



September 3, 2002, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on August 27, 2002, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2002, 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:

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Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**LESLIE TOOMBS, SAGE - GRANT PRE-APPLICATION:** Leslie Toombs, from SAGE, met to go over a grant pre-application with EDA for funding of an industrial park. She went over the three phases planned on the 110 acres of land owned by the County on Highway 52. The grant would be \$2,000,000 from EDA and a \$500,000 block grant from the State, with a \$300,000 match for the value of the County land and \$60,000 in-kind match from the County. A motion was made to sign the preliminary grant. It was seconded and carried.

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED:** The minutes of August 26 & 27, 2002, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 26 & 27, 2002, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

**BOARD OF COMMUNITY GUARDIANS:** A motion was made to appoint Eilene Klinker to the Board of Community Guardians. It was seconded and carried.

**CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY:** A motion was made to approve the certificate of residency for tuition aid for LeAnn States to attend North Idaho College. It was seconded and carried.

**KUENZLI - COMP PLAN MAP AMENDMENT DECISION:** Discussion was had on the request of Ronald Kuenzli to amend the Joint Comprehensive Plan map, on which a public hearing was held. Commissioners Skippen and Pratt felt that the change would

be good, and the development decisions would be handled at a later date. Commissioner Mansfield stated that he was against it because developing that area would cause stress on the roads. Because the City of Emmett made the decision against the change, if the County decides for the change, it would affect the Comp Plan as far as it being a joint plan. A motion was made to approve the amendment to the comprehensive map on the area known as the Kuenzli property. It was seconded and carried with ayes from Commissioners Skippen and Pratt, and a nay from Commissioner Mansfield.

**PUBLIC WALK-IN AND INPUT:** Roberta Ushman asked about large animal control in the County. She wondered if the Prosecutor had ever drawn up an order to be able to impound them, which he hasn't. She asked when Jake Wyant will be named Supervisor of the Weed Department. She was told that the job will be advertised and Jake will be able to apply. She asked about the dry grass between the RV Park and the spot where the EMT office is. She was told that the Fair Board needs to take care of it because it is not noxious weeds. She asked about getting telephonic arrangements for the inmates and was told that some of the Counties holding Gem County inmates are not willing and/or able to accommodate telephonic hearings. She asked about when the temporary EMT office building will be made more presentable and the Commissioners told her they would check into it. She asked why the County pays for a part-time secretary for the Economic Specialist and she would like a list of all of the things the Economic Specialist has done for the County. The receptionist for the Development Services is used as a part-time position for an in-kind match for the Economic Development grant. She asked where the Sunset Subdivision and Riverview Manor Subdivision were located, and was told. She wanted to know when the County would be getting some new flags because the ones flying in front of the Courthouse are in pretty bad shape. The Commissioners thought that was a good idea. She was told that the County lost the Sander's appeal. Possibly, the decision now has to be revisited.

Kathleen Hunt asked about the wording on the jail bond ballot concerning the raising and lowering of the levy to collect taxes for the construction of the jail and it was explained to her that the levy will go up and down each year, but no more than the bond amount will be collected. She asked why the claim forms for the Commissioner expenses are not signed in the approval lines and was told that they

are listed on a report and the report is signed.

Charlene Taylor and a large group of citizens, along with the media, met to present petitions to the Commissioners, with over 1500 signatures, concerning the Mosquito Abatement Board. The petition asked that the Commissioners follow the plan that was mutually agreed upon by them, the FAA, and the Mosquito Abatement Board in March, 2002, and that all business done with the Mosquito Abatement Board be done in an open meeting and duly recorded in the minutes. Chairman Mansfield stated that the Board is committed to the Mosquito Abatement Board and it's plan. Commissioner Mansfield read a letter from Prosecuting Attorney Richard Linville stating that he now has an organic farm and has requested that his farm not be sprayed for mosquitoes and because of a perceived conflict of interest, is asking the Commissioners to obtain other legal council, if desired, on any mosquito issues.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS:** Prosecuting Attorney Dick Linville met with the Board to discuss several legal matters.

Dick will make several changes in the Findings of Facts for the Leon Hembree rezone.

Dick will talk to Debra Lish, P & Z Supervisor, about the steps to involve him in prosecuting those people who are violating P & Z ordinances.

Dick stated that the Commissioners need to revisit the Sanders decision and make it a top priority.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(f) concerning possible litigation. 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 12:45pm and reconvened at 1:15pm.**

**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:

02-064 Application needed a release of lien and Findings of Fact signed.

02-071 Application for rent assistance.

02-076 Application for additional medical assistance.  
02-082 Application needed a statutory lien signed.  
02-083 Application for help with a power bill of \$179.03.

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

A motion was made to sign a release of lien and the Findings of Fact for 02-064, to deny 02-071 because no emergency exists, to approve 02-076, to sign a statutory lien for 02-082, and to sign a statutory lien and approve 02-083 for \$179.03 on a one-time basis only. It was seconded and carried.

**ALL VALLEY INSURANCE - MEDICAL INS PROPOSALS:** Stan and Pete Clements from All Valley Insurance met with a medical insurance proposal from Primary Health. It was a 73% increase from the current policy, which is not acceptable. They are still working on proposals from other companies.

**MOSQUITO ABATEMENT BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED:** A motion was made to appoint Sally Rychert to the Mosquito Abatement Board. It was seconded and carried with ayes from Commissioners Mansfield and Skippen and a nay from Commissioner Pratt.

**The Board recessed at 5:00pm to 7:00pm for a Budget Hearing.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET:** There were approximately 20 people in attendance, including one reporter, three members of the public, and the rest being County Supervisors and Elected Officials, with several spouses. Chairman Mansfield opened the hearing, which was tape recorded. He then went through the tentative FY2003 budget, fund by fund, giving everyone an opportunity to ask questions. The several questions asked included: the enhanced 911 money, which is kept in a separate trust fund until spent; why the out-of-County expenses for the Sheriff was not more, which was because the new jail is supposed to be finished in April, 2003; why no part of dependant health insurance premiums are being paid by the County any more, which is because the fund does not have enough funds to carry them anymore, especially with the raise in health insurance premiums; how the County will pay for the increased health insurance premiums if there is not enough in the budget, which was answered that the agent knows what the budget is and is trying to find a company with a plan that will fit the budget; and a comment was made concerning increasing a contingency fund in the

General Fund to cover emergencies instead of each department building it into their own budgets.

A motion was made to approve the tentative FY2003 budget in the amount of \$9,486,552. It was seconded and carried.

The Board recessed at 8:00pm to September 9, 2002, at 7:45am.

**CLAIMS FOR THE FOLLOWING FUNDS WITH WARRANTS WRITTEN**

**August 1 – August 31, 2002**

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND .....	\$ 106,908.14
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND .....	115,806.69
CIGARETTE TAX/BLOCK GRANT .....	7,929.73
DISTRICT COURT FUND .....	38,843.04
COUNTY FAIR FUND .....	1,913.44
COUNTY JUSTICE FUND .....	129,173.54
FAIR, GROUNDS & BUILDINGS FUND .....	3,113.14
III HEALTH DISTRICT FUND .....	12,114.18
CHARITIES & PENSIONS FUND .....	22,026.97
REVALUATION FUND .....	11,079.28
SOLID WASTE FUND .....	18,682.10
NOXIOUS WEED FUND .....	12,032.62
WATERWAYS FUND .....	5,563.15
JAIL FACILITIES FUND.....	109,763.34
INSURANCE POOL .....	5,711.84
AMBULANCE FUND .....	<u>11,972.70</u>
TOTAL	\$ 612,633.90

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

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Chairman

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

Clerk