



August 1, 2006, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on July 25, 2006, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 1st day of August, 2006, at 8:00 a.m.

Present:	Sharon Pratt	Chairman
	Lan Smith	Commissioner
	Susan Howard	Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

After noticing, a special meeting was held on July 31, 2006 (a 5th Monday which is not a regular Commissioner meeting day) with the following agenda:

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED: A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and carried unanimously to accept the retirement resignation of Road & Bridge Supervisor Dennis Pulley, effective August 31, 2006.

BUDGET WORKSHOP: The Commissioners spent the day working on FY2007 budget.

The special meeting was adjourned.

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Commissioner Sherrer was not in today's meeting.

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

06-073 Application for assistance with expenses for water, sewer, gas, power, subdivision dues, and clothes for children.

06-002 Application had a request for a lower reimbursement payment.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to deny 06-073 because of no indigency and false information on the application and to approve a payment reduction for 06-002. It was seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried unanimously.

SPEEDYQUICK NETWORK: David Blood from SpeedyQuick Networks, Inc., met with the Commissioners to discuss the grant they received to

help bring high-speed internet to communities. They provide towers that cover areas that cannot get DSL or cable internet. The grant covers any means of getting broadband coverage to communities. SpeedyQuick is focusing on the Letha, Sweet, and Ola area. They have "line-of-sight" coverage from their towers. They are at capacity on their towers, but the grant will enable them to add customers.

PUBLIC WALK-IN AND INPUT: Butch Suor met with the Commissioners again with concerns about weeds that he feels are fire hazards. He brought in a copy of County Ordinance 78-03. He had gone to the Fire District and they sent him back to the Commissioners. The Commissioners told him that the Fire District needs to be the ones to determine if there is a fire hazard. He was asked to make a written complaint with a description of the problem and the location.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys Richard Linville and David Hargraves met with the Commissioners to discuss legal matters.

The Landscape Ordinance has an alternative option to the requirement of setting aside land for common property. A person would need to go through the process to use the option.

The Boise Cascade easement on a proposed trail way was discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, 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 Pratt and Smith. No final decisions were made. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pratt, and carried unanimously to come out of executive session.

The Board recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the consent agenda, which included: A. a Memorandum of Agreement with the Juvenile Justice Commission to support the Community Incentive Program, the Re-Entry Program, and/or the Mental Health Program; Certificates of Residency for Barbara Morris, Eric Swanson, Jonathan Suyehira, Hanna Young, and Skyler Johnson to attend College of Southern Idaho for the Fall, 2006 and the Spring, 2007 terms, and payment for Tamara Dillard who attended College of Southern Idaho the Spring term of 2005; the Homeland Security grant extension; the Idaho JABG FY2005 Grant application. It was seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried unanimously.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT - WEST NILE VIRUS STATUS: Mosquito Abatement District Director Jason Kinley and representatives from Southwest District Health met with the Commissioners. Jason went over

information concerning his surveillance studies, which show 5.7 and 15 out of 1,000 each of two different mosquito species in Gem County that are carriers of West Nile Virus. The percentage is not greater than last year, but the total number of mosquitoes is about 300% more than last year. He had a map that showed the widespread area of the County where the West Nile Virus mosquito carriers are found.

There are probably 5 positives for birds, one horse, and 2 humans that have been confirmed with having West Nile Virus in the County. Going by California standard (Idaho does not yet have set standards), Gem County is at 4.5, which is right at epidemic status per CDC. Other areas at 5.0 and above are using emergency protocol such as aerial spraying. The Mosquito Abatement District is unable to aerial spray for mosquitoes unless an emergency situation is declared. Jason feels that the County is at that point. He would spray at least two times. There would be 20,000 acres in the spray zone. He would then monitor and survey for several weeks. If indicated, he would spray again.

The representatives from Southwest District Health reported that 27 Idaho residents are confirmed with West Nile Virus in Idaho, 20 being in the Southwest District Health boundaries. On a national average, one in 150 cases end up in the hospital. They stated that immunity needs to be built up so the problem is not continual year after year. They stated the challenge is protection, prevention, and immunity. They have outreach programs, they have given information to medical and veterinary providers, they have sent out information to daycares, and they are continually educating by word-of-mouth with contacts.

The hard question in communities is when to declare an emergency. Southwest District Health was asked to review the Gem County Plan and determine whether the numbers are valid and if they are high enough to declare an emergency. They are concerned that there needs to be an immunity built up. In areas, there is usually one bad year and then the immunity builds up and eventually there are fewer cases of West Nile Virus.

Jason stated that he tends to be more pro-active and the aerial spray would be a normal process in his abatement at this point, without an emergency declared, if his agreement with the County did not restrict him from doing so. He already has the resources to do aerial spraying in this year's budget.

Ultimately, the decision lies with the Board of County Commissioners. Jason asked that they consider the aerial spraying as a possibility.

BOARD OF COMMUNITY GUARDIANS REPORT: Chairman of the Board of Community Guardians Farrin Farnworth reported that they have not had regular meetings this past year. He gave a written report on each of their five wards, one of which has died. Of the six Board members, five have turned in their resignations or do not want to be reappointed.

DEWEY ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY STAKEHOLDER MEETING: A stakeholder

meeting for the Dewey Road corridor plan was held at the EMS building. They talked about roles and responsibilities, invoicing and payment procedures, the Project Management Guide, scheduled changes, the identifying of Steering Committee members, and questions and a list of contacts for the stakeholder interviews. **The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on August 7, 2006**

CLAIMS FOR THE FOLLOWING FUNDS WITH WARRANTS WRITTEN July 1 through July 31, 2006:

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	\$ 165,978.82
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	228,081.87
CIGARETTE TAX/BLOCK GRANT	7,630.84
DISTRICT COURT FUND	11,545.81
COUNTY FAIR FUND	2,445.10
COUNTY JUSTICE FUND	164,487.42
FAIR, GROUNDS & BUILDINGS FUND	10,692.75
III HEALTH DISTRICT FUND	6,206.00
INDIGENT	41,272.68
ENHANCED 911	1,727.93
REVALUATION FUND	13,504.45
SOLID WASTE FUND	31,240.56
NOXIOUS WEED FUND	12,417.94
WATERWAYS	4,019.02
INSURANCE POOL	6,985.29
AMBULANCE FUND	13,060.27
BOND REDEMPTION	<u>183,380.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 904,676.75

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk