



April 1 & 2, 2002, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on March 26, 2001, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 1st & 2nd day of April, 2002, at 8:00 a.m.

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

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

April 1, 2002

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED: The minutes of March 25 & 26, 2002, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 25 & 26, 2002, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD: A public auction will be held on April 22, 2002, to offer a home and property left to the County by Mary Alice Schaffer for the use and benefit of Walter Knox Memorial Hospital. The minimum bid accepted will be \$73,293. The price was determined by a cost survey done on the surrounding properties, and then subtracting \$2,000 because the home needs a new furnace. Any proceeds, minus selling expenses and an outstanding ambulance bill, will be given to the Hospital.

Commissioner Skippen left the meeting for a dental appointment.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Dennis Pulley, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported that County Line Road is now paved. Idaho Power is working on E. Idaho Blvd. and then the County will finish the widening. There is a lot of patching to do.

Mike Williams, Planning & Zoning Administrator, reported that there is a home on Cascade Road that may be condemned by the State Fire Marshal. The County may have to clean it up and then put the expense on the tax roll. They are working on the subdivision ordinance. They will be having zoning workshops during the P & Z Commission

meetings.

Newton Hawley, Building Official, reported there were 28 building permits, 3 zoning permits for manufactured housing, and 3 applications for special use, variances, rezones, administrative spits and subdivision preliminary plats issued last month. They collected a total of \$9,929 in fees, with is more than \$2,413 from last year.

Janelle Schnieder, Juvenile Probation Officer, reported there were 76 juveniles on the departmental caseload, with 19 cases pending.

Martin Joyce, Landfill Supervisor, reported that the landfill had almost 2,000 vehicles for the month and they were a little down in tonnage from last month. There will be a tire day in May.

Mark Rekow, Ambulance Director, had \$16,780 in collections. They had 52 transports, with 19 non-transports. They have had a total of 172 transports this year and 171 last year. Mark has asked for a \$150,000 for an Idaho Community Grant for a new ambulance building. He is getting a grant of \$11,000 to upgrade the radio system at the hospital and on the ambulances.

Morris Huffman, Economic Development Specialist, did not attend because of being in another meeting.

Dennis Thayer, Maintenance Supervisor, is off for two weeks medical leave.

Will Cook, Extension Agent, did not attend.

Jake Wyant, Acting Noxious Weed Supervisor, reported that the CWMA grants were tentatively approved. He ordered 17,000 bail tags for weed-free hay bales. Weed projects with the cooperatives will start this week. The burn in Montour went well and the area will be sprayed this month.

ELECTED OFFICIALS: Greg Himes, Assessor, reported that his office has almost finished with circuit breakers—April 15 is the deadline. Normally there are around 600 circuit breakers, but there are only about 300 this year so far. They will be close to reappraising 1/3 of the County, which is where the Assessor's office needs to be.

Marilyn Frasier, Treasurer, collected \$72,306 in property taxes in March. There were 10 unpaid 1998 property taxes. There are still warrants of distraint due from the Sheriff's office.

Clint Short, Sheriff, sent a report that stated there were 19 out-of-county inmates at the present time, with 2 in the modular. There was \$26,505 spent in out-of-County costs for the month of March.

Susan Howard, Clerk, reported that the clerk's office

is waiting for all of the declarations of candidacy to come in by the end of the week so the ballot can be worked up. She asked that everyone start turning in their asset inventory list each month.

Commissioners reported on the road improvements being done.

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:

02-024 Application for additional medical expenses for a second opinion.

02-040 Application for medical expenses.

02-042 Application for help with payment of rent.

02-043 Application needed a statutory lien signed.

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

A motion was made to approve 02-024, to approve 02-040, to deny 02-042 because no emergency existed, and to sign a statutory lien signed for 02-043. It was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Skippen came back into the meeting.

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

ERVIN CARSKADDON - SWEET STREETS: Ervin Carskaddon met with concerns about the closures of streets and alleyways in the Sweet Township. He had some proposals to present to the Board. The discussion was closed because the Commissioners have already had the hearing with all testimony given and have not yet made a decision. Mr. Carskaddon was notified directly by mail before that public hearing, giving the date and time of the hearing.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST UPDATE: Morris Huffman, Economic Development Specialist, met to update the Board on any economic development. A possibility of developing an industrial park somewhere in the County was discussed. There is a meeting tomorrow, April 2, 2002, with the City of Emmett, the County, Department of Commerce, EDGE, and Sage to discuss the plans for an industrial park. There is a scheduled meeting next Tuesday, April 9, 2002, with the various business people and other interested people to talk about forming a corporation to look at developing economic

opportunities in Gem County. Morris will be speaking on these subjects at the Lion's Club tomorrow.

WAYNE WEEKES - LETHA SEWER DISTRICT: Wayne Weekes, President of the Letha Sewer District, met with some concerns with the Letha Sewer District easement widths. When some of the roads and alleyways in Letha were vacated and/or closed, the County maintained the sewer easements, but there were no specified widths. He also asked if the County still owns the easements since there is now a Sewer District. The Prosecuting Attorney will be asked about it.

The Board recessed to April 2, 2002, at 8:00am.

April 2, 2002

Commissioner Mansfield was not in the meeting until 1:00pm because of attending the Older Americans Act Listening Session in Boise.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PUBLIC WALK-IN AND INPUT: No public attended.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Prosecuting Attorney Dick Linville advised that the County pay the Ingalls \$3,000 for the loss of trees in the widening of E. Idaho Blvd.

A nuisance order can be gotten through the court system to abate a property that is unsafe and unsightly in appearance. The County can also adopt an ordinance to abate a nuisance property.

PA Linville advised that utility easements on property are not usually a set width, just a "reasonable" amount to repair the utility. The County retains the easement, not the Sewer District, unless the County transfers it, which will be researched for the advisability of doing that.

PAYMENT TO INGALLS FOR LOSS OF TREES: A motion was made that County pay Leonard and Rosemary Ingalls \$3,000 for the loss of trees in the widening of E. Idaho Blvd. It was seconded and carried.

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

RUSS CAMPBELL - CITIZEN'S JAIL COMMITTEE: Russ Campbell, co-chairman of the Citizen's Jail Committee met to update the jail proposal they will be making soon. Everything is

still in draft form.

COUNTY SETTLES: A motion was made to sign the agreement to settle on U.S. District Court Case No. CIV 00-703-S-LMB. It was seconded and carried.

INDUSTRIAL PARK MEETING: The Commissioners attended a meeting at the Emmett City Hall Building with the City of Emmett, Gem County, SAGE, EDGE, and EDA concerning the grant that was submitted for an industrial park.

The Board recessed at 5:00pm to April 8, 2002, at 8:00am.

CLAIMS FOR THE FOLLOWING FUNDS WITH WARRANTS WRITTEN

March 1 – March 31, 2002

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| CURRENT EXPENSE FUND | \$ 108,753.58 |
| ROAD & BRIDGE FUND | 67,203.03 |
| CIGARETTE TAX/BLOCK GRANT | 13,949.90 |
| DISTRICT COURT FUND | 11,306.95 |
| COUNTY FAIR FUND | 16,900.73 |
| COUNTY JUSTICE FUND | 148,023.10 |
| FAIR, GROUNDS & BUILDINGS FUND | 1,700.22 |
| III HEALTH DISTRICT FUND | 6,057.09 |
| CHARITIES & PENSIONS FUND | 14,343.82 |
| JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION FUND | 1,100.00 |
| REVALUATION FUND | 10,242.23 |
| SOLID WASTE FUND | 16,780.95 |
| TORT FUND | 424.00 |
| NOXIOUS WEED FUND | 12,374.23 |
| WATERWAYS FUND | 953.85 |
| INSURANCE POOL | 4,903.80 |
| AMBULANCE FUND | <u>9,950.15</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 444,967.63 |

Approved: _____

Chairman

Attest: _____

Clerk