



July 25 & 26, 2022, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on July 19, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 25th day of July 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:	Mark Rekow	Chairman
	Bryan Elliott	Commissioner
	Bill Butticci	Commissioner
	Sarah Story	Deputy 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 Butticci to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY: At 9:06 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Rekow, seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously to go into executive session under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(c) for matters of real estate with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Butticci, aye, Commissioner Elliott, aye, and Commissioner Rekow, aye.

Regular session reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY: A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to authorize the chairman to sign the counter offer on the purchase of the real property. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WALK-IN: Joe Mayer met with the Commissioners to express concerns with private businesses not having emergency generators. He would like the Commissioners to either make them get them or provide them to the businesses when needed during a power outage. Commissioner Butticci advised that the government does not have the authority to mandate private sectors to do anything. Commissioner Elliott advised that they cannot pick and choose which businesses would get county owned generators.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS: At 11:09 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Rekow, seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously to go into executive session under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) for matters regarding personnel with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Butticci, aye, Commissioner Elliott, aye, and Commissioner Rekow, aye.

Regular session reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen talked about where the notice of publication will be posted. She advised that a sample contract will be on the county website. She also talked about the salary structure. She advised that Public Defender Mark Coonts is charging at a \$99 an hour rate. Mark talked about his last date of employment with the county. Tahja talked about Conflict Counsel rate, funding, a contract negotiation and the Public Defense Commission. Prosecuting Attorney Erik Thomson talked about pay and benefits in other counties for Public Defenders.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the Request For Proposal as presented with the \$99 hourly amount in the sample contract. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen spoke on various county legal matters. Items that she talked about were the Emergency Operations Center lease, Avimor and homeless concerns.

EXPENSE CLAIMS APPROVAL: The claims presented were reviewed. Commissioner Rekow 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.

CONSENT AGENDA: A. Certificate of Residency for Junior College tuition for Hailey Greenaway, B. Operation in Funds summary for 4/1/22- 6/30/22, C. Offer of employment for Emergency Manager position, D. Copier lease for Road Department, E. Zoning Ordinance update consultant agreement, F. Professional Services Agreement for Building Official and G. Contech Engineered Solutions cattle guard quote.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 12:05 p.m. for lunch to reconvene

at 1:30 p.m.

AMENDMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR IMPACT FEES

DISCUSSION: Lieutenant Jason McIntosh reviewed a list for impact fees for future growth for their needs. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen advised that the Idaho Development Impact Fees are for system improvement only, specifically limited for growth and that the formula is laid out in statute. She advised that project based needs in the Road and Bridge Department are eligible. She talked about the approval process, review process and tracking of the funds. She advised that the funds cannot be used for anything that was there prior to the adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and that the funds have to be utilized within 7 years or else an extension has to be requested or refunded to the applicant. Commissioner Butticci talked about the bottom line and the possible need for adjustments. He believes patrol cars are a reasonable request. Tahja advised that Fire 2 was advised to contact Galena to be added. Jason talked about the need for additional deputies, which will require more patrol cars. Commissioner Elliott expressed the importance for proper planning for using the fees. Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrl advised that Computer Arts is still working on the accounting program, but does not have any updates. Chief Deputy Clerk Leandra Rountree asked about timelines for amendments. Jennifer advised that a public hearing would be required and at a minimum it would be October for the amendments. Commissioner Butticci talked about what departments and items will need amended. Commissioner Rekow will reach out to Anne Wescott at Galena to discuss on going support and possible amendments.

RV PARK DISCUSSION: Commissioner Rekow advised that an architect will be here next week to look at potential building projects. Commissioner Elliott would like to ensure that projection for growth needs to be taken into consideration. He also talked about other properties that the county owns. There was discussion on the need to move some offices around. Tahja reviewed the options for the RV Park. They can reopen the park, repurpose the property or sell it. Tahja advised that if they repurpose the RV Park, the Ordinance would need to be updated. Commissioner Elliott would like the Extension Office to be moved to the RV Park. Commissioner Butticci would like the park to be reopened until they make a decision on what they want to repurpose it for. Commissioner Elliott is concerned with the homeless parking there and not leaving.

ADMINISTRATION TIME: The Commissioners worked on various

administrative items.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. on July 26, 2022.

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Commissioner Elliott was in attendance at the Southwest District Health meeting.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION: Clerk Tilton and Chief Deputy Leandra Rountree met with the Commissioners to discuss the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

MINUTES: The minutes for July 5, 11 & 12, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the minutes for July 5, 11 & 12, 2022 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on August 1, 2022.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk