



August 7 & 8, 2023, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on August 1, 2023, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 7th day of August, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:	Bill Butticci	Chairman
	Kirk Wille	Commissioner
	Mark Rekow	Commissioner
	Laure McCann	Deputy Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

August 7, 2023

IDAHO WATER SUMMIT AT THE IDAHO STATEHOUSE IN BOISE: The Commissioners attended the Idaho Water Summit at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise.

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

AUGUST 8, 2023

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Commissioners reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the agenda for August 7 & 8, 2023 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 will attend the Valor Health board meeting on Wednesday, August 9. She has concerns about their desire to go private and the assets that they have now and will acquire. She also expressed concerns about the current building lease. Commissioner Wille agreed with her concerns. Commissioner Butticci also agreed and stated that the lease terms are not consistent with what the hospital board is proposing. Commissioner Rekow agreed and has concerns with the inconsistency of information received from the hospital board and is looking for clarity. There has been no further information on the security concerns discussed last week. Tahja also talked about a leak in the restroom roof at

the prosecutors building and the need to repair it. Clerk Shelly Tilton discussed a location issue regarding an alcohol beverage license. Tahja will look over the information and discuss it with the Commissioners next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER IDAHO CODE 74-206(1) (F) - PENDING

LITIGATION MATTERS: No executive session was required.

PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT: Deputy Prosecutor Tahja Jensen stated that she has sent the Commissioners information regarding the Public Defender Contract.

There was no action taken.

IDAHO LINES AND SIGNS PAVEMENT MARKING BID APPROVAL: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps reviewed the Idaho Lines and Signs Pavement Marking bid. Neal stated that the county has an obligation to maintain markings. The bid from Idaho Lines and Signs came in at \$121,358, which was \$40,000 over estimated cost. Idaho Lines and Signs said the additional costs are from higher paint costs and is consistent with other areas at .19 cents per linear foot. The Commissioners confirmed with Neal that Road and Bridge had the funds available in the budget to cover the extra cost.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to accept the bid from Idaho Lines and Signs for \$121,358. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

SPECIALTY CONSTRUCTION QUOTE FOR PAINT STRIPING MACHINE: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps reviewed the Specialty Construction Quote for a Paint Striping Machine. Their bid was the only one received. Other potential bidders had issues with availability. The Commissioners confirmed that it was part of the Road and Bridge budget and within the budgeted figures.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wille to approve the purchase of the Graco Linelazor V3900 Paint Striper for \$11,280 as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wille discussed some road repair issues that he will forward to Neal to ensure that he is aware.

CONSENT AGENDA: A. Patterson Family Minor Subdivision Plat B. Wolf Den Minor Subdivision Plat C. Community Rating System Recertification D. Christmas Tree Farm Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, and Order E. Certificate of Residency for Junior

College Tuition for Emma Von Bergen F. Canyon County Drainage District Tax Roll Levy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the consent agenda for August 8, 2023, items A. through F. as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the minutes for August 1, 2023 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Butticci was absent from the meeting for the remainder of the afternoon.

PUBLIC WALK-IN: Two members of the public, Mike Sauer and Shea Henry came to discuss the Freeze Out Hill Climb Event that is scheduled for Labor Day weekend. They mentioned that they have addressed the lack of signage that was an issue in previous years. Commissioner Rekow also mentioned an issue with a resident last year. They stated that the issue was with one race team member that has been asked not to participate in the same capacity this year. Commissioner Rekow directed them to speak to Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps to fill out the appropriate paperwork for the event.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Department Heads met with the Commissioners. Commissioner Wille discussed that the budget was submitted and asked Department Heads to be present at the Budget hearing on August 21 at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Rekow talked about the Idaho Water Summit that they attended on August 7.

Landfill Supervisor Martin Joyce discussed a dumpster fire and truck repair costs. Building Supervisor Chuck Shambaugh reported a graffiti issue at the Island and reported that the doors of the courthouse have been secured with new key cards. Noxious Weed Supervisor Larry Shippy discussed the building addition. Employees will move out of offices for a couple of weeks while the crew completes construction. He also asked about the process of purchasing a new truck. Commissioner Rekow advised Larry to look for state bid pricing. The details of the purchase are up to him as long as it fits within the budgeted amount. Larry also talked about an employee that is leaving the department to move out of state. Disaster Services Director Jeff Ulmer discussed the Montour fire that burned 117 acres. It was caused by lightning and crews were able to suppress it overnight. No structures were lost. Road and Bridge Supervisor

Neal Capps talked about clearing the downed trees caused by the fires and asphalt repairs.

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

SOLID WASTE FEE DISCUSSION AND IDENTIFICATION PROCESS FOR IN COUNTY AND OUT OF COUNTY RESIDENTS: Landfill Supervisor Martin Joyce discussed the new fee schedule. He suggested raising the Gate Tipping Fees by 10 percent as well as the Fee schedule submitted last week. Assistant Landfill Supervisor Tim Adams talked about a scanner that would read stickers on each vehicle to identify in county and out of county residents. The scanner set up cost was around \$2,500 two years ago, but has not been bid this year. He also mentioned a card system that held more information, but had a higher cost. Commissioner Wille expressed his preference for the sticker system, stating ease of use, fraud control and cost effectiveness. Clerk Shelly Tilton advised that we would have to submit the cost increases by noon August 9 to be published in the paper for the required two weeks in order to be ready for a public hearing at the end of August.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve scenario #2 of the Solid Waste Increase Option and the tipping fees as proposed. 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 August 14, 2023.

Approved: _____

Chairman

Attest: _____

Clerk