



August 26 & 27, 2002, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on August 20, 2002, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 26th & 27th day of August, 2002, at 7:45 a.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.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED: The minutes of August 19 & 20, 2002, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 19 & 20, 2002, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

JAIL UPDATE - BID AWARDS: Carlos Bilbao and Russ Campbell from the jail committee met with jail updates. With them were representatives from Kreizenbeck Construction and from Lombard-Conrad, with the bid summaries for the first bid package for the jail. Those bidding for the site work were Deer Flat Sand & Gravel, Jim Russell Excavation, Idaho Sand & Gravel, and Paul Construction. The bids for the concrete work were from C.B Contractors, E.M. Construction, Gepner Construction, and Sage Construction. The bids for the masonry work were from Sommer Builders and TMC. The only bid for doors, frames, hardware, and detention equipment was from A.B.S. A motion was made to award bids as recommended by Kreizenbeck Construction to the lowest bids, who were Deer Flat Sand & Gravel for \$122,000, C.B Contractors for \$131,190, Sommer Builders for \$246,420, and A.B.S. for \$239,770. The motion was seconded and carried.

FREEZEOUT FLAG CEREMONY - TRAFFIC RE-ROUTE: Janet Monti and Jim Olson met with an update on the flag ceremony scheduled for September 11, 2002, on Freezeout Hill. ITD needs a formal document stating that the Commissioners would approve the temporary closure of Highway 16 and rerouting

traffic down Old Freezeout. The Commissioners will write a letter of approval.

GEM COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION GRANT: Cathy Smith met to request support of a Gem Community Implementation grant of \$50,000 to help extend sewer lines across Highway 16 to a piece of property across from Gerikens Restaurant. Kings variety store wants to build a store on the property. The City of Emmett is showing a match of \$17,000. There will be 14 jobs created. A motion was made, seconded and carried to support the grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-19: A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 2002-19 in support of the Gem Community Implementation Grant. It was seconded and carried.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT BOARD INTERVIEW: In executive session, an interview was had for an opening on the Mosquito Abatement Board. No decision was made.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Morris Huffman, Economic Development Specialist, reported that they are moving ahead on the EDA pre-application for the proposed industrial park on Hwy 52.

WICAP GRANT: A letter of support was signed by the Board in support of Western Idaho Community Action Partnership (WICAP) receiving the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant for their service area.

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:

97-044 Application needed a release of statutory lien signed because of account being paid off.

02-072 Application for medical assistance.

02-078 Application for medical assistance and help with a power bill.

02-079 Application for rent and power assistance.

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

A motion was made to sign a release of statutory lien for 97-044, to deny 02-072 for lack of cooperation, approve assistance with power bill and sign a statutory lien for 02-078, and to deny 02-079 because no emergency exists. It was seconded and carried.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15pm and reconvened at 1:00pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: The public hearing was tape recorded. Chairman Mansfield read the Notice of Public Hearing for the purpose of adjusting the FY2002 for unanticipated revenue of \$2,500,000 to be put in Buildings and Grounds in the Current Expense Fund and \$35,000 in the General Fund Department in the Current Expense Fund. Clerk Howard noted that after some research, a new fund was created entitled "Jail Facilities Building Fund" in which both of those amounts will be put into. Chairman Mansfield asked for any public input, of which there was none, and then closed the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made to reappoint John Ploeger and Steve Ethington to the Planning & Zoning Board and to appoint Ida M. Church to the Hospital Board. It was seconded and carried.

SUNSET SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT REVIEW: John Wyman presented the final plat for the Sunset Subdivision. A motion was made to approve the final plat of the Sunset Subdivision, accepting the stipulations of the P & Z Commission, with an additional stipulation that they will follow the contract between Emmett Irrigation and Siller Farms, Inc. The motion was seconded and carried.

RIVERVIEW MANOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT REVIEW: R. P. Montgomery presented the final plat for the Riverview Manor Subdivision. A motion was made to approve the final plat for the Riverview Manor Subdivision with the stipulations provided by the P & Z Board with the following changes: providing for a written plan or map showing that irrigation water will be provided for irrigation water delivery before a building permit will be issued, and the system will be required to be in place before Certificate of Occupancy will be issued; the driveway entrances and driveway requirements will be determined by the ITD regulations and Gem County's requirements for driveway permits; the fire suppression water storage tank needs to be 4'x 8' x 16', with a continuous water flow of 20-25 gallons per minute. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Board recessed at 5:30pm to 7:00pm for an open forum held in the Gem County Courthouse.

OPEN FORUM: The Commissioners met in an open forum in the Emmett area, held in the Gem County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Commissioners Mansfield, Skippen, and Pratt, and Clerk Howard. There were approximately fifty citizens in attendance.

There was discussion about the continuation of mosquito spraying since the death of the Mosquito Abatement Manager and one employee. The Mosquito Abatement Board is working on training for the foggers and are currently working under Ada County's license. Evelyn Arreguy, a member of the Mosquito Abatement Board, attempted to answer questions. They are doing their best to get the abatement going again, although there are no plans to aerial spray in the near future. Discussion was had on the Mosquito Abatement budget.

The money from the sale of the bonds for building the new jail was discussed. They were told that a new fund was created in the budget, through a public hearing, to put money into and spend out of for the building of the jail.

More discussion was had on the mosquito problem. There have been three interviews for the one position open on the Mosquito Abatement Board. It was suggested that maybe the members of the Mosquito Abatement Board should have a chance to recommend who they would want appointed to the Board.

The general consensus of the public was that they would like to have the Mosquito Abatement Board try to get a new plane and pilot in as soon as possible. The Commissioners and the members of the Mosquito Abatement Board reported the hurdles that need to be jumped in order to make that happen. The Mosquito Abatement Board would be the ones who would hire a new pilot and plane, which would have to be done through the bid process.

Discussion was had on some of the County Road culverts that are causing drain ditches to back up, which are breeding spots for mosquitoes. The Mosquito Abatement Board has money set aside to help with cost sharing to assist property owners with their drain problems.

Some discussion was had on the 3% wage increase for County Employees. It was stated that each Department was given a 3% increase and it is left up to the Supervisor or Elected Official as to how the money is given out.

It was stated that there is a residence on Sales Yard that has a "junk yard" without a privacy fence they were supposed to put up five years ago. The Commissioners took the address and phone number of the person complaining.

The Board recessed at 9:15pm to August 27, 2002, at 8:00am.

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Commissioner Pratt was absent from the meeting until 1:00pm due to attending a Southwest District Health meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

JAIL BOND ISSUES: Bud Way, Bond Investment Banker, and Russ Campbell, Jail Committee Co-Chairman, met to discuss the handling of the proceeds of the bond money and/or interest. Idaho Code 57-220 states that "Any unexpended balance remaining after the accomplishment of such purpose or purposes shall be used and applied only to and for the payment and redemption of such bonds and the payment of interest thereon." Bud recommended that any interest earned by the bond monies could and should be used for the construction of the jail. If any money is left in the fund after the construction is done, it must go into the Bond Redemption Fund.

PUBLIC WALK-IN AND INPUT: There were no public in attendance.

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

The Prosecutor's office will come up with the contract specifications to put out the Public Defender's contract for bid.

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

INDIGENT HEARING: A hearing was held for Indigent Case No. 02-064. It was held in executive session. Those present were Commissioners Mansfield, Skippen, and Pratt, Clerk Howard, and Prosecuting Attorney Dick Linville. The applicant was not in attendance. After coming out of executive session, a motion was made to uphold the denial of application 02-064 because of lack of cooperation and, alternatively, the applicant does not meet the qualifications of indigency, based on the information received. 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). Deputy Clerk Sue Spencer presented the following indigent applications:

02-080 Application for assistance for power.

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

A motion was made to approve 02-080 for a one-time payment of \$293.58 and to sign a statutory lien. It was seconded and carried.

GUY PACKER - DUST ABATEMENT: Guy Packer, with Dust Abatement, met to give the Commissioners an overview of his business, which does treatment for dust abatement. The soil-cement product does not do a very good job because it makes the ground very hard and then small, fine dust particles come off of it, usually within a couple of days. It keeps the road from becoming wash-board. Dust Abatement has a product from Canada that they feel works very well. It was put on a small amount of a Gem County road last spring, but it has been reformulated since that time.

ALL VALLEY INSURANCE: Stan and Pete Clements from All Valley Insurance met with bids for medical insurance. They reported that they still don't have any numbers. It will be at least another week before they will get quotes for medical insurance.

The Board recessed at 5:00pm to September 3, 2002, at 7:45am.

Approved: _____

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Chairman

Attest: _____

Clerk