



**September 23 & 24, 2002, Emmett, Idaho**

Pursuant to a recess taken on September 10, 2002, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</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:

**September 23, 2002**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS SAID.**

**RURAL COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM:** On September 13, 2002, while in session for bid openings for the new jail, a motion was made to approve the proposal from SAGE to provide administrative services on behalf of Gem County for the proposed RCBG (Rural Community Block Grant Program) Grant on behalf of Shadow Butte Development Corporation and the Liberty Canyon Boys Ranch project, conditioned upon receipt of grant funding. It was seconded and carried.

**JAIL BIDS AWARDED:** On September 13, 2002, while in session for bid openings for the new jail, and after recommendation from Kriezenbeck Construction to take the low bids, a motion was made for an acceptance of bid and notice of award for bid packages No. 16 to DeBest Fire Protection at \$32,499, No. 17 to Inselman Plumbing at \$133,528, No. 18 to TML, LLC. at \$159,800, and No.19 to Romar Electric at \$292,278. It was seconded and carried.

**JAIL UPDATE:** Representatives from Kreizenbeck Constructors, Inc., met to go over the Project Cost Spreadsheet. Bid packages No.5-15 were awarded through a motion, seconded, and carried, to follow the recommendation of Kreizenbeck Constructors for the lowest bids: No. 5 to Sloan Fencing & Construction for \$4,875, No. 6 to Avalon Landscape for \$13,946, Inc., No. 7 to K & T Steel Corp. for \$73,490, No. 8 to Nitz Cabinet & Millwork for \$18,780, No. 9 to Pro Teck Roofing for \$55,200, Inc., No. 10 to Overhead Door Company for \$5,515, No. 11 to Commercial Constructors for \$161,900, No. 12 to Mesa Tile & Stone, Inc. for \$11,743, No. 13 to Schumacher & Co., Inc. \$8,847, No. 14 to National Coatings, Inc. for \$22,080, and No. 15 to Four Star Restaurant Supply, Inc., for \$63,491.

Mike Berard reported that all of the perimeter walls are done and the electrician and plumbers are getting their under-slab work done. The outside walls will be started this week. He described the roof structure to assure the Commissioners of the reliability of the roof. The building will be regularly inspected by the architect, the City of Emmett building inspector, and the appropriate state inspectors for each area. The plan has already been approved by the Sheriff's Association and the State Fire Marshal.

**IDAHO POWER EASEMENT GIVEN:** A motion was made to grant an easement to Idaho Power to install and maintain an underground electric power line and related facilities box. It was seconded and carried.

**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.

**WEED DEPARTMENT MATTERS:** Marge Hutchins, Weed Department Secretary, met to go over some bills and claims from the Weed Department.

**ALL VALLEY INS - HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS:** Pete and Stan Clements from All Valley Agency, Inc., met with proposals for health insurance from Blue Cross and from Blue Shield.

**PEOPLE'S FINANCIAL SERVICES:** Russ Campbell from People's Financial Services met with a proposal from Blue Shield for health insurance.

**BLUE CROSS AND ALL VALLEY AGENCY CHOSEN:** A motion was made to accept the Blue Cross Option 2 proposal from All Valley Insurance Agency, Inc. It was seconded and carried. It was a 12% increase from the cost of premiums currently paid to Primary Health.

**CONTRACT WITH INTERMOUNTAIN HOSPITAL, INC.:** A motion was made to accept the facility agreement contract with Intermountain Hospital, Inc., for provision of services of mentally ill Gem County residents, effective December 1, 2002, with an increase from \$590 per day to \$643 per day. It was seconded and carried.

**CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCIES:** A motion was made to approve Certificate of Residencies for tuition assistance for Jeanne Wilfong and Syd Carr to attend College of Southern Idaho. It

was seconded and carried.

**HOSPITAL BOARD BY-LAW AMENDMENT:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the amendment to Article XIII for the Hospital Board by-laws concerning forming a Finance Committee and a Quality Performance Improvement Committee.

**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:

02-060 Application for additional medical expenses.

02-077 Application for medical expenses.

02-086 Application needed a corrected statutory lien signed.

02-088 Application needed a statutory lien signed.

02-089 Application for assistance for rent and natural gas.

02-041 Application needed a withdrawal of an appeal hearing and release of lien signed.

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

A motion was made to approve 02-060, deny 02-077 because of lack of cooperation, to sign a corrected lien for 02-086, to sign a statutory lien for 02-088, to sign a statutory lien for and approve 02-089 for one month's rent of \$590 and the Intermountain Gas bill of \$63.32, on a one-time basis, and to approve the withdrawal of appeal and sign a release of lien on 02-041. It was seconded and carried.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - FY2003 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:** The hearing was tape-recorded. Chairman Mansfield read the Notice of Hearing to adjust the FY2003 budget to add to the District Court Fund, Juvenile Probation Department, a receptionist's salary of \$18,000 and an additional \$3,000 in medical insurance for an employee position that was left out by a clerical error in the approved budget—which amount would be covered from excess cash in that fund. After hearing that there were no comments, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to make the adjustment.

**PUBLIC HEARING - FY2002 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:** The hearing was tape-recorded. Chairman Mansfield read the Notice of Hearing to adjust the FY2002 budget to add \$100,000 to the budget of the Sheriff's Department in the Justice Fund for unanticipated out-of-County jail expenses—which amount would be covered from excess cash in the Justice Fund. After hearing that there were

no comments except a clarifying comment from Clerk Howard, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to make the adjustment.

**INDIGENT HEARING:** The hearing was held in executive session and was tape-recorded. A hearing was held for Indigent Case No. 02-059. Those in attendance were Attorney and representative from St. Luke's Hospital, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Tim Fleming, Commissioners Mansfield, Skippen, and Pratt, Deputy Clerk Spencer, County Clerk Howard, and the applicant. The hearing was closed. After coming out of executive session, a motion was made to continue the decision on the application with all information required in two weeks. It was seconded and carried.

**INDIGENT HEARING:** The hearing was held in executive session and was tape-recorded. A hearing was held for Indigent Case No. 02-079. Those in attendance were Commissioners Mansfield, Skippen, and Pratt, County Clerk Howard, and Deputy Clerk Sue Spencer. The applicant did not appear. The hearing was closed. After coming out of executive session, a motion was made to uphold the decision to deny 02-079. It was seconded and carried.

**The Board recessed at 5:00pm to attend an open forum at the Shadow Butte School at 7:00pm.**

**OPEN FORUM:** An open forum was held at the Shadow Butte School. Besides Commissioners Mansfield and Skippen and Clerk Howard, there was only one citizen in attendance. Topics of discussion were: watchers at the election polling places and at the central counting of votes, rotation of names on the ballot, why there are "funny" lines down the newly paved State Hwy 52, and some problems with the Letha Sewer District.

**The Board recessed at 8:00pm to September 24, 2002, at 8:00am.**

**September 24, 2002**

**Commissioner Pratt was gone to attend a Southwest District Health meeting until 1:00pm.**

**Pledge of Allegiance was said.**

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

**PUBLIC WALK-IN AND INPUT:** Emmett City Councilman Dennis White met to make final arrangements for joint City/County luncheon meetings. The Commissioners agreed that would be a good idea

and would like to start with a bi-monthly meeting, with an agenda. A tentative organizational meeting was set up on October 1, 2002, at LaCosta Restaurant, to decide who would conduct the meetings, who would take care of the agenda, who would be invited to attend, how often and where to meet.

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**ELECTED EMPLOYEE/DEPARTMENT HEAD HEALTH INS REVIEW:** Stan and Pete Clements from All Valley Agency Insurance met with elected officials and department heads to go over the new insurance with Blue Cross so that they can take the information back to the employees in their departments. There will be an employee meeting within the next two weeks to go over the policy in detail with employees.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT GIVEN:** A motion was made to accept the Public Defender/Conflict contract proposal from Bob Pangburn in the amount of \$95,000. It was seconded and carried.

**The Board recessed at 5:00pm to October 1, 2002, at 8:00am.**

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

Chairman

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

Clerk