



February 23 & 24, 2009, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on February 17, 2009, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 23th day of February, 2009, at 8:00 a.m.

Present:	Lan Smith	Chairman
	Michele Sherrer	Commissioner
	Sharon Pratt	Commissioner
	Shelly Gannon	Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

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Commissioner Pratt was absent from the meeting due to attendance at a Western Idaho Community Action Partnership meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to add Bishop Road Bridge Supplemental Agreement to the consent agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: The Commissioners met with the Department Heads. Those in attendance included Commissioners Smith and Sherrer; Clerk Gannon; EMS Director, Mark Rekow; Juvenile Probation Director, Janelle Schneider; Maintenance Supervisor, Chuck Shambaugh; Weed Supervisor, Jake Wyant; Landfill Supervisor, Martin Joyce; Road Department Supervisor, Kim Reed and Rikki Wilson, Extension Educator. Topics discussed included budget concerns including proactive responses to decreased revenues this fiscal year. Elected officials will give up a day of pay on the next paycheck. Employees will take a day off without pay with the possibility of a second day after revenues are known later in the year. Department Heads were asked to watch their revenues closely and determine ways to conserve funds.

INDIGENT HEARING 08-055: At 10:10 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sherrer and carried unanimously to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(d) for indigent matters with a roll

call vote as follows: Commissioner Sherrer, aye, and Commissioner Smith, aye.

Diane Wright, Deputy Clerk, was sworn in. A request was received to continue the hearing. A letter requesting a continuance was entered into the record as Exhibit D.

After reconvening in regular session a motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to continue the hearing to May 18th at 10:00 a.m. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: At 11:12 a.m. 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) for indigent matters with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Sherrer, aye, and Commissioner Smith, aye.

09-025 Medical Application
09-034 Notice of Statutory Lien
09-035 Notice of Statutory Lien

After reconvening in regular session at 11:38 a.m., Commissioner Sherrer made a motion to approve a portion of 9-025 and deny the other portion because the application was previously filed regarding a pre-existing condition which was denied and is currently in the appeal process; and sign Notice of Statutory Lien on 09-034 and 09-035. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

MOUNTAIN CREEK MINOR SUBDIVISION: Chris Satchwell and Roger Bennie met with the Commissioners to discuss mitigation fees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to approve the Mountain Creek Minor Subdivision with the amendments as discussed today subject to approval of attorneys and publishing. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda included items A. Idaho Federal Surplus Program, B. Bishop Road Bridge Supplemental Agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to approve the consent agenda items A and B. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of February 2 & 3, 2009, February 9 & 10, 2009 and February 17, 2009 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to approve the minutes of February 2 & 3, 2009, February 9 & 10, 2009 and February 17, 2009 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

CLAIMS: The claims presented were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to approve the claims as approved on individual claim forms. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

GEM COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT SPORTS COMPLEX MAINTENANCE FUNDING DISCUSSION: Roger Bennie and Tom Hoppell met with the Commissioners to discuss funding of the Gem County Recreation District Sports Complex maintenance. Roger stated that a new building will not be built this year. Roger and Tom agreed the recreation district will provide \$10,000, in addition to the \$10,000 paid in January, for the maintenance of the complex after receipt of the June property tax distribution. A meeting will be scheduled in May to discuss maintenance funding for fiscal year 2010. Kellie Taylor joined the meeting and requested an accounting of where the funding is used.

A tax cancellation for parcel OC00407602 was presented by Assessor Himes. A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrer to sign the tax cancellation. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on February 24, 2009.

LETHA OPEN FORUM: An open forum was held in Letha. Those in attendance were Commissioners Smith and Sherrer and Deputy Clerk Leandra Rountree along with Kathy and Richard Berglund from the public. Topics discussed included the Letha Sewer District, lots in the Industrial Park, the stimulus package, and Woods Ranch Subdivision.

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Commissioner Pratt joined the meeting.

ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Bruce Drewes and Lori Culver with

the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) T2 Center met with the Commissioners. Bruce discussed roadway maintenance issues that are being addressed by LHTAC. Road Scholar awards were presented to Neal Capps and Todd Smither of the Road Department and a Road Master award was presented to Kim Reed, Road Department Supervisor. Neal and Todd discussed their experience in the program and Kim discussed the benefits of knowledge and professionalism through the training.

PLANNING & ZONING UPDATE: Brad Hawkins-Clark, Development Services Director, met with the Commissioners to discuss Planning & Zoning matters. Topics discussed included Black Canyon Partners Development, a Special Use Permit for use of a manufactured home for a wine tasting facility, Special Use Permit for the 42 acre lot at the Shadow Butte Industrial Park,

PUBLIC WALK-IN: Dave Wood with BigSkyTel met with the Commissioners to discuss internet provider options. Dave provided internet options comparable to the county's current service.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecutor Tim McNeese met with the Commissioners to discuss Prosecuting Attorney matters. Topics discussed included jail training, cattle feeding operation ordinance, legal budget cost benefit analysis, prescriptive easement use and Letha Sewer District board meetings.

At 11:01 a.m. 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)(f) for possible litigation matters with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Sherrer, aye, Commissioner Pratt, aye, and Commissioner Smith, aye.

The Board recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

IDAHO HUNGER RELIEF TASKFORCE: Janet Monti met with the Commissioners. Janet reviewed hunger statistics and stated that Gem County has a higher than average number of low income children. She discussed possible legislation to promote local sales of locally grown produce. Janet discussed services provided through the Emmett Valley

Friendship Coalition.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: The Commissioners discussed areas of the current budget that could be cut back or made more efficient. Some areas looked at included legal costs, seasonal positions, free tire/trash day and Ola garbage service. Also discussed was cutting the 1% employee merit pay and closing the courthouse one day without pay to county employees. Employee meetings will be held next week to review cuts from this and previous discussions. A resolution will be drafted for approval of the cuts discussed.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on March 2, 2009.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk