



June 2 & 3, 2003, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on May 27, 2003, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 2nd and 3rd day of June, 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:

June 2, 2003:

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE: A motion was made to approve a transfer of alcoholic beverage license from Albertson's Store #140 to Albertson's Store #126 and to approve a new alcoholic beverage license for Albertson's Fuel Center #126. It was seconded and carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Kim Reed, Assistant Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported they are busy prepping roads for seal coating, which will be done the first part of July. They are stock-piling chips at the Triangle Restaurant near Montour and at Hanna. They are trying to keep the gravel roads graded. There has been some overtime put in because of dragging trees that were blown over in the storms this month, out of the roads. The new water truck should be in service this week.

Debra Lish, Planning & Zoning Administrator, will have a training meeting today with FEMA, in the P & Z Office. Debra isn't sure that their office should be over the FEMA requirements. There are five items of business for the next Planning & Zoning public hearing. Debra has posted the "free trash day" newspaper article at various places around the County and has sent letters to six property owners asking that they clean up their property.

Janelle Schnieder, Juvenile Probation Officer, reported she currently has 100 juveniles currently on her caseload, with 3 new juvenile petitions. Five juveniles served detention during the month. There were no juveniles on the Electronic Monitor and 33 UA's were collected during the month.

Martin Joyce, Landfill Supervisor, reported that the free trash day will be on June 7. The landfill took in 874 tons of trash from 2,619 vehicles, which doesn't include Fridays and Saturdays. This is up 45 tons and 172 vehicles for the year. Martin is still looking for a D9 Cat.

Mark Rekow, Ambulance Director, reported 86 ambulance transports and 29 non-transport calls. There were 7 responses to the jail. Collections were \$11,731.98. They are getting ready for Cherry Festival parking issues around the EMS building. Mark is looking for a construction manager. He has put in for a grant for a new ambulance.

Jake Wyant, Noxious Weed Supervisor, reported that they have their Lower Payette projects done, with a lot of scotch thistle treated. The Upper Payette project will be under way soon. He is working on the Eurasian Millfoil project. They will be helping with a Valley County project this month. Montour project will probably be started this month. Jake is working on weed-free hay certification. He has private individuals helping with several weed projects. State highways are being worked on. He has had two plant identifications they had to send in. It is a very busy month. A seasonal worker had an accident and rolled a four-wheeler. The employee's shoulder injury is still being evaluated

Dee Dee Quill, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that the roof needs to be repaired. The sprinkler system needs to be repaired because it is causing flooding into the basement. The system is still under warranty. An electrician needs to be hired to do some repair on a generator electrical box.

Morris Huffman, Economic Development Specialist, reported he has meetings in Idaho City this week to help get their economic development corporation going. There is a GEDA meeting on Thursday where there will be discussion on how to keep the Community Review going. Morris thinks there should be input from the Commissioners on the matter. Morris has a CEDS meeting and an EDGE Board meeting this week.

Will Cook, County Extension Agent, reported that the numbers for 4-H membership and leaders are up. There will be more projects for the Fair this year. There is Mormon Cricket bait available to private landowners. The Orchard complaint cleanup went pretty well. Will has received a call on another Orchard problem.

ELECTED OFFICIALS: Greg Himes, Assessor, reported that assessment notices need to be sent out today. He happily

reported that the County assessments are all up to date and in compliance. Funds for a new burster need to be put in the FY2004 budget. Greg is still working on putting together an information technology committee.

Marilyn Frasier, Treasurer, reported collecting \$242,078.45 in tax collection. She is busy with June collections. Marilyn feels that the Letha Sewer District should come before the Commissioners to get approval before putting delinquent fees on the tax assessments and that it should not be allowed unless an outside audit is done on the District.

Clint Short, Sheriff, reported they are working on getting a number of inmates from the State. There are currently 3 out-of-County inmates in the jail. Things are going pretty good. There was a jail inspection by the Sheriff's Association. It went well.

RETURN CHECK POLICY: A motion was made to change the charge for returned checks from \$10 to \$25 and to change the verbiage to read "all returned checks" instead of "insufficient funds."

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(d). Discussion was had on an emergency indigent application.

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

A motion was made to approve emergency prescription expense for one month's medication for a possibly indigent person until an interview is scheduled and proof of residency is established. It was seconded and carried.

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

MAGGIE SAUNDERS - EMMETT HIGH SOCCER BOOSTERS: Maggie Saunders, representing the Emmett High Soccer Boosters, met to ask if they could put a registration booth and base camp for an ice water fund raiser selling, on the grass in front of the County Courthouse during Cherry Festival. The Commissioners supported the program, but made the decision to not allow any booths on the Courthouse grounds. Maggie was encouraged to contact some of the private business owners in the vicinity.

AL CINNAMON - TITLE V: Lyndsey Juel, Al Cinnamon, and

Assessor Greg Himes met to discuss a Title V grant. They requested a letter from the Commissioners agreeing that the County would be the fiscal agent for a Title V grant for the Starfish Promise Coalition. There is a 50% match requirement for the grant, which can be in-kind services or cash. Discussion was had on the possible uses of the grant. A motion was made that Gem County act as the ULG (Unit of Local Government) for the Title V grant and recognize the 21-member PPB (Policy Prevention Board). It was seconded and carried.

MARY JO FREEMAN - SENIOR CENTER: Mary Jo Freeman, Lois Meserole, and Dale Lombard from the Gem County Senior Center met with the Board. They went over the programs they have for the seniors in the County at the present time and some programs they would like to see in the future. They served over 1,950 meals last month and over 600 meals-on-wheels. The fees for the meals are all voluntary amounts for seniors. There are grants that are helping to fund the programs, but it is not enough. They would like to see the City help financially and the County a little more. One idea would be to add their vehicles to the County fleet for insurance.

One of the big issues is the Sunshine Program which is a day-care two days a week for seniors. They are committed through a grant to keep the day care program for a certain amount of years, which is not up yet. The Senior Center participates in the Food Bank, which helps.

The Center has a lot of expenses that keep mounting up and the money is not there to take care of them. They would like help with paying water and sewer bills and maybe some of their maintenance costs. The amount they are asking for from the FY2004 County budget is \$6,000. The Commissioners told them they would do the best they can.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on June 3, 2003.

June 3, 2003

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

BRIAN CRAWFORD - LANDFILL: Gem County Landfill Supervisor Martin Joyce, Bob Poertner and Brian Crawford from Southwest District Health, and John Blom from Holladay Engineers met to discuss issues of the landfill. April 26, 2004, is the deadline to meet several new DEQ requirements.

There are operations and maintenance requirements regulated by SWDH, and also siting requirements regulated by DEQ. There will now be set rules and an operations and maintenance manual.

SWDH has done an inspection of the Gem County Landfill and the transfer sites at Ola and Montour. In Ola there is a water stream within 25 feet of the dumpsite. There will have to be special care taken to not get any trash in the stream. The signs will need more information added to them, i.e. emergency phone number, hours of operation, and type of trash taken and not taken. The employees will need to be careful about documenting the kind and amount of waste taken in. The Landfill and transfer stations are already meeting most requirements.

DEQ requires a siting plan by an engineer. The preliminary engineering plan done by Holladay Engineering can probably be used, with some updating.

NEWTON HAWLEY - BUILDING ISSUES: Newton Hawley, Building Official, reported that they issued 27 building permits, 4 zoning permits, and 3 other applications, for a total of \$16,389 collected from all fees. He did 71 inspections for the month.

Newton feels there should be a miscellaneous inspection fee that would be adjustable depending on the inspection. He would like to see the Commissioners adopt the 1997 Uniform Building Code valuation and fee schedule. This would put Gem County in line with the City of Emmett and the surrounding counties. No decision was made.

SBDC - INDUSTRIAL PARK: Steve Salskov, Cheryl Conrad, and Rick Weekly, members of the Shadow Butte Development Corporation Board of Directors, Economic Development Specialist Morris Huffman, Shawn Charters from Sage Community Resources, and Gem County P & Z Coordinator Debra Lish met with the Commissioners. The discussion centered on getting support from the Commissioners for Shadow Butte's effort to site the Treasure Valley Renewable Resources Biorefinery at the proposed Shadow Butte Industrial Park, and to obtain authorization to spend approximately \$5,000 for a site feasibility study to determine the ground water at the proposed plant site. Points of discussion were economics, land use, utilization of existing infrastructure, leverage for infrastructure improvements, people/workforce, and aggregate technology model. SBDC concludes that the potential for the Shadow Butte Industrial Park becoming a reality is greatly

improved by a commitment from this plant.

The plant, as presented, would require no public hearing because it completely fit within the zoning requirements of the Shadow Butte Industrial Park site. It will also fit in with the EDA grant. Most of the \$5,000 expense site feasibility study can come out of the existing grant money. A draft proposal was presented to the Commissioners.

A motion was made to allow the excess funds of the existing EDA grant, including the amount approved for a site sign, to allow up to the \$5,000 expense for the site feasibility study on the Shadow Butte Industrial Park. It was seconded and carried.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Prosecuting Attorney Richard Linville met concerning legal matters.

Mr. Linville stated that by trying to approve the Commissioner Meeting minutes at the end of the meeting will better serve the public by having them available and getting them on the web sooner. If anyone requests a copy of the raw minutes that are printed at the time of approval, they may receive them by signing a disclaimer.

After public auctioning of County property, the County may then sell the property privately. The County is obliged to try to get full value of the property, or sell it at any price deemed by the Commissioners to be the best interest of the County.

Wayne Weeks, Chairman of the Letha Sewer will be asked to meet with the Commissioners. Mr. Linville would like to be present at the meeting.

Mr. Linville will check to see if a denial of a comprehensive map change needs to have a Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law written.

Tracy Fedrizzi, Victim Witness Coordinator, presented a grant award acceptance of \$26,756 for Chairman Mansfield to sign. She reported that she has received two more grants for domestic violence, which will be used for training for all sheriff deputies and police officers.

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.

The Board recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch to reconvene at

1:00 p.m.

JAKE BALL - SENATOR MIKE CRAPO'S OFFICE: Jake Ball from Senator Crapo's office met with the Commissioners. He introduced himself and brought regards from Senator Crapo. Discussion was had on the Community Assessment and the Dewey Road extension project.

The Commissioners had office time and worked on their budget.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED: The minutes of June 2 & 3, 2003, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 2 & 3, 2003, as read and corrected. It was seconded and carried.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on June 9, 2003.

CLAIMS FOR THE FOLLOWING FUNDS WITH WARRANTS WRITTEN May 1, 2003, to May 31, 2003:

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	\$ 104,935.99
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	227,463.12
CIGARETTE TAX/BLOCK GRANT	<8,066.66>
DISTRICT COURT FUND	39,259.76
COUNTY FAIR FUND	2,010.30
COUNTY JUSTICE FUND	165,943.81
FAIR, GROUNDS & BUILDINGS FUND	2,615.34
III HEALTH DISTRICT FUND	6,037.00
INDIGENT	25,723.87
JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION FUND	150.00
REVALUATION FUND	9,174.89
SOLID WASTE FUND	18,288.06
NOXIOUS WEED FUND	9,703.20
WATERWAYS	2,261.77
JAIL FACILITIES BUILDING	166,114.54
INSURANCE POOL	2,274.78
AMBULANCE FUND	12,802.22
TOTAL	\$ 786,691.99

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk

