



May 27, 2003, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on May 20, 2003, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 27th day of May, 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:

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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.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED: The minutes of May 19 & 20, 2003, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of May 19 & 20, 2003, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC WALK-IN AND INPUT: Albert Bachleta met with the Commissioners with concerns about the 45mph speed limit on Plaza Road. He feels the number of subdivisions and people in that area warrant a change to 35mph. He has not visited with his neighbors about the change. The Commissioners will visit with the Road & Bridge Supervisor concerning Mr. Bachleta's request.

Meridith Dahlin, Counselor at Emmett High School and Black Canyon High School, met to discuss support for a grant to help bring a Physical Education program to Black Canyon High School. The program would help give at-risk students an opportunity to earn elective physical education credit at the same time they learn lifetime sports skills. She will bring in a draft support letter for the Commissioners to review. (The letter was brought in and a decision was made to sign the letter of support.)

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:

03-049 Application for assistance with medications for two months.

02-088 Application appeal hearing needs to be postponed until September.

03-033 Application needed an appeal hearing scheduled.

03-042 Application needed an appeal hearing scheduled.

03-045 Application needed an appeal hearing scheduled.

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

A motion was made to approve 03-049, to sign a postponement of hearing for 02-088, and appeal hearings were scheduled for 03-033, 03-042, and 03-045. It was seconded and carried.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Tim Fleming met concerning legal matters.

After June 16, 2003, the County can proceed with cleaning up a parcel of private property on Cascade Road, with the costs attached to a lien on the property. The owners have not responded in cleaning up the property.

There needs to be an ordinance and publication of the summary of the vacations of streets in Sweet.

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

Commissioner Pratt left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

BYRON KEELY, LHTAC - DEWEY ROAD EXTENSION: Byron Keely from LHTAC met to discuss the funding of the proposed Dewey Road Extension. He stated he feels that Federal funds are the only thing available at this time. There is about \$4.5 million of State exchange money available. There is Public Lands Discretionary money that may be open through the Federal government.

Bureau of Land Management's stand on the proposed extension is that it would not enhance the environmental impact, but it may be a problem with certain animal or plant habitat in the area. Depending on how and where the road is constructed, it could have low or no environmental impact.

Byron stated that the planning dollars of the project would be a major portion of the funding. He thinks a general proposal could be put together to see if the funding is feasible. Federal projects tend to use the more extensive environmental impact statement rather than the less extensive environmental assessment. Projects are

expedited through BLM when it is a Federal Highway Administration project because the assessments have been done by the time it gets to the BLM.

Byron went through the steps of doing a federally funded program. He feels there are two or three parallel tracts that could be taken to see if any of them would work for the project. By February, the County could know whether there would be funding available to apply for a Federal Aid program in 2004. The project needs to be defined so that it would be admitted for funding consideration. It would be a two-County, plus Farm Bureau project, which may help. Shadow Butte Development Corporation could act as a private contractor for the project, which would alleviate the necessity for putting it out for bid. If the project could be shown that it would help the economic development of the area, it would help with funding.

There needs to be a Multi-Jurisdictional Transportation Planning Group formed before any application is presented.

CHRISTINA RYAN, BUTTE ROAD: Christina Ryan, from Holladay Engineering, presented a letter estimating the cost of moving the old Butte Road bridge to the Gem Island Sports Complex the same day it is removed in order to put in the new bridge on Butte Road. The abutments would have to be ready at the Gem Island Sports Complex on that day. Christina had an estimate of that cost, in the letter. She will check the approximate date of the Butte Road bridge project schedule and get the letter back to the Commissioners.

The Commissioners signed a letter to Idaho Transportation Department to inform them that the intentions of the Board is to re-use the Butte Road historic bridge at the Gem Island Sports Complex.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on June 2, 2003.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk