



August 22 & 23, 2022, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on August 16, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 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:

**August 22, 2022**

**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 Elliott and carried unanimously.

**INTERVIEW WITH SCOTT UHRIG FOR MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT**

**BOARD:** The Commissioners conducted an interview with Scott Uhrig for the Mosquito Abatement District Board.

**AIR CONDITIONING UNIT FOR COURTHOUSE OPTIONS/QUOTES:** Buildings & Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Shambaugh talked about a bid for a new air conditioning unit that they received for \$33,024 and what was needed to make it work. He also talked about a previous bid that he received for a smaller unit; however, it's not available for several months. There was discussion on the back-up generator and timelines for installation of the air conditioner. Commissioner Elliott expressed concerns with the current duct work being sufficient. He also talked about the temporary units that are being used.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to move forward with the air conditioning unit for the courthouse as presented and that Chuck will make sure that it will work with the existing duct work or upgrade it. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** A. Gem County Sports Complex Special Events Application for Lack Family Concert by Calvary Chapel of Emmett and B. Fiscal Year 2023 Idaho Transportation Department Traffic

Enforcement Grant Project Agreement (TEGPA).

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the consent agenda items A-B with item A conditional that they receive the signatures on the application. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

**IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CAPITAL CRIMES DEFENSE PROGRAM AT-LARGE BOARD POSITION NOMINATION:** There was discussion on Bob Kunau from Cassia County who is currently on the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to nominate Bob Kunau for the Capital Crimes Defense Program At-Large Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

**IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CAPITAL CRIMES DEFENSE PROGRAM DISTRICT 3 BOARD POSITION NOMINATION:** Commissioner Elliott supports Mark Rekow for this position.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott that for the Capital Crimes Defense Program District 3 to nominate Mark Rekow. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for August 15 & 16, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes for August 15 & 16, 2022 as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

**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 as well as the Indigent claims. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WALK-IN:** There were no members of the public present.

**STACY HEIMLICK INTERVIEW FOR PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD:** The Commissioners conducted an interview with Stacy Heimlick for the Planning and Zoning Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY:** At 11:33 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 Butticci, Aye, Commissioner Elliott, aye, and Commissioner Rekow, aye.

Regular session reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

**CLOSING ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 120 E. 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET, AUTHORIZE**

**CHAIR TO SIGN CLOSING DOCUMENTS:** A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to proceed with the closing of real property located at 120 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and to authorize the Chair to sign closing documents. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS:** Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen spoke on various county legal matters. Commissioner Butticci and Prosecutor Thomson talked about Valor Health.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER REAL PROPERTY:** At 1:34 pm. 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 Butticci, Aye, Commissioner Elliott, aye, and Commissioner Rekow, aye.

Regular session reconvened at 1:43 p.m.

**APPRAISAL ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH VALBRIDGE PROPERTY ADVISORS:** Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps advised that they reached out to several appraisal companies and Valbridge is the one that came in at approximately \$5500 plus incidentals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to move forward with the appraisal engagement letter with Valbridge Property Advisors. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

**APPRAISAL FUNDING DISCUSSION:** Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps will write up an explanation for his ARPA funding request.

**GEM COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN:** Commissioner Butticci talked about alternate routes and funding. Commissioner Elliott talked about an option along the canal which is partly in the hillside, which he believes is the best option. Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps talked about road maintenance and cost. Commissioner Butticci believes the option along the canal is also the best option. The Commissioners agreed if there was to be a bypass route, it should be at the eastern edge of the valley. Neal will provide Keller with the comments from the Commissioners.

**IDAHO POWER RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT:** Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps talked about the Idaho Power tree permit request and the chemicals that they will be using in the right-of-way. He expressed concerns with clean-up needs with dead trees. Noxious

Weed Supervisor Larry Shippy expressed concerns with spraying trees, their process and possible legal implications. Neal advised that he has submitted several questions to them and is awaiting response. He advised that he has not received much information on his concerns and he is not in support of this without further information. Larry talked about how tree value is determined. He also advised that they are claiming that the chemicals only stunt the trees and not kill them; however, there is no such chemical. Neal advised that they are asking for a right-of-way permit for parking to facilitate their project. He will wait to get further information regarding the concerns.

**MINUTES**: The minutes for August 8 & 9, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the minutes for August 8 & 9, 2022 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

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

**FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET HEARING**: While being recorded a public hearing was held to consider the fiscal year 2023 county budget.

Commissioner Rekow opened the hearing by reading the public hearing notice. Road Supervisor Neal Capps and Treasurer Megan Keene were present and Clerk Shelly Tilton attended via telephone. There was one member of the public in attendance.

Commissioner Rekow discussed the ARPA funds and explained that some of the expenses were expended in fiscal year 2022 so that line can be reduced by \$600,000.

Commissioner Elliott emphasized that the budget has been worked on for quite a long time. Commissioner Butticci stated that he feels everyone has done a great job getting the budget put together and balanced.

Commissioner Rekow stated that we have limited funding available and they try hard to make sure everything is funded.

The Commissioners expressed appreciation for county employees. The budget reflects a 7% increase for employees along with some other funds that have been set aside for possible increases based off of the results of the salary survey.

There were no questions about the county budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the fiscal year 2023 budget as proposed with the reduction of the ARPA funding budget line to \$1,400,000. It was seconded by

Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

**The Board recessed at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on August 23, 2022.**

**August 23, 2022**

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

Commissioner Rekow was absent from the meeting.

**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 items.

**The Board recessed at 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on September 6, 2022.**

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

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