



February 14 & 15, 2005, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on February 7, 2005, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 14th & 15th day February, 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:

February 14, 2005

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ELECTED OFFICIALS: Clint Short reported there were 33 people in custody, with 7 State inmates and 3 Boise County inmates. There is \$20,560 due from the State and \$1,280 due from Boise County for the month of January. The heating bill from the jail dropped considerably after some adjustments. The County is still feeding 36 horses on County property. There has been some hay donated. There will be no decision until the first part of May as to what will be done with the horses. There are still 31 horses in the care of the Idaho Humane Society.

Marilyn Knighton reported \$148,140.92 in tax collections for January. The occupancy bills went out. There are 58 warrants of distraint for personal property tax. There are no personal property taxes owed for previous years. April 12 is the tax deed hearing for 19 delinquent taxes. There are 24 outstanding accounts. Marilyn discussed the circumstances of several of the properties. She will supply a list of checking accounts in the County to the Commissioners. She will be reconciling all of the accounts with the new Gem County Treasurer, Connie Goins. She needed permission to certify a mobile home onto the real property roll. Permission was given through a motion by the Commissioners to certify personal property parcel No. 007452 in the amount of \$39.32 to real property parcel No. 00467700. Marilyn went over the public administrator cases she has. Marilyn has been project manager of the Title V Grant. This needs to be changed. The Juvenile Probation Officer would be a logical choice and is recommended by Department of Juvenile Corrections. Greg Himes is also a choice because he has been involved from the beginning.

Assessor Greg Himes reported there is a lot of sickness in his office. They are in the middle of giving circuit breakers to taxpayers who qualify. There could be almost 1,600 property owners who receive them. One of the proposals for a new assessment and tax program was approximately \$30,000, with \$6,000 per year maintenance fee. The change will need to happen in the next few years. There will be no funding from the Tax Commission for the new system.

Clerk Susan Howard reported on the proposed Library District

Election and the new statewide voter registration system. Gem County is a pilot program for the system and things are going well. They have gotten a proposal for redoing the judge's bench in the Magistrate Courtroom. The funds would come from the Court Facility Fund that comes from court fees and not property tax.

BUTTE ROAD BRIDGE - HOLLADAY ENGINEERING: Jenifer Willer from Holladay Engineering met with the Commissioners with documents and information concerning the replacing of the Butte Road bridge. All of the environmental approvals have been received.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Economic Development Specialist Morris Huffman met to update the Commissioners. Things are still going forward for the industrial revenue bonds for the co-generation plant. He presented a working draft from IEDA (Idaho Economic Development Association) that is an evaluation with recommendations concerning keeping and attracting high quality jobs for Idaho. There may need to be an extension requested for the start date for Shadow Butte Industrial Park.

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:

- 04-085 Case had a hearing scheduled that needs to be postponed.
- 05-015 Application for medical expenses.
- 05-016 Application for medical expenses.
- 05-017 Application for medical expenses.
- 05-018 Application for medical expenses.
- 05-022 Application for medical expenses needed a statutory lien signed.

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 postpone the appeal hearing for 04-085, to deny 05-015 because of lack of cooperation and incomplete application in order to determine residency and indigence, to request a second opinion for 05-016, to postpone the decision on 05-017 for further information, to deny 05-018 because of no cooperation and the County is not the last resource, and to sign statutory and UCC liens for 05-022. 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.

EMS DISCUSSION - DR. BARRIE SMITH: Dr. Barrie Smith, the County's medical consultant for the Ambulance Department, met with the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of improving the County's EMS services to a paramedic level. We have paramedic level staff working as lower level EMTs. The ambulance service is not being used at a maximum to transport patients to other hospitals. Barrie has talked to the other emergency personnel in the community about working together.

If the County goes to paramedic level, there has to be

paramedic service at all times. That could happen on the County department level, or an Ambulance District could be established.

Gem County Ambulance Department Director Mark Rekow presented all of the facts and figures for the existing department and for a proposed ambulance district. He feels the key factor in establishing an Ambulance District is education-education to the other emergency service organizations and to the public. The Commissioners asked for more information before any decisions are made.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REPORT - RICK WEEKLY: Rick Weekly met to update the Commissioners on the Comprehensive Plan. He reported that they plan on giving quarterly updates. He stated that by the end of 2005, there will be some tangible results from the committees.

Rick went over the 2005 key objectives. They hope to establish working relationships/associations with local universities, provide formal and informal communication, insure that all technology needs are met, provide a draft of Plan Implementation: chapter 6, conduct a "celebration" event, recruit subcommittee members, and conduct a mid-year review of all draft materials.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROCEDURE BRAINSTORMING: Various Elected Officials, Department Heads, and employees met together to discuss a process to end up with good legal descriptions on recordings, notifications to property buyers before they buy a lot with no building permit allowed, and etc. Mapper John Henderson will check with other counties to see if they have a process in place.

Other discussion was had on the process to enforce violations of zoning ordinances. There needs to be good records kept and then the complaint needs to be sent to the Sheriff's Office.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on February 15, 2005.

CITY/COUNTY MEETING: A City/County meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Those in attendance from the County were Commissioners Pratt, Sherrer, and Smith, Clerk Howard, Assessor Greg Himes, and Treasurer Marilyn Knighton. Those from the City of Emmett were Mayor Marilyn Lorenzen, and Councilpersons Tony Villanueva, John Rogers, Connie Goins, Kathi Agenbroad, and Tito Gonzalez. Topics of discussion were the repair of the Blaser Park bears, Shadow Butte Industrial Park, dirt from the City for the Gem Island Sports Complex bridge, the Substation signal light, the homeland security grant deadline of February 28, the Dewey Road corridor study grant, the library election, ambulance service, speeders on the Island, dog ordinances, GARVEE bonding, economic development training, and mosquitoes. The next meeting will be March 14, 2005.

February 15, 2005

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Commissioner Pratt was absent from the meeting until mid-morning.

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)(b) concerning personnel. Those governing bodies present in the meeting were Commissioners Smith and Sherrer. 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.

ITD AGREEMENT ACCEPTED: A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to accept the State/Local Agreement, Key #9522, between the Idaho Transportation Department and Gem County for the Bishop Road Farmers Coop Canal bridge. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously, with Commissioner Pratt absent.

SYRINGA GRANT PROPOSAL: M. Gens Johnson from Syringa met with the Commissioners and presented a proposal to bring a business into Gem County that would provide the public access to broadband printers, faxes, etc. There is a grant available that could be sponsored by Gem County. The grant could be used as match for Shadow Butte Industrial Park if it were used for a feasibility study at the Industrial Park. There are several options available to partner for telephone service in the Industrial Park. Gem County would apply for the grant and Syringa would manage the project. There would be a \$1,000 contribution from Gem County. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Pratt came into the meeting.

PUBLIC WALK-IN AND INPUT: Tom Hoppell and Rick Welch from the Recreation District met to discuss the charging of fees for out-of-town ball teams that use the fields on Gem Island Sports Complex. There needs to be revenue to help with the maintaining of the entire facility. It was decided that everyone involved needs to get to the table and be on the Commissioners' agenda and discuss the issues.

Don Wilkerson met to update the Commissioners on their planning & zoning public hearing where they approved four special use permits and made a recommendation to the County Commissioners for a rezone. Don also had discussion with the Commissioners on allowing people to put advertising and information in the foyers during public hearings. Legal advice will be sought.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Prosecuting Attorney Timothy Fleming and Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys Richard Linville and David Hargraves met to discuss legal matters.

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INDIGENT APPEAL HEARING: During executive session and being tape-recorded an appeal hearing. Those present were Commissioners Sherrer and Smith, Clerk Howard, Deputy Clerk Sue Spencer, Deputy

Prosecuting Attorneys Richard Linville and David Hargraves, the applicant, their attorney, a representative from West Valley Hospital, and a local realtor. No decisions were made.

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)(d) concerning indigent matters. Those governing bodies present in the meeting were Commissioners 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.

SHADOW BUTTE INDUSTRIAL PARK UPDATE: Members of Shadow Butte Development Corporation, Sage Community Resources, and Holladay Engineering met with updates on Shadow Butte Industrial Park. Telecommunications were talked about. The County needs to decide if we want or do not want to own the lines within the Park itself.

A 404 permit needs to be requested from DEQ for the wetlands delineation. In a year, there could be a review that may show the current wetlands have dried up. Holladay will be taking care of the 404 permit, moving the ditch and replanting the area.

The DEQ review letter is being addressed and the final approval letter should be received soon. The railroad-crossing permit is still in progress.

There will be a revised schedule for bids, which will probably be the middle of March. The final plat needs to be given to Planning & Zoning. It will be submitted this Tuesday. An extension from EDA is being asked for the start date.

There have been several more companies showing interest in purchasing a lot in the Park. Continual talks are being had with the property owners across the highway who are interested in sharing the costs of the infrastructure.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on February 22, 2005.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk