



January 18, 2005, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on January 11, 2005, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 18<sup>th</sup> day January, 2005, at 8:00 a.m.

Present:	Sharon Pratt	Chairman
	Michele Sherrer	Commissioner
	Lan Smith	Commissioner
	Susan Howard	Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

**BID OPENING:** A bid opening was held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2005, at the Gem County Courthouse for applying pit run, road mix, and asphalt to approximately 2,600 lineal feet of a trail-way and a separate bid for removing existing concrete and debris from the site across the river from Gem Island Sports Complex on the Recreation District property along the County easement.

Idaho Concrete, Co. dba Staker Parson Companies, with a 5% bid bond and documents in place and signed, presented a bid amount of \$38,600 for applying pit run, road mix, and asphalt to approximately 2,600 lineal feet of a trail-way and \$11,200 for the removal of existing concrete and debris from the site.

Irvco Asphalt and Gravel, Inc., dba Shane Poe, with a 5% bid bond and documents in place and signed, presented a bid amount of \$35,300 for applying pit run, road mix, and asphalt to approximately 2,600 lineal feet of a trail-way and \$17,000 for the removal of existing concrete and debris from the site.

Tom Hoppell, the grant writer, stated that everything seemed to be in order for both bids and he has worked with both companies and has no problem working with either of them. He recommended that the low bid from Irvco Asphalt receive the bid award for the pit run and asphalt for \$35,300 and the low bid from Idaho Concrete receive the bid award for removing the concrete from the site for \$11,200. If there is money left in the grant award, it will be used to increase the size of the parking lot or whatever is in the scope of work that was within the parameter of the bid.

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**Pledge of Allegiance was said.**

**INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND INFORMATION:** Representatives from the Co-Generation Plant project met with the Commissioners. Richard Vincent presented their plan for putting in a co-generation plant in Gem County. They will be moving an existing plant here, with updates to meet the requirements that are needed. They will have a small stud mill and a shaving/bagging plant on the site. They have already been awarded two small timber and thinning projects from the Forest Service. They also have a contract with the Ada County Landfill for all of their scrap lumber that comes into the

Landfill. There will be 42 good-paying jobs on site, with more jobs created off site. They have a contract with Idaho Power for the electricity generated. There are tax-exempt revenue bond programs all over the United States that are helping to finance projects like this one. The bond requirements are: a power purchase agreement, which they have, the availability of fuel for the 10-year bond period, and a capital cost. They asked for a resolution from the Commissioners to go to the State to provide a bond cap of \$10,000,000 for the program. It was stated that all of the emission amounts are lower than is required. It also meets all of the EPA and the Department of Environmental Quality requirements. The next closest plant that is available to burn wood biomass is 120 miles away. Prescribed burning and open slash burning is more and more prohibited. They hope to get more contracts with other landfills in the area. There would be no negative impact on the County if there was a default on the bonds. No decisions were made.

**ITD - SUBSTATION ROAD:** Representatives from Idaho Transportation Department met to discuss various projects. The traffic signal at Substation Road and Hwy 16 will be functional in about six weeks. Parts needed to be ordered.

Dewey Road improvement will probably be handled by LHTAC, but ITD does support it.

The proposed Highway 16 project will be a four-lane highway that will access the I-84 freeway and go from there through Indian Valley. The first part of the project would be to extend Highway 16 from Highway 44 to I-84. COMPASS is doing corridor studies.

Studies for this Indian Valley Cutoff will have to be started at the beginning, although there were previous studies done. The process will be started soon. The actual work will not begin until the southern part of Highway 16 is finished. These projects are possibly 5-7 years out. If the Governor's bond proposal gets through the legislature, the projects could be accelerated to 3-4 years.

**FAIR BOARD AND MOSQUITO ABATEMENT BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to reappoint Dan Medford and Sharron Hollingsworth to four-year terms on the Fair Board with the terms ending January 2009 and to reappoint Todd Warren to a four-year term on the Mosquito Abatement Board with the term ending January 2009. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

**SNOWMOBILE BOARD APPOINTMENT:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to appoint Jim Young to the Snowmobile Board to complete a three-year term that ends on January 2006. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

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

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

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS:** Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys Richard Linville and David Hargraves met with the Commissioners concerning legal matters. They will work on a letter setting out the legal relationship with Walter Knox Memorial Hospital.

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

**WATER TRUCK FOR FAIR BOARD:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to approve a loan from Wells Fargo Bank for \$16,500 for a water truck for the Fair Board, with payment made over five years. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried with ayes from Commissioners Pratt and Sherrer and a nay from Commissioner Smith.

**BIDS AWARDED FOR ISLAND BRIDGE TRAILWAY:** Bids were opened on January 14, 2005, for applying pit run, road mix, and asphalt to approximately 2,600 lineal feet of a trail-way and a separate bid for removing existing concrete and debris from the site across the river from Gem Island Sports Complex. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith that Irvco Asphalt receive the bid award for the pit run and asphalt for \$35,300 and Idaho Concrete receive the bid award for removing the concrete from the site for \$11,200. It was seconded by Commissioner Sherrer and carried unanimously.

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED:** The minutes of January 3 & 4 and 10 & 11, 2005, were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to approve the minutes of January 3 & 4 and 10 & 11, 2005, as read and corrected. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

**The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on January 24, 2005.**

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

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