



January 11, 2021, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on January 4, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 11th day of January 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Present:	Mark Rekow	Chairman
	Bill Butticci	Commissioner
	Bryan Elliott	Commissioner
	Sarah Story	Deputy Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS SWEARING IN: Commissioner Rekow administered the oath of office to Commissioner Butticci, Commissioner Elliott and Sheriff Donnie Wunder. Prosecutor Erick Thomson will have the oath administered at a later time due to being in court this morning.

RE-ORGANIZATION: The Commissioners discussed which of them would like to be the Chair of the Board, Vice-Chair and the Magistrate Commission Representative.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to appoint Commissioner Rekow as Chairman. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to appoint Commissioner Butticci as Vice-Chair. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to appoint Commissioner Rekow as Magistrate Commission Representative. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Commissioners reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

COVID DISCUSSION: Emergency Operations Manager Laurie Boston provided updates on the current positive COVID cases in Gem

County and the state. Items that she talked about were vaccination clinics, a drive-thru medical tent, concerns with using the Emmett Fire Station and the possible use of other locations for vaccine distribution. She advised that the 2nd round of vaccinations are available tomorrow. She also talked about COVID assistance from FEMA, the cost obligation to the county, the process and possible reimbursement opportunities. She also spoke about the number of hours that she is currently working. Valor Health Marketing Manager Staci Carr provided updates on the current 30-day trend which is at 27.27% and the 7-day trend which is at 36.62%. She spoke of the number of patients seen in the Urgent Care, Emergency Room and transfers for the past week. She also advised that the hospital is getting ready for the 2nd dose that will be available tomorrow. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen spoke about the challenges of working through the tier programs and the role Valor Health has in the vaccination process. She also spoke of paramedics to possibly assist with the vaccine distribution, the need to monitor vaccine recipients and a possible secondary site for distribution. The current vaccine distribution capacity for tier 1 was talked about. Tahja advised that people that are not in the tier 1 group that want the vaccine need to notify their Primary Care Provider.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda included: A. Quadiant Leasing Government Product Lease Agreement with Postage Meter Rental Agreement, B. Thayn Rezone Findings, Conditions, Conclusions, Order, C. Gem Count Ordinance 2020-01 Thayn Rezone, D. Thayn Development Agreement, E. Payette View Estates Minor Subdivision plat, F. Payette View Estates Minor Subdivision Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Road Mitigation Agreement, G. Ola Highway Powerline Road to 2nd Fork Road Progress Report and Pay Request #10 and H. Payroll claims approval for 1/7/21.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve items A-H on the consent agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen spoke on various legal matters. Items that were talked about included working with the new Sheriff, that she and Leandra completed the HR portion of the ICRMP discount program, creating a potential yearly training for supervisors, Emergency Sick Leave, Trump Lane, water shares and the jail phone bid. There was discussion about the demolition bid for the bleachers at the fairgrounds and the Gem County website. Prosecuting Attorney Erik Thomson will be sworn in as the County Prosecuting Attorney tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. due to being in court

this morning.

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: At 11:33 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously to go into executive session under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) for indigent matters with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Butticci, aye, Commissioner Elliott, aye and Commissioner Rekow, aye.

21-003	Medical Emergency
21-006	Medical Emergency
21-008	Notice of Lien
21-001	Release of Lien
21-004	Notice of Hearing

Regular session reconvened at 11:39 a.m.

Commissioner Butticci made a motion that on case 21-003 to deny because the applicant is not medically indigent and the county is not the last resource, on case# 21-006 to deny as we are unable to determine if the patient is medically indigent, unable to determine if the county is the last resource, unable to determine if all services were medically necessary and Gem County is not the obligated county, on case# 21-008 to sign notice of lien, on case# 21-001 to sign release of lien and on case# 21-004 to sign a notice of hearing. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:45 a.m. for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

OLA HIGHWAY TO POWER LINE PROJECT DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL (LHTAC): Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps spoke about the notice that has been on the courthouse door for the public regarding the Ola Highway to Power Line project. Eric Hulslander, Senior Design Engineer with Keller Associates, spoke about the Ola Highway to Power Line project. Items that he talked about were a bridge project, funding for the project, a geotechnical report, this being 5.1 miles of roadway for this project, no additional right-away and project timelines. Neal talked about culverts, retaining walls, county in-house repairs, funding & grants, concerns with the last 2 miles of asphalt, high maintenance area for grading and an ITD 7-year program and how that program is funded. He explained what would be included in this project. He also discussed road projects on roads closer to the City of Emmett which are paid for by county budget. Eric discussed possible increase of money through federal aid/grants and the possibility

to accelerate this project. Neal spoke about their end goal which is to go to 2nd Fork Bridge with asphalt. He spoke of other areas of the road that need maintenance as well, that are not part of this project.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrl reviewed the Krogh Minor Subdivision re-plat. She discussed a property boundary adjustment and why it needs to go through the re-plat process. There were no other changes made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to accept the Krogh Minor Subdivision re-plat as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

EXPENSE CLAIMS APPROVAL: The claims presented were reviewed. Commissioner Elliott made a motion to sign the claims as presented and as initialed on the individual claim forms as well as the Indigent claims. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 2:10 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on January 19, 2021.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk