



December 8 & 9, 2003, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on December 2, 2003, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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:

December 8, 2003:

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PAYROLL CLAIMS APPROVAL: After reviewing the claims approval for the November payroll, a motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to sign the approval. It was seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried unanimously.

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Sherrer, and carried unanimously to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(d). Deputy Clerk Sue Spencer presented the following indigent applications:

03-059 Application needed a Release of Statutory Lien signed.

03-072 Application needed a Release of Statutory Lien signed.

04-025 Approval for burial needed signatures by Commissioners Mansfield and Sherrer.

04-026 Application for rent assistance.

04-027 Application for rent deposit assistance.

04-028 Application for medical assistance needed a Statutory Lien signed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Sherrer, and carried unanimously to come out of executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt to sign Releases of Statutory Lien for 03-059 and 03-072, to have Commissioners Mansfield and Sherrer sign the approval for burial and sign a Statutory Lien for 04-025, to deny 04-026 because no emergency exists, to deny 04-027 because no emergency exists, and to sign a Statutory Lien for 04-028. It was seconded by

Commissioner Sherrer and carried unanimously.

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

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS:** The hearing was tape-recorded. Commissioner Mansfield presented the alcoholic Beverage License applications. Seeing no one present with any objections, Commissioner Sherrer made a motion to approve all of the applications presented for licenses, which included, Cheryl Lee dba Sweet Service 3, Wes Cayford dba Round-Up, Duane Corn dba The Cherry Blossom, B & W Fuels Inc/Kristi Stout dba Wild Willy's, Albertson's Inc/Frank W. Mattern dba Albertson's Fuel Center #126, Albertson's Inc/Frank W. Mattern dba Albertson's #126, Lin-Hung Bruce Lee dba Beijing Restaurant, D & L Inc/Laura Way dba By Rite, Vicki and Jeff Tikala dba Tik's Tavern, Mike Gurney dba Cloverleaf Restaurant, Mike Gurney dba Mike's Super Store, and Jose Jaime Germain dba La Costa Mexican Restaurant. It was seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer, seconded by Commissioner Pratt, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b) concerning personnel. Those governing bodies present in the meeting were Commissioners Mansfield, Pratt, and Sherrer. A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Sherrer, and carried unanimously, to come out of executive session. No decisions were made.

**WILL COOK - EXTENSION PROGRAM:** Will Cook, Terri Nyce, Melissa McDaniel, and Stephanie Shank from the Extension Office met to go over the programs of their office. Some of the areas served from this office include horticulture, fruit, dairy, beef, crops, and 4-H.

Stephanie Shank made a presentation on the Idaho 4-H Impact Study, of which four schools in Gem County were random participants. She also shared statistics from the National Educational Longitudinal Study. The 4-H enrollment in Gem County has increased in the last three years from 137 to 195, with an increase in leaders from 47 to 54.

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

**December 9, 2003**

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**Pledge of Allegiance was said.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** Morris Huffman, Economic Development Specialist, met to give a report on the 2003 Idaho Rural Summit conference that he attended, and to update the Board on other matters.

He presented the Idaho Department of Commerce FY2004 Performance Plan. It is part of a three-year strategic plan. Their objectives are to create jobs, strengthen communities, and market Idaho. Ideas were given for strategies and tactics to accomplish the objectives. Morris reported on the meeting he had concerning the objectives and he went over the information he gleaned from the meeting.

Dennis Drake, from Renewable Energy of Idaho, Inc., met to introduce himself and let the Board know that his company is planning to open a business at the previous Boise Cascade site. The business will create energy from burning wood. A lot of the wood will be wood products from landfills and private sources such as demolition companies. There will be some green wood burned. Their largest contract is with the Ada County landfill. This business will create approximately 14 jobs. They are in negotiations with Idaho Power for a contract to sell their produced energy.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS:** Prosecuting Attorney Richard Linville met with the Board on legal matters.

The Board can make a motion for a policy change to only pay for indigent cremations and not burials.

Public hearings that have been scheduled and their notices published in the newspaper can be postponed or continued if the Board so chooses.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer, seconded by Commissioner Pratt, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b) concerning personnel and (1)(f) concerning probable litigation. Those governing bodies present in the meeting were Commissioners Mansfield, Pratt, and Sherrer. A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Sherrer, and carried unanimously, to come out of executive session. No decisions were made.

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**FIRE MITIGATION PLAN MEETING**: The Commissioners attended a Fire Mitigation Plan meeting at the USDA building from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**RON ERICKSON - RACETRACK VLT'S**: Ron Erickson from Southern Gaming met with the Board concerning the possibility of putting VLT casino gaming machines in the Gem County. They would like to get the measure ready for the November election. Mr. Erickson went over the timetable for getting the initiative on the ballot. The format will need to be approved by the Secretary of State's Office first and then they will need to get 25,000 names on petitions before that can happen. He left a copy of the draft initiative and asked that the Commissioners draft a resolution in support of the initiative.

Mr. Erickson stated that having the VLT gambling at the Gem County Fairgrounds will help fund improvements at the Fairgrounds, help with the facilities for the 4-H program, and will help the agriculture industry in the community. He went over the formula for the funding.

The Commissioners will have the Prosecuting Attorney review the draft initiative and the proposed resolution. A decision will be made after the review.

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

**INDIGENT APPLICATIONS**: A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer, seconded by Commissioner Pratt, and carried unanimously to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(d). Deputy Clerk Sue Spencer presented the following

indigent applications:

04-029 Application for heating assistance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer, seconded by Commissioner Pratt, and carried unanimously to come out of executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt to approve heating bill and deposit for 04-029. It was seconded by Commissioner Sherrer and carried unanimously.

**The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on December 15, 2003.**

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

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