



February 7, 2005, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on February 1, 2005, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 7th day February, 2005, at 8:00 a.m.

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| Present: | Sharon Pratt | Chairman |
| | Michele Sherrer | Commissioner |
| | Lan Smith | Commissioner |
| | Sue Spencer | Deputy Clerk |

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

FEBRUARY 4, 2005 - TREASURER INTERVIEWS: During a special meeting, the Commissioners interviewed two people, Connie Goins and Shelly Gannon, for the appointment as Gem County Treasurer. No decisions were made.

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Pledge of Allegiance was said.

CLAIMS: The claims presented were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to pay the claims as presented and noted in the Claims Report Form. It was seconded by Commissioner Sherrer and carried unanimously.

QUARTERLY REPORT APPROVED: Commissioner Sherrer made a motion to accept the Treasurers Quarterly Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Sherrer made a motion to appoint Brad Elliott to the Mosquito Abatement District Board to a four-year term ending January, 2009. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Dennis Pulley, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported they are working on South Slope Road widening project as the weather indicates. They are sanding roads as needed. They received four road signs back that had been previously stolen. We do not receive insurance reimbursement on signs that are stolen. They are proposing to replace a culvert on Little Rock Road, per the request of Reid Ditch Co. If the replacing is just for a larger culvert the Road Department will not pay the cost of it. If a culvert is rusted out they are replaced as needed by the Road Department.

Morris Huffman, Economic Development Specialist, has several tours scheduled--tour of the County, the Industrial Park, and the Black Canyon Partners' site. Things are proceeding with pursuit of a corporation for Industrial Revenue Bonds to be done as soon as possible. A commercial thinning project on Upper Muir, north of Ola could provide materials for the co-generation plant.

Morris suggested writing a letter in support of the project. With the discussion of improving Hwy 16, more businesses are showing interest in Gem County.

Jake Wyant, Noxious Weed Supervisor, reported that he will attend the Idaho Weed Conference. A Parks and Recreation grant was submitted and is being considered for funding. They are learning the operation of a GPS system. They will hire seasonal employees about mid-March. They are repairing equipment to be ready for the spring. The Weed Board meeting will be scheduled with the Commissioners for a day in February, for two hours.

Debra Smith, Planning & Zoning Administrator, hired a secretary to begin in two weeks. Their office received complaints and are working on getting them resolved. The lease for their copier needs to be renewed and the contract will be reviewed by Prosecuting Attorney.

Mark Rekow, Ambulance Director, reported his collections for January were \$23,025. There were 70 transports and 32 non- transports. They are looking at protocol for non-transport calls. Several volunteer EMTs completed basic refresher course. Mark will present information to the Commissioners for an Ambulance District. The Suburban is operational. The license plates need to be purchased in Boise and then it will be in service. Discussions will be addressed for emergency services for the Black Canyon Partners Project.

Chuck Shambaugh, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that restrooms have been painted. The flagpole is completed. The boiler was having a problem and needed some fittings replaced. Various other repairs have been done on doors and locks.

Brian Sullivan, Building Official, reported 20 permits issued and collected \$9,201 in fees. He did 47 inspections in County. He issued 8 permits in the City and collected \$4,857 in fees, 16 inspections.

Martin Joyce, Landfill Supervisor, received a new loader and replaced a starter in a vehicle. They had 1,763 people in January, 2005. Future disposal of Computer monitors were discussed. There will be training on March 3 & 4 by Idaho Preparers. It will be an 8-hour course.

ROBERT ADAMS - BLACK CANYON PARKS: Robert Adams, Bureau of Reclamation, Jim Budolfson and Bill Bade met to discuss the dog ordinance for the parks and needs to know the status of the ordinance. They would like a final ordinance as soon as possible.

They would like an Alcohol Ordinance stating no open containers in Black Canyon Park and Wild Rose Park. Parks will deal with special occasions that have been reserved and possibly issue permits to allow alcohol. Parks will have to be added to the ordinance. Robert will work with the Sheriff's Department in notifying them for reserved portions of parks that will include alcohol.

There was a proposal for \$12,200 for law enforcement coverage in parks. They discussed a draft letter for Robert to write in support of the dive team and he is planning on getting that completed. There will be further discussion on this before the letter is written.

TREASURER INTERVIEW: Commissioners interviewed Dar Olberding, via

telephone on speaker, for the appointment as Gem County Treasurer. No decision was made.

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: 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)d. Deputy Clerk Sue Spencer presented the following indigent applications:

04-068 Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law and Order of Reimbursement.

05-012 Approve or deny medical assistance.

05-020 Approve or deny assistance for rent.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to sign Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law and Order of Reimbursement for case #04-068, approve #05-012 for medical assistance and deny case #05-020 for rental assistance as no emergency exists. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

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

ECOVISTA - STORM WATER GRANT: Consultants gave a demonstration of the work that has been done. In attendance were Marilyn Lorenzen, Emmett City Mayor, Pam Smolczynski, DEQ, Tom Hoppell, Russ Manwaring, John Henderson and a student from school for Government class. Discussion was had about changes using the term wetlands instead of swamps or marshes. Consultants did not have the actual names to use nor the boundaries for drainage districts. Consultants will contact Gem Soil and Water Conservation. Discussion was had about having a small handbook for quick reference for the offices it will affect. If the public wants to know more, they could go on-line to obtain in depth information from the State's Best Management Practices Manual. Pam is to get additional information to the consultants by February 10, 2005. The project by the consultants is to be completed by the end of February, 2005.

CANVASS OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2005, LIBRARY ELECTION: Commissioner Sherrer made a motion to recess as a Board of Commissioners and convene as a Board of Canvassers. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pratt and motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Sherrer made a motion to accept the voting records as presented and verified the election of Feb 1, 2005, for the proposed creation of Emmett Valley Library District. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Sherrer made a motion to recess as Board of Canvassers and reconvene as Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY - CARPETING: Meg Davis and Greg Kershul met to discuss additional funds for new carpeting in the museum. They have received a grant of \$2900. Proposals were received from Gem Valley Carpet and Watts Floor Covering, Inc for new carpeting.

The lowest proposal was by Watts Floor Covering, Inc. The Gem County Historical Society is short \$300 and is asking Gem County to make up this difference. They requested SILD workers to take up the existing carpet. The existing carpet is glued down and needs to be scraped to bare flooring. There is contact paper around carpet and the carpet is fraying. Padding is also needed.

Commissioner Sherrer made a motion to assist the Historical Society in providing SILD workers and \$300 for the costs. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

TREASURER APPOINTMENT DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION:

Discussion was had of the three candidates interviewed. The Republican Party was commended for setting up the meeting and the recommendations of the candidates. Commissioner Sherrer made a motion to uphold the recommendation of the Central Committee to appoint Connie Goins as Gem County Treasurer as of February 22, 2005, if the letter of resignation is not withdrawn by current Gem County Treasurer, Marilyn Knighton. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - QUINN NUFFER REZONE: Being tape-recorded, the public hearing was opened by Commissioner Pratt for the purpose of a rezone request by A. Quinn and Robin M. Nuffer to rezone approximately 10.51 acres from A-2 Rural Transitional Agriculture to R-3 Rural Residential with the Mixed Use overlay to remain on Highway 16. The property is located at 1082 Cherry Lane. A letter from the State of Idaho Transportation Department was read into the record. Debra Smith, Planning and Zoning Administrator and David Hargraves, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney were present and A. Quinn and Robin M. Nuffer did not attend hearing. Currently, they are only requesting rezoning of property. Commissioner Pratt expressed concerns of water rights when rezoning. Commissioner Smith made a motion to close the hearing and take the matter under advisement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sherrer and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the rezone from A2 to R3 as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sherrer. Discussion was called for by Commissioner Pratt. Commissioner Smith withdrew his motion for approval so there would be more time to review.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on February 14, 2005.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk