



May 17 & 18, 2021, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on May 11, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 17th day of May 2021, 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:

May 17, 2021

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Commissioners reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the agenda with the amendment to add the Forest Service application for a 2020 Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee for a grant proposal as an action item which is due May 18th and the matter is time sensitive and must be signed as an emergency exists that would create immediate financial loss and that the notice requirements in Idaho Code 74-204 are impracticable. This is for the Road and Bridge Department with a request for a letter of support to be completed at 2:00 pm. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S UPDATED SEPTIC PERMIT PROCESS AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW INSPECTOR: Stephen Fitzner was introduced as the new inspector for Gem County for Southwest District Health. Mitch Kiester from Southwest District Health spoke on the process for Minor Subdivision splits. Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrl discussed water monitoring, site visits and engineering. Mitch talked about Subdivision Engineering Report (SER's) with Minor Subdivisions and their process for signing off on applications. He explained that site visits would happen on a lot by lot basis and that an engineering requirement would not be required anymore for 4 lots or less. He also spoke of how they will work with the public with the process to help expedite permits from the county.

GAMBLE MINOR SUBDIVISION: Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrl reviewed the Gamble Minor Subdivision request. The

applicant/property owner, Mark Gamble, has applied for a minor subdivision to create two (2), single-family lots on approximately 23.96 +/- acres located in the A-2, Rural Agricultural zone. She talked about where how the parcels would be split.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the Gamble Minor Subdivision as shown in the packet. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

COVID DISCUSSION: Emergency Operations Manager Laurie Boston discussed masking requirements if fully vaccinated, the current weekly COVID numbers, the recovery rate, percentages of county residents that have received vaccination, the school district and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting tomorrow. She spoke of local locations that are providing vaccinations. Valor Health Marketing Manager Stacy Carr provided trend percentages, urgent care and emergency numbers. She advised that they are moving away from the drive-thru clinics and moving more into the clinic for vaccinations. She advised that masks and social distancing will still be required when entering the hospital. She spoke of other local facilities that provide vaccines. Valor Health CEO Brad Turpen talked about the challenges of walk-in clinics with concerns of wasting doses.

COUNTY FACILITY MASK POLICY: Commissioner Butticci advised that the Clerk's, Assessor's & Treasurer's office would like to leave it to each person's discretion. Commissioner Elliott and Commissioner Rekow agree. There was discussion on whether the county will continue to provide masks. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen suggests to still provide alternate services to those that have concerns such as providing masks and virtual meetings. They will continue to provide masks to the public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to make the mask requirement be optional in the courthouse on the basement and 2nd floor and continue to be mandatory on the 3rd floor as directed by the courts and will be in effect as soon as signage is completed. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda included: A. Hawkins Minor Subdivision plat, B. Hawkins Minor Subdivision temporary license agreement, C. The Bancorp open-end lease schedule for lease of 2021 Ford F150XL Supercrew vehicle, D. United States Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey Agreement for testing and monitoring of groundwater quality in Gem County, E. Denial of certificate of residency for Junior College for Sarah Holmberg

and F. Local highway technical assistance Council Ola Highway Powerline to 2nd Fork Road report and pay request #15.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve items A-F as shown. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WALK-IN: Marty Fry met with the Commissioners. He asked about the Legislation on the tax increase of 8%, expressed concerns for low income households and the need for affordable housing. Commissioner Butticci advised that the 8% is a higher cap rather than an increase and should not have an effect on the smaller cities and counties, how the 8% is reached and that it would not affect impact fees. Marty expressed concerns on the timeliness of the impact fees process. There was discussion on the process for impact fees and the Comprehensive Plan.

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: Executive Session was not needed. Deputy Clerk Sarah Story provided information regarding an indigent lien.

21-016 Notice of Lien

Commissioner Rekow made a motion that on case 21-016 to sign the notice of lien. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

INDIGENT HEARING 21-003: At 11:16 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Rekow 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 and Commissioner Elliott, aye and Commissioner Rekow, aye. Indigent Director Sarah Story was sworn in.

Regular session reconvened at 11:27 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci that on case# 21-003 to uphold the original decision of denial because the applicant is not medically indigent, the county is not the last resource and the applicant divested self from assets I.C. 3135-11(3). It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EVERGREEN SHOPPES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

DEPARTMENT: Assessor Hollie Ann Strang advised that the landlord agreed to the 90 days for termination but they asked the county to consider the other unit since there was another interested party in the location she was looking at. She spoke of the parking issues, the size of the location, renovations, the size of the office and an increased cost to get into the building at

the other location. She talked about asking for 2 more employees in her budget. There was discussion on the differences of the 2 units. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen spoke of the details of the lease. Hollie Ann and the Commissioners would like to move forward with unit #107.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to move forward with the lease agreement with Evergreen Shoppes located at 288 Highway 16, Suite 107. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen had no items to discuss.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on various administrative duties.

FOREST SERVICE APPLICATION FOR A 2020 SOUTHWEST IDAHO RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A GRANT PROPOSAL: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps reviewed the grant proposal for a Forest Service application for a 2020 Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee. Items that he talked about were improving drainage along Ola Highway, reducing sediment flow into Squaw Creek, improvement of fish habitat and maintaining a strong working cooperative between Gem County and the Forest Service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to sign the letter of support for the Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) grant for 2021. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

MINUTES: The minutes from May 3, 10 & 11, 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the minutes for May 3, 10 & 11, 2021 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION: The Commissioners and Clerk Shelly Tilton discussed the budget for fiscal year 2022 for the Coroner, the Treasurer, Veteran's Services and the City/County Planning Fund.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on May 18, 2021.

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Commissioner Elliott was absent from the meeting due to attendace at a Southwest District Health Board meeting.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on various administrative duties.

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

COUNTY ROAD TOUR WITH ROAD DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR: Commissioners Rekow and Commissioner Butticci went on a county road tour with Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on May 24, 2021.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk