



April 21 & 22, 2003, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on April 15, 2003, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 21 & 22 day of April, 2003, at 8:00 a.m.

Present:	Ed Mansfield	Chairman
	Sharon Pratt	Commissioner
	Michele Sherrer	Commissioner
	Susan Howard	Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

April 21, 2003:

**Pledge of Allegiance was said.**

**JAIL UPDATE:** Carlos Bilbao met to give an update of the jail. All of the parking lots should be open in the next couple of days. The kitchen equipment is still going in. The turn-over date for the jail should be about a week ahead of schedule, which could be May 6, 2003. The open house is still scheduled for April 25 and 26, 2003.

**BLM WEED AGREEMENT SIGNED:** A motion was made to sign the weed control agreement between the Gem County Noxious Weed Department and the Bureau of Land Management No. DAA000217. It was seconded and carried.

**GUILDFORD FINDINGS OF FACT:** A motion was made to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the approval of a rezone request by Pamela Guildford. It was seconded and carried by aye votes from Commissioners Mansfield and Sherrer, with Commissioner Pratt abstaining because of not being present at the public hearing.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-08:** A motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 2003-08 rezoning property located at or about 1140 Edgemont, Emmett, Idaho, owned by Pamela Guildford, from A-2 to R-3. It was seconded and carried by aye votes from Commissioners Mansfield and Sherrer, with Commissioner Pratt abstaining because of not being present at the public hearing.

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED:** The minutes of April 14 & 15,

2003, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 14 & 15, 2003, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

**BOISE NATIONAL FOREST PRESENTATION:** Randy Hayman and John Erickson from the Boise National Forest met with the Commissioners to visit about the status of their Forest Plan.

John Erickson discussed the Kennedy Creek Project, which is now in the appeal period. The appeal period is scheduled to be over in mid-May. The Forest Service is also now going to offer small timber sales. These would be in areas where they feel there is no controversy. The first timber sale will be available by September and further sales will be determined from the results of that sale. They hope to be able to offer small salvage or bug infested areas by September.

Randy Hayman went over the proposed Forest Plan. He said it is similar to a planning & zoning plan for a City. There are three forests involved in the State of Idaho. Gem County has almost 61,000 acres in the Boise National Forest. They are just now finishing the environmental review and analysis. He went over the timeline of the project, which should be released to the public with the final decisions on July 31, 2003. They would like to come back to visit with the Commissioners prior to the release to the public. They would like to get some idea as to what the Commissioners would like to see as the desired future condition (DFC) of the forests in Gem County. This could include roads, vegetation, recreation, grazing etc. The fire mitigation plan should fit very well with the Forest Plan. The Plan will be flexible enough to allow amendments as needed, allowing longevity to the Plan.

Discussion was had on the Squaw Creek Road where the road is continuing to fall off into the streambed. The Forest Service will be happy to partner in a solution, but they are not willing to take on the project themselves because of the liability issues of it being a County road. A road tour will be set up.

An update on the Forest Plan will be set up for sometime in June.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** Morris Huffman, Economic Development Specialist, met to go over any updates. He reported that he visited with Mayor Ron Morgan of the City of Emmett concerning economic development at the City airport. The Mayor seems interested, so Morris is

following up with a company that is interested in putting a business at the airport.

Morris will be meeting with Horseshoe Bend Chamber of Commerce tonight. They are interested in forming an economic development corporation. A grocery store may be going in at Horseshoe Bend. Cascade Raft is putting a store in Horseshoe Bend.

Tuesday Morris will be meeting in Idaho City.

There has been a second group of letters sent to businesses in the Treasure valley, recruiting for the Shadow Butte Industrial Park. There has to be a commitment of 50 jobs by July for the current project to go forward as planned.

**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:

02-018 Application needed a statutory lien released because of a bankruptcy.

03-043 Application for assistance on an Idaho Power bill.

03-044 Application for assistance on an Idaho Power bill.

01-030 Application needed a statutory lien signed.

03-033 Application for medical assistance.

03-042 Application for medical assistance needed a statutory lien signed.

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

A motion was made to sign a statutory lien release for 02-018, to deny 03-043 because of lack of cooperation there being available resources, to approve and sign a statutory lien for 03-044, to sign a statutory lien for 01-030, to deny 03-033 because of lack of cooperation, and to sign a statutory lien for 03-042. It was seconded and carried.

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

**BOARD OF COMMUNITY GUARDIANS REPORT:** Barbara Pultz, Chairperson of the Gem County Board of Community Guardians, met with their annual report. They held their minimum required number of four meetings for the year. They have seven board members, with five of their terms expiring this August. Those five members have all agreed to a reappointment, if the Commissioners choose to do so. Recruitment is ongoing. The maximum number of board members is eleven. They have two clients under their care

now, one who lives in Canyon County. There is a possibility of three clients. Barbara said that she would like to see inter-county transfers defined and she would also like to see some training. The Board is asking the County for no financial help this year.

**JOHN BOHLIN - CHERRY LANE MATTERS:** John Bohlin met with concerns about the width of Cherry Lane. He said there are accidents that he feels are caused by the narrowness of the road. He stated that the speed limit is 35 mph, which he feels is too fast. Road & Bridge Supervisor Dennis Pulley agrees that the road is narrow. The Commissioners will talk to Dennis and see where it might fit into his long range plan, if it is feasible at all.

**PLANNING & ZONING FEES:** Planning & Zoning Supervisor Debra Lish, Assessor Greg Himes, and mapper John Henderson, met to discuss planning & zoning fees. No decisions were made.

**PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES:** Tina Turner, Realtor, met with the Commissioners and Planning & Zoning Supervisor Debra Lish to go over a couple of P & Z issues. Tina Turner stated that she needs to be clear on some of the information in letters coming from the Planning & Zoning office. Discussion was had on the issues. Debra stated that from now on, anything going out of the P & Z Office will be researched and double-checked before it goes out of the office. They will also require a written request to any question before an answer is given, in writing.

**HOLLADAY ENGINEERING - INDUSTRIAL PARK ENGINEERING REPORT:** John Blom from Holladay Engineering gave a preliminary engineering summary report on the Shadow Butte Industrial Park. DEQ still needs to give authorization for the on-site water system. They should have no problems getting authorization from DEQ after the Department of Water Resources approves it. The included items in the report were: Highway 52 plans, the well water right application to DWR, water system improvements, and wastewater system improvements. Mr. Blom went over each part of the report.

Leslie Toombs from Sage Community Resources gave an update on the grants for the Shadow Butte Industrial Park. The project may come to a standstill if no business or businesses step forward to commit to coming to Gem County.

**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR JOB INTERVIEWS:** Two interviews were done for the Maintenance Supervisor job opening. The

interviews were done in executive session.

**U.S. COMMUNITIES CONTRACT WITH OFFICE DEPOT:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried, to not allow County employees to make personal purchases through the U.S. Communities contract with Office Depot.

**The Board recessed at 5:00pm to reconvene at 8:00am on April 22, 2003.**

**April 22, 2003**

**— Commissioner Pratt was absent from the meeting.**

**— 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.

**INDIGENT HEARING:** The hearing was tape-recorded and held in executive session. Those present were Commissioners Mansfield and Sherrer, Prosecuting Attorney Richard Linville, Deputy Clerk Sue Spencer, and an attorney and staff member from St. Luke's Hospital. The applicant did not appear. No decisions were made, the hearing was closed, and, through motion, the Commissioners came out of executive session.

A motion was made to uphold the denial of indigent application 03-017 because no further information was brought forth. It was seconded and carried.

**ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:** Russ Manwaring from RC&D met with information and a contract proposal for an All Hazard Mitigation Plan. There is a local cash match of \$2,250. The format follows the FEMA guidelines. A motion was made, seconded, and carried, to sign the proposed plan, upon approval of RC&D.

**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR JOB INTERVIEW:** An interview was held with one person for the Maintenance Supervisor job opening. The interview was done in executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(f) pending litigation. Those governing bodies present in the meeting were Commissioners Mansfield, Pratt, and Sherrer.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to come out of executive session. No decisions were made.

**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR JOB INTERVIEW:** An interview was held with one person for the Maintenance Supervisor job opening. The interview were done in executive session.

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Commissioners Pratt and Sherrer left for a Welfare Conference in Moscow.

**SAGE COMMUNITY RESOURCES:** Shawn Charters from Sage Community Resources met with Commissioner Mansfield to review the presentation for the Ambulance building grant.

The Board recessed at 3:00pm to 9:00am on April 25, 2003.

**April 25, 2003**

**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR INTERVIEWS:** In executive session, the Commissioners interviewed eight candidates for the position of Maintenance Supervisor. No decisions were made.

The Board recessed at 1:30pm to 8:00am on April 28, 2003.

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

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