



August 15 & 16, 2022, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on August 9, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:	Mark Rekow	Chairman
	Bryan Elliott	Commissioner
	Sarah Story	Deputy Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

**August 15, 2022**

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

**MAPPER POSITION SALARY:** Assessor Strang is asking for mapper position be posted at \$55,000. She advised that there is someone that has many years of experience and would not need additional training and that it would take several years to train someone without experience. There was discussion on how the salary should be listed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott that for the mapper position be listed between \$40,000-\$55,000 depending on experience. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR GIS MAPPING SUPPORT WITH FIX THIS SYSTEM:** Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen talked about a previous contract agreement with Wade Ray with Fix This System and the need for a new agreement for GIS mapping support. There was discussion on the number of hours that would be needed and funding. Commissioner Elliott talked about the importance of cross training.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the Professional Services Agreement for GIS mapping support with Fix This System and show that it shall not exceed 15 hours on the agreement. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** A. Lease agreement for Emmett City Annex building space for the Gem County Emergency Operations Center, B. JMH Farms Subdivision Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order, C. Lera Estates Subdivision Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order, D. Hass Rezone Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order, E. Gem County Ordinance 2022-08 Hass Rezone, F. Payroll claims approval 8/5/22, G. Certificate of residency for Junior College tuition for Sydney Mynear, H. Day Wireless Systems tower site lease agreement renewal, I. Day Wireless Systems tower site lease agreement renewal extension letter for lease agreement participation through September 30, 2023, J. Letter of withdrawal of support to the Western Alliance for Economic Development, K. Ratification of Sheriff's vehicle purchase with Mountain Home Auto Ranch and vehicle order confirmation, L. The Bancorp open-end lease schedule for 3 Sheriff's vehicles, M. Surplus file cabinets and various drawers and cases for Assessor's office and N. Ratification of RM Mechanical quote for AC unit.

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

**MINUTES:** The minutes for August 1 & 2, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes for August 1 & 2, 2022 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WALK-IN:** Joe Mayer talked about a 60-minute episode on the electric grid. Commissioner Rekow and Commissioner Elliott advised that they saw it. He also talked about the county purchasing used generators and county roads. Commissioner Elliott advised that the county is not buying generators for the public. Joe also talked about the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

**SQUAW CREEK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT UPDATE:** Randy Hefner and Arthur Beal from Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District met with the Commissioners to provide updates. Randy is asking the Commissioners to let them know if they identify anyone from the public that may need their help. Arthur Beal talked about various projects and programs that they are involved with, the increase of recreation use and the effects from that, funding and meetings with Legislatures. Randy talked about E. coli concerns and testing in rivers and creeks. There was discussion on some of the projects that the Noxious Weed Department is working on.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY:** At 11:31 am. 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)(c) for matters of real estate with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Elliott, aye, and Commissioner Rekow, aye.

Regular session reconvened at 11:41 a.m.

**AUTHORIZATION OF REAL PROPERTY LEASE:** There was no discussion or motion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS:** At 11:42 am. 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 of personnel with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Elliott, aye, and Commissioner Rekow, aye.

Regular session reconvened at 12:21 a.m.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS:** Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen spoke on various county legal matters.

**The Commissioners recessed at 12:21 p.m. for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.**

**PRECAST CONCRETE STIFF LEG BRIDGE BID OPENING:** While being recorded, Commissioner Rekow advised that there were no members of the public present and no sealed bids were received for this bridge. He read the notice for bid. Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps advised that Idaho Code 6728-06 2(H) allows them to go to the open market since they have not received any bids.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott that because no sealed bids were received for the Stiff Leg Bridge structure components to go to the open market to see what can be obtained in order to construct the bridge. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

**INDIGENT APPLICATIONS:** There was no need to go into Executive Session. Deputy Clerk Sarah Story is asking the Commissioners to sign a Release of Lien for case# 13-045.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to sign a Release of Lien for case# 13-045. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

**ARPA FUNDING REQUEST FOR LOG4J LARGE SCALE VULNERABILITY SUPPORT:** Information Technology (IT) Support Specialist Corbin Vickery is asking for ARPA funding to purchase contract support

to mitigate Cyber Security vulnerability. He talked about a previous vulnerability in the county. He is asking for 59 hours at \$120 an hour for a total of \$7080 which will be for carrying out updates and needed research. He talked about the IT budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve using ARPA funds to purchase contract support to mitigate Cyber Security vulnerability to reimburse the IT department in the amount of \$7080. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

**The Board recessed at 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on August 16, 2022.**

**August 16, 2022**

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC):** The Commissioners attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. This was attended virtually.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TIME:** The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

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

Commissioner Elliott was absent for the day.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TIME:** The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

**The Board recessed at 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on August 22, 2022.**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk