



November 5, 6, 8, 2001, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on October 23, 2001, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001, at 8:00 a.m., and in special session on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001, at 1:00 p.m.

Present:	Ed Mansfield	Chairman
	Kathy Skippen	Commissioner
	Sharon Pratt	Commissioner
	Susan Howard	Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

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Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**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.

**PUBLIC HEARING - VACATION OF STREETS & ALLEYS IN SWEET TOWNSHIP:**

This public hearing was tape recorded. Chairman Mansfield read the Notice of Public hearing for vacating certain streets in the Sweet Township. He then read a letter into the record from Art Beal giving his original reasons for vacating the various streets and alleyways in the Sweet Township.

Mike Williams, P & Z Administrator, went over the recommendations of the P & Z Commission. He then yielded the floor to John Ploeger, P & Z Commissioner, who stated some of the reasons for the P & Z Commission's decisions. The laws in Idaho Code concerning land-locking and abandoning of parcels of property were taken into consideration. He and Mike Williams answered several questions from the Commissioners.

Public input was taken.

Mary Skippen stated some concerns and was against P & Z recommendations.

Mike Misnic had some comments about the logic of some of the P & Z recommendations.

Diane Lowrey stated that she was also against some of the recommendations. She wondered who would develop the roads that were left open if they were ever put in.

Paul Shay stated he was in favor of the recommendations of the P & Z Commission.

Art Beal stated opposition to some of the recommendations. Karen Shay asked questions about the width of some of the roads.

Richard Rex stated he is in favor of the vacations.

Mike Williams went over, on the map, the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendations.

Sherry Darnell asked some questions about the recommendations, which were answered by Mike Williams.

Commissioner Skippen asked some questions of Mike Williams, which were answered.

Karen Shay made a comment

Diane Lowery stated that if the County refuses to vacate a platted road, then the County should have to pay the expense of putting in the road. Chairman Mansfield told her that legal counsel told them that even though the County has the easement for a road, they don't have to build a road.

Mike Misnic stated that he agreed with Diane Lowery. The public hearing was closed and the decision was taken on advisement.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:** Sheriff Clint Short reported the inmate cost for the month of October. There were 7,055 miles with a cost of \$2398.70, man hours were 177½ with a cost of \$1775, and there was \$31,195 out-of-County costs, with a total of \$35,368.70.

Marilyn Frasier, Treasurer, reported they collected \$97,758.44 in property taxes and fees. The tax bills are being printed and will be going out soon. The Orchard Review Board will have a flyer for public education on fruit trees sent out with the tax bills. Marilyn asked about having the County Cares Christmas party for selected children in the County. She also asked about giving the day after Thanksgiving and the day before Christmas off with pay for all County employees.

Greg Himes, Assessor, reported that the State Tax Commission will meet with the Commissioners next Tuesday. Greg will present his re-mediation plan.

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

**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:

01-043 Application for additional help with medications from

now through February, 2002.

01-059 Application needed a subpoena signed for a hearing on November 20.

01-061 Application for additional medical expense through December, 2001.

02-001 Application for help with a second opinion for surgery.

02-002 Application for medical expenses

02-010 Application for help with two months' lease/option to buy payment.

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

A motion was made to approve 01-043 for medications through February, 2002, not to exceed \$122/mo, to sign a subpoena for 01-059, to approve 01-061 through December, 2001, to approve 02-001, to deny 02-002 because of available resources, and to table the decision for 02-010.

**JENSEN-LEAVITT INSURANCE - NOTARY BONDS:** Jensen Leavitt Insurance representatives met to propose an insurance policy to cover County notaries. The cost is \$12.50/notary/year. The Commissioners will look into it.

**BECKY AND JERRY DAVIS - COUNTY PROPERTY PURCHASE PROPOSAL:** Jerry and Becky Davis met with the Board concerning purchasing some County property on the corner of Union Lane and Highway 52. They own Gem County Auto and Truck Dismantling and would like to make an offer of \$1900/acre for 12 acres to build a home on and move their company onto. Their company is currently on Sales Yard Road. The Commissioners said that the property will have to be appraised and then a decision will be made.

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**The Board recessed to September 11, 2001, AT 8:00AM.**

**November 6, 2001**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED:** The minutes of October 22 & 23, 2001, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of October 22 & 23, 2001, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

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

**THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS EXTENDED:** A motion was made to give County employees November 23 and December 24, 2001, off with pay. It was seconded and carried.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:** Dennis Pulley, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported that they are putting the base grade on Timber Butte Road and some on Liberty. The Irrigation District is laying the pipe for the widening of the road on E. Idaho Blvd. The power poles on County Line Road will be moved by mid December and it will be blacktopped if time and weather allows.

Mike Williams, Planning & Zoning Administrator, reported that they had a P & Z Commission workshop where they worked on bylaws.

The P & Z Commission is doing an Ag survey. They are codifying the P & Z Ordinances. They will be doing a subdivision workshop.

They are working on rules for memorials placed on County road right-of-ways. Their monthly report showed 26 building permits for a total valuation of \$658,271, 6 zoning permits and 6 miscellaneous applications, with a total of \$11,978.00 fees collected.

Janelle Schnieder, Juvenile Probation Officer, reported that she has 81 juveniles on the caseload. She attended several meetings—one held by School District 221 concerning the Out of School program and others concerning the Gem County Jail, POST Academy, and the monthly district issues.

Martin Joyce, Landfill Supervisor, reported the YTD people (22,400) and tonnage (10,108), which were both up from last year. They are seeing a lot of waste brought in from the Boise Cascade Mill closure. The landfill will be closed on November 23 and December 24, 2001.

Mark Rekow, Ambulance Director, reported collections of \$8,851.98. They had 55 transports with 13 other calls that were not transported. Mark is still working on a new ambulance building site.

Morris Huffman, Economic Development Specialist, reported that the City and County are talking to business owners about going into the industrial park, but there has not been much interest. He is working with the Gem County Chamber of Commerce in looking for grants. The Idaho Northern Railroad is expecting to have 15,000 riders by the end of the year and Unimin is shipping more. Morris will be attending several meetings in the next couple of weeks.

Dennis Thayer, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that he has been doing a lot of work in the Ambulance shed and keeping the

outside cleaned up. The clock needs to be reset from day-light-savings time.

**ALL VALLEY INSURANCE AGENCY**: Stan and Pete Clements from All Valley Insurance met with some concerns about the insurance plan that is being proposed by Mutual Insurance Association, Inc., out of Pocatello. Stan and Pete would like to see a letter from an actuary who would be the ones who pay the claims. They seem to think that the company will not be able to financially give the coverage they promise. They are also afraid of the rate increases after the first year is completed. They cautioned the Commissioners to check some of these things out before committing to a three-year obligation.

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

**MORRIS HUFFMAN/SAGE COMMUNITIES SERVICE-INDUSTRIAL PARK**

**DEVELOPMENT**: Members of the steering committee for Gem County Economic Adjustment Strategy met with an overview of the possibilities of developing an industrial park in the County/City. The BMC West building has a set price and they are not interested in "dealing." Land owned by Steve Salskov also has a set price. Tax breaks, etc., have been offered as an incentive for a break in the prices of these properties.

John Blom, from Holladay Engineering, went over the project area map and plan with a preliminary cost of \$192,000 for improvements. This does not include the cost of purchasing the property.

Tom Hoppell went over the plans for paving the walking path on the Gem Island Sports Complex, and other projects in the planning stage.

Commissioner Ed Mansfield gave an update of all of the facilities on the Island. The basketball hoops are up, there is the completed 4/complex ball field, the fish pond is continually being stocked, there is money available for building a stage to be set up in the amphitheater after power is available there, and the walking path and skateboard park are continually being used. Boise Cascade has donated their shipping building to the Island and it will be put on skids temporarily and hopefully, eventually used for the Recreation District facility.

A report was given on the improvements in the Emmett downtown area. The CORE group has been organized with a theme and goals. There has been some street cleanup, painting, and putting up of awnings. They are in the second phase of a business survey.

Morris Huffman reported that the railroad has no plans on abandoning their line at this time. Thunder Mountain line is planning a continuation of operation through at least the end of

2002. They expect to have a 15,000 passenger load and also, the Unimin Company and Boise Cascade Beam Plant still have business for the railroad.

The next steps would be to identify land costs and zero in on the project boundaries, etc. Committed businesses with job market potential have to be identified. A meeting was set up on November 19, 2001, for making the final decisions.

**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 application:

02-010 Application for help with two months' mortgage payment.

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

A motion was made to approve 02-010 for \$1300 for October and November mortgage payments on a one-time basis and sign a statutory lien. It was seconded and carried.

**The Board recessed to November 8, 2001, at 1:00am.**

**November 8, 2001.**

**JAIL ISSUES:** Chairman Mansfield stated that some of the options with the jail are: continue as we are with sending inmates out of county, repair the old jail and try to bring it up to standards, or put the decision before a judge to decide.

Commissioner Skippen stated that her proposal would be to remodel the current jail and pay for it by cutbacks in County spending, including some employee layoffs. Chairman Mansfield stated that with the remodel, there would still be room for a limited number of inmates to be housed there. Commissioner Pratt feels that a remodel would only be a band-aid fix and she would rather see a judicial confirmation solution.

A decision was made to gather further facts and figures on all options before a final decision is made.

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

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND ..... \$ 106,403.50

Commissioner Minutes 11-05,06,08-01

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND .....	41,722.43
CIGARETTE TAX/BLOCK GRANT .....	4,144.70
DISTRICT COURT FUND .....	5,342.60
COUNTY FAIR FUND .....	1,900.73
COUNTY JUSTICE FUND .....	92,887.38
FAIR, GROUNDS & BUILDINGS FUND .....	1,774.97
CHARITIES & PENSIONS FUND .....	9,025.47
JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION FUND .....	1,500.00
REVALUATION FUND .....	11,005.59
SOLID WASTE FUND .....	30,052.97
TORT FUND.....	26,390.27
NOXIOUS WEED FUND .....	6,199.32
INSURANCE POOL .....	2,043.56
AMBULANCE FUND .....	<u>8,037.63</u>
TOTAL	\$ 348,431.12

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

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