at \$7.20/yd and 20,000 cubic yards of 3/4" road mix at \$4.00/yd, with prices F.O.B. City Transfer plant, with the loader fees staying at \$.30/yd. It was seconded and carried.

BUD WAY - JAIL BOND RESOLUTION: Bud Way met with figures concerning the running of a jail bond. He compared cost on a 15-year bond to a 20-year bond for \$3,467,680, and compared costs from the bond that was tried in May, 2000.

Bud went over the figures for a 2-year override lending for \$375,000. The interest rates would be higher. No decision was made.

The Board recessed to October 2, 2001, AT 8:00AM.

October 2, 2001

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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of executive session.

JACKIE ORAM - RIGHT-OF-WAY: Jackie Oram met with the Commissioners with concerns about a family who wants a cross put back along the Oram property after a fatal accident of one of their family members. Jackie would rather not have the cross there any longer, but the family is still insisting on putting the cross back. The family is planning a gathering at the site for those who are supporting putting the cross back. The County will not give permission to put the cross on County right-of-way and they will have the sheriff have deputies at the site on the date of the gathering to assure things don't get out of hand.

GEM ISLAND SPORTS COMPLEX: A request was made for a load of sand for the fourth baseball field on the Gem Island Sports Complex. No decision was made.

ELECTION CONSULTANT CONTACTED: A phone conference call was made to John Watts, an election consultant. He went over some strategies he would use to get a jail bond passed. He has been working with ballot issues for 20 years. No decision was made as to whether he will be hired to help with the Jail Bond Election.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Prosecuting Attorney Dick Linville met to discuss several legal matters.

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EMPLOYEE MEETING: A meeting was held with County employees and the Elected Officials. The problems concerning the closure of the jail were discussed. Chairman Mansfield went over the increased costs since the County has had to send inmates out of county. He then went over some options the County has to deal with the problem.

Discussion was had between the Commissioners and other elected officials and the employees. Input was accepted, questions were answered, and no decisions were made

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-01: A motion was made to adopt Resolution No.

2002-01 to change the speed limit on W. Black Canyon from Highway 52 west to UA Avenue from 50mph to 40pmh. It was seconded and carried.

The Board recessed at 12:00pm to October 3, 2001, at 2:00am.

October 3, 2001

JAIL ISSUES: The Commissioners met to discuss the jail issues. After discussion with other elected officials, the decision was made to go with a jail bond on November 6, 2001, for the amount of \$3,300,000. A resolution will be adopted on Tuesday, October 9, 2001.

CLAIMS FOR THE FOLLOWING FUNDS WITH WARRANTS WRITTEN SEPTEMBER 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2001

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	\$ 152,469.44
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	111,908.63
CIGARETTE TAX/BLOCK GRANT	14,727.91
DISTRICT COURT FUND	30,394.63
COUNTY JUSTICE FUND	148,911.99
FAIR, GROUNDS & BUILDINGS FUND	6,501.79
III HEALTH DISTRICT FUND	6,047.63
CHARITIES & PENSIONS FUND	38,224.82
REVALUATION FUND	8,768.72
SOLID WASTE FUND	28,074.17
NOXIOUS WEED FUND	8,868.14
WATERWAYS FUND	2,178.86
INSURANCE POOL	7,413.38
AMBULANCE FUND	<u>28,392.79</u>
TOTAL	\$ 592,882.90

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk