

**JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF EMMETT / GEM COUNTY
SUMMARY MINUTES**

**September 9, 2011
Gem County Development Services Department
8:30 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Salazar, Anita Hendrix, and Burton Briggs.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Boren and Debbie Rouwenhorst

OTHERS PRESENT: City/County Planner Brad Clark

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brooke Green and Walt Satterfield

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman **Hendrix** called the meeting to order at 8:30A.M.
2. **Review of Agenda:** No changes
3. **Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2011:** A motion was made by Commissioner **Salazar** and seconded by Commissioner **Briggs** to **accept the minutes. Motion carried.**
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Community Transportation Association of Idaho (CTAI)** – Brooke Green presented information on CTAI. She works with 10 counties in Southwest Idaho to determine local transportation needs and to help develop strategies and plans. This process also helps to keep the communities communicating with each other to create a seamless transportation plan between different parts of the region. She will be attending the GEDA meeting in October to gain community participation.
 - b. **Gem County Area Mobility Development Plan** – Walt Satterfield of COMPASS presented the Commission with a draft mobility plan. He asked the Commissioners for their input on the specific needs of Gem County. This plan only addresses the needs of people and not goods or services. A potential bus route was put into the plan to accommodate the schools, government facilities, hospital, and senior center. This is a visioning document for transit development.

Idaho is one of three states in the country without a dedicated funding source for transit. The question arose if the school districts are connected in any way with providing transportation to general public and not just students due to the capacity of buses during non-school hours. Boulder, CO, did away with their school busing and now uses only public transportation. King County, WA, allows the public to use the school buses to get to and from locations as well as students to get to extracurricular activities. Boise's transit system isn't always user friendly when the routes are on a 30 – 60 minute frequency. Valley Connect

is a transportation group that ends their routes at the Ada/Gem County lines. Senior Center vans try to do as much transportation as possible, but they don't have the funds to maintain the van, especially if used for non-senior transportation. There is some money available to perform a needs assessment in the Gem Community.

5. Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion/Review of Public Facilities Chapter (Ch. 9)** – Brad stated that he and Commissioner Rouwenhorst met two weeks ago to do more work on Chapter 9 revisions. The latest draft was distributed to everyone and the Commission gave quite a bit of feedback on the draft document. Brad took notes and will meet with Debbie to prepare a second draft.
- b. Discussion/Review of Natural Resources and Hazardous Areas Chapter (Ch. 6):** Commissioner Hendrix stated she finally heard back from the fire districts and she will insert their information and have a draft for the next meeting.
- c. Discussion/Review of Transportation Chapter (Ch. 10):** Postponed until the October meeting.

6. Items from Planning Director:

- a.** Brad noted the upcoming APA Conference – October 12th – 14th

7. Items from Planning Commission: None

8. Upcoming Meetings:

- a.** Next regular meeting – October 14, 2011, at 8:30 A.M.
- b.** November Meeting Discussion (Veteran's Day)

9. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Salazar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Briggs. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Chairman Anita Hendrix

City Clerk Chrystal Alsup