



July 10 & 11, 2023, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on July 3, 2023, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 10th day of July, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:	Bill Butticci	Chairman
	Kirk Wille	Commissioner
	Mark Rekow	Commissioner
	Shelly Tilton	Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

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

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecutor Tahja Jensen met with the Commissioners to discuss legal matters. Tahja mentioned there will be a Zoning Commission meeting tonight. A South Slope Ridge trailway was discussed.

REQUEST REGARDING COUNTY PROPERTY AT THE PREVIOUS SAND HOLLOW DUMP SITE: Commissioner Butticci talked with the requestor and also with Idaho Power. He feels strongly that this property should not be sold. Idaho Power requires a non-refundable deposit on proposed projects such as this. If the property is obtained first the deposit isn't required. He said that many previous projects by this company seem to have gone incomplete on their website updates. In talking with Cole, Commissioner Butticci had mentioned the growth going on in the area would make this something that could be subject to vandalism. Hazmat issues were discussed. The Commissioners agreed this was not something they are interested in doing because the site was previously a landfill which is now a Brownsfield site.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wille to deny the requests regarding the property at the Sand Hollow dump site for lithium battery storage. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

LETTER TO AMEND SHERIFF'S VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENT: Clerk Tilton discussed an email from Chief Deputy Sheriff Dave Timony about leased vehicles. The 5.0 liter engines are not currently available. The dealer is recommending going with 3.5 liter Eco Boost engines for the three trucks the county has contracted to lease. There will be an increased cost of approximately \$700.00 per engine. A motion was made by Commissioner Wille to approve the request for the Gem County Sheriff to increase the vehicle lease in the amount of \$2100.00 for the eco boost engines. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

GEM COUNTY WEED CONTROL CONTRACTUAL LABOR CHARGE INCREASE: Weed Supervisor Larry Shippy discussed a request to increase hourly agency labor charges. He discussed hard costs to provide the service. These charges would be for Idaho Transportation Department, Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service. He called other counties and found that Gem County is about \$20 less per hour than those other counties. He said the current charge is barely covering costs but doesn't help with vehicle and equipment wear and tear, maintenance and upgrades.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the Gem County Weed Control agency labor charge as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

COUNTY WELL QUALITY AND LEVEL MONITORING: The Commissioners continued a discussion from last week regarding well monitoring. Commissioner Wille is concerned about spending money for information that may be collected by Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). Commissioner Wille will contact someone at IDWR to see if the information is available. Funding will be budgeted to allow for the project if it is decided on.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION: Clerk Tilton and Deputy Clerk Leandra Rountree worked with the Commissioners on the fiscal year 2024 budget. How to handle years of service changes as well as requests to add positions and move employees up levels was discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA: A. Certificate of Residency for Junior College Tuition for Jonathan Bennett, B. Payroll Claims Approval for 7/7/23 and C. Sharp Electronics c/o Valley Office Systems Copier Lease Agreement for Dispatch Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve items A. through C. as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC WALK-IN: No members of the public met with the Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Department Heads met with the Commissioners. Commissioner Butticci discussed the employee pay scale and how to move people up on the scale when needed. He said there will be a committee set up to review requests and a timeframe for this will be determined. He said there will eventually be personnel reviews done as well. Cruise night weekend was discussed. Landfill Supervisor Martin Joyce discussed equipment issues they have been having. He is looking into pricing for a new scale and building. Noxious Weed Supervisor Larry Shippy discussed the building addition, the foundation has been poured and sewer lines are being worked on. The office is closed to the public during construction; messages are being taken and calls returned. Juvenile Probation Director Shannon Carter mentioned that they currently have a high case load. They are starting their new scheduled hours this week to allow them to meet with parents after hours. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen mentioned that younger cops that aren't from the area may contribute to some of the increase; generally more seasoned officers work differently prior to citing. Commissioner Butticci asked about city curfew. Tahja discussed some changes that the city is working on that may include curfew. Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrl discussed classes that an employee in her office is taking this week. Disaster Services Director Jeff Ulmer is working on grant management, tying up loose ends on current grants. He is working on a speaker for the next Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting. Extention Agent Rebecca Mills discussed pest spraying for barns at the fairgrounds, she is looking to have a contract approved. She said putting concrete in the barn could help with the pest issues. She discussed hosting 4H kids from other states and a trip that was taken to show them our area. She said lots of gardening questions are coming in from members of the community. A Master Gardener training is being put together. Summer school and library programs are wrapping up. 4H deadlines were discussed; enrollment and entry numbers are the same as previous years.

EXPENSE CLAIMS APPROVAL: The claims presented were reviewed. Commissioner Rekow made a motion to approve the claims as presented and as initialed on the individual claim forms. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

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

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MINUTES APPROVAL: The minutes for July 3rd were reviewed. Commissioner Rekow made a motion to approve the minutes of July 3rd as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on administrative matters.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on July 11, 2023.

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Commissioner Wille was absent from the meeting.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PLANNING: Deputy Prosecutor Tahja Jensen discussed Land Use Hearings for Subdivisions. She discussed Idaho and Gem County Code; discussing where county code is located on the county website. Applications and instructions to help guide applicants was discussed. Packets that Development Services provides were reviewed; notice and the packets are posted to the county website. She reviewed standards and process for Minor Subdivisions as well as Standard Subdivisions. She reviewed the script that has been drafted for rezones. The Zoning Commission's hearing and recommendation process was discussed. Jennifer discussed a conversation she has had with the Black Canyon Irrigation District about the process, they had helpful ideas. She stated that more agencies could be required to sign the plat if needed to ensure agencies have seen and acknowledge it. The appeal process was discussed. Jennifer discussed the process on splitting parcels. The new comprehensive plan was discussed. Jennifer stated that there are currently applications that will be processed and heard through December under the previous comprehensive plan; the new comp plan will be applied to new applications that will be heard beginning in January of next year.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on July 17, 2023.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk