



January 18, 2022, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on January 11, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

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

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

**January 18, 2022**

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

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC):** The Commissioners attended this meeting virtually.

**COVID:** Emergency Operations Manager Laurie Boston provided updates on the current weekly COVID numbers, the number of deaths in the county, percentages of county residents' vaccination rate, the Omicron variant and testing. Valor Health Marketing Manager Staci Carr provided trend percentages, urgent care and emergency room numbers and the number of tests completed. Travis Whittmore from Valor Health talked about vaccines and boosters for ages 5 and older through the clinic.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda included: A. Request for tax and/or fee cancellation for Homeowner's Exemption for various Assessor's parcels, B. Certificate of Residency for Junior College tuition for Serah Petros, C. Gem County Chamber of Commerce 2022 membership application, D. Gem County Resolution 2022-07 establishing Commissioner district boundaries, E. Gem County Resolution 2022-08 authorizing destruction of Assessor's records, F. Notice of award to Sunroc Corp for hot mix asphalt material, G. Request for tax and/or fee cancellation for Homeowner's Exemptions for various 2021 occupancy roll parcels and H. Impact Fee agreement with Fire District #1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve items A-H as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for January 10 & 11, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the minutes for January 10 & 11, 2022 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WALK-IN:** Del Gray from the Messenger Index met with the Commissioners regarding the Comprehensive Plan, lack of local employment opportunities, growth within the community and a project that he is working on with high school students in regards to the future of Gem County. There was also discussion on the upcoming election.

**INDIGENT APPLICATIONS:** There were no indigent applications to review.

**INDIGENT INACTIVE CASES WITH OUTSTANDING BALANCES:** Deputy Clerk Sarah Story provided an updated list of Indigent cases to be considered for adjustments and closure. There is no reasonable expectation that any further reimbursements will be received; these cases are over 5 years old, the applicant is deceased and not married in some, the applicant and spouse are both deceased in some, liens were never filed on some and some are non-medical.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to adjust and close the Indigent inactive cases pending approval by the Catastrophic Board as presented today by the clerk. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE REVISIONS DISCUSSION:** Prosecuting Attorney Erick Thomson talked about various amendments to the criminal sections of the Gem County Ordinances. He is recommending amendments to Title 1 & 3-13. He talked about changing penalties to make them more appropriate for the violation & updates to Idaho Code. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen talked about enforcement & abatement. Prosecutor Thomson advised that this will help speed up the process.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS:** Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen spoke on various legal matters. Items that she talked about were the Compression Brakes Ordinance, an upcoming hearing, COVID, jury trials and a redistricting case at Idaho Supreme Court.

**The Commissioners recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.**

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL FOR COLD MOUNTAIN CREEK:** While being recorded, Commissioner Rekow read the alcohol beverage license renewal request for license #34 for Cold Mountain Creek.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve retail alcohol beverage license #34 for Cold Mountain Creek as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

**FAIRGROUNDS GRANDSTAND CANOPY:** The bid Commissioner Butticci was expecting was not received. There was no discussion on this topic.

**RATIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CYBER INFRASTRUCTURE (CISA) ASSESSMENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY AND GEM COUNTY:** Commissioner Butticci spoke on a program to remotely test our network systems to check for cyber vulnerability. He advised that there is no cost for this program. He advised that legal has reviewed the contract and that this should begin in February.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to ratify the Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Assessment as presented and to allow Commissioner Butticci to sign for it. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TIME:** The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH GEM COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT FOR ISLAND MAINTENANCE:** Members of the Gem County Recreation District board met with the Commissioners to review and discuss an MOU for maintenance for the island and sports complex. Scheduling of use of island facilities was discussed. Event applications will be provided by the Recreation District and then the applicant will work with the county facility manager. Resolution of scheduling conflicts was discussed. The Recreation District meets tomorrow and will sign the MOU and forward it to the county for the Commissioner's approval.

**The Board recessed at 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on January 24, 2022.**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Commissioner Minutes 1-17 & 18-22

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk