



May 1 & 2, 2023, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on April 25, 2023, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 1st day of May, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:	Bill Butticci	Chairman
	Mark Rekow	Commissioner
	Kirk Wille	Commissioner
	Sarah Story	Deputy Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

May 1, 2023

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

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen spoke on various county legal matters including homeless people, land use issues, vendors at the fairgrounds, the opioid crisis, the new addition at the Noxious Weed Department and land use training.

GEM COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SAND BAG DISCUSSION: Emergency Operations Manager Jeff Ulmer advised that they have 2592 sand bags and they appear to be in new condition. He talked about the process of getting more if needed. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen advised that the bags are community property and available to the city as well. She talked about usage of sand bags. Commissioner Rekow expressed concerns with where the sand bags are being stored. He also talked about filling bags. Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps advised that they have the ability to fill bags. Jeff advised that there is a flood plan. Tahja talked about river flows and flood events. Commissioner Wille talked about sand bags for the public. Jeff talked about the current water level. Tahja advised that the All Hazards Mitigation Plan was revised in 2019. She advised that text/call message alert exists in Gem County, but would need to be authorized by the Sheriff's Department and that notification to the public may need to be done for this service.

CONSENT AGENDA: A. Certificates of Residency for Junior College tuition for Carys Duncan, Elise Duncan and Cassey Karst, B. Fiscal Year Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Compliance proposal & application, C. Gem County Island Sports Complex fire pit use permit application, D. Gem County Board of Community Guardians recognition of service for Barrie Smith and Pamela Walker, E. Gem County Resolution 2023-09 authorizing purchase of real property on South Slope Road for Farmers Co-op bridge project and authorizing the Chairman or Vice Chairman to sign documents, F. 2023/2024 Idaho Transportation Department Agreement for Noxious Weed Control, G. Thornton Rezone Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order, H. Thornton Rezone Development Agreement, I. Gem County Ordinance 2023-05 Thornton Rezone, J. Gem County special events application for Bar 2 Bar off-road racing scramble at Little Gem Cycle Park, K. Sunroc Corporation contract proposal for asphalt paving and L. Theuson Construction contract proposal for asphalt purchase.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve items A-L on the consent agenda as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WALK-IN: Micheal Pierce appreciates the work that the Commissioner's do and the work that has been done up to his driveway on Johnson Creek Road. Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps discussed the road improvements, possibly putting up fence and the timeline for more work to be done in that area. He will reach out to the other residents to understand their desires for the road. He talked about the amount of traffic on the road that the Blade Operator saw when blading the road. Michael advised that the abandoned pick-up has now been moved.

MINUTES: The minutes for April 24 & 25, 2023 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the minutes for April 24 & 25, 2023 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps provided updates on various projects they are working on. Other items that he talked about were a new subdivision at Substation Road and Highway 16, a Grocery Outlet store, a new employee, a road closure, Sage Hen, surplus items, Farmer's Co-op, a paint striper, drain issues on properties, the Transportation Plan, material testing and the budget. He advised that surplus items will be put on the on-line auction. There was discussion on Johnson Creek Road.

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

COURTHOUSE SECURITY DISCUSSION: Commissioner Butticci advised that the cameras are done, the panic buttons are being worked on and that they want an up to date system for the badge readers. Information Technology (IT) Director Corbin Vickery advised that all the doors are tied together. He advised that the controlling software needs to be upgraded and it can continue to be tied together. Scott Wendell from Lombard/Conrad Architects provided a sketch for the Commissioners to review for the front of the courthouse and equipment that would be needed. He advised that someone would need to man the station. There was discussion on the ramp, handicap access and an entry way. Scott advised that the bid for this project will be approximately \$1 million. Clerk Tilton talked about the challenge with needing 2 people to man the station. There was discussion on how other counties man the station. Commission Butticci believes that the design is complimentary to the current building. There was discussion on the current market and funding. Scott talked about door options. He will work on putting together a proposal. There was discussion on if the equipment would be included or purchased separately. There was also discussion on panic buttons and a possible web based panic application.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION: Clerk Tilton met with the Commissioners to discuss the budget for the Commissioners, City/County, the insurance pool, a snowmobile and Veteran Services.

ADMINISTRATION TIME: The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on May 2, 2023.

May 2, 2023

ADMINISTRATION TIME: The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on May 8, 2023.

Approved: _____
Chairman

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Attest: _____
Clerk