



August 23 & 24, 2021, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on August 17, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 23rd day of August 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

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

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

August 23, 2021

Commissioner Butticci was absent from the meeting due to attendance at a Historical Society meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Commissioners reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the agenda with the addition of a proclamation to celebrate recovery month to the consent agenda as it is time sensitive and needs to be signed prior to September 6th and the Commissioners do not meet next week. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrl provided updates on the Comprehensive Plan with Logan Simpson and community outreach. Tahja spoke about a steering committee process, how they can be chosen and the timeline. Jennifer talked about criteria that can be put in place when choosing the members. Commissioner Elliott talked on land use, maps and agriculture land. There was discussion on city annexation of properties.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda included: A. Image National Sign quote and terms & conditions for signs for the Motor Vehicle Services building, B. Gem County Resolution 2021-12 authorizing destruction of Clerk's records, C. Certificate of Residency for Emelyn Ingram, Erica Canela, Davis McCann and Sydney Mynear, D. KLC Partners rezone Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order, E. Gem County Ordinance 2021-11 KLC Rezone Ordinance, F. Sara Jenn Acres minor subdivision Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order, G. Sunset Farms minor

subdivision Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order, H. Idaho Public Safety and Security Information System Interagency Management Control agreement between City of Nampa and Gem County for Motorola Spillman Insight Server, I. Gem County Ordinance 2021-10 creating a new Title 15 Development Impact Fee and J. Notice of award to Curtis Clean Sweep Inc. for pavement markings and Proclamation to celebrate recovery month.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve items A-I as amended by removing item J and adding a proclamation to celebrate recovery month. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

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 Elliott and carried unanimously.

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

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: At 11:02 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) (d) for indigent matters with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Elliott, aye, and Commissioner Rekow, aye.

21-021	Medical Application
21-023	Notice of Lien

Regular session reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

Commissioner Rekow made a motion that on case# 21-021 to deny because we are not able to determine if the applicant is medically indigent, unable to determine if the county is the last resource, the applicant failed to appear for interview and the applicant failed to cooperate with the county. On case# 21-023 to sign the Notice of Lien. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: There were no items to discuss.

MINUTES: The minutes for August 2-3, 9-10 & 16-17, 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes for August 2-3, 9-10 & 16-17, 2021 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

The Commissioners recessed at 12:20 p.m. for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

EMMETT FOREST RANGER TO DISCUSS U.S. FOREST SERVICE

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION'S RANGE DROUGHT MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK:

Acting Emmett District Ranger Jennifer Brickey presented their Intermountain Region's Range Drought Management Framework as it relates to grazing permittees who operate in Gem County. Items that she talked about were a transparent way of communicating with the public, steps to take and timelines for pulling cattle off the land. She advised that they try to give a lot of notice if cattle needs to be pulled in anticipation of significant drought conditions. Daniel Nation, Range Technician with the Emmett District talked about water and grazing. He talked about different land locations and when they would have the cattle come off of those areas. Jennifer advised that some permittees have already started to pull their cattle due to lack of water. Daniel spoke of the allotments that they have. Jennifer advised that if they had to have the cattle moved early, they would be issuing credits. There was discussion on invasive weeds.

RETAIL ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR SER MARKETING INC. DBA PIZZA

FACTORY: While being recorded, Commissioner Rekow reviewed the request for an alcohol beverage license #36 for SER Marketing Inc doing business as Pizza Factory at 102 W. 5th St. Emmett, Idaho 83617 for draft and bottled or canned beer, bottled or canned beer not to be consumed on premises and wine by the drink.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve retail alcohol beverage license #36 as presented by the chair. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET HEARING: While being recorded a public hearing was held to consider the fiscal year 2022 county budget.

Commissioner Rekow opened the hearing by reading the public hearing notice. A few county department heads and a representative from Valor Health were in attendance. There were no members of the public attending the hearing.

Commissioner Rekow discussed the effort and time that has gone into the budget. He reviewed new positions that were added in the Sheriff's, Road and Revaluation departments as well as part time positions that became full time in a couple of departments. He said with growth the county is struggling to have enough employees and resources. He discussed federal ARPA funding the county received for COVID related expenses as well as additional one time road funding received from the state. Salary increases included in the budget were discussed. Impact fees have been put in place to allow development to pay for itself. A re-write of the comprehensive plan is being worked

on, funding has been budgeted for this project. The Assessor's office is working to move the motor vehicle department to a newly leased building. Options are being looked at for future county facility expansion.

Commissioner Elliott emphasized the budget has been worked on for quite a long time. It has been an interesting year without knowing how COVID would affect the revenues. He discussed material costs and supply chain issues that have resulted from the pandemic. He is hopeful revenues will continue, allowing for services the community needs to be met.

The Commissioners expressed appreciation for county employees.

There were no questions about the county budget.

Corey from Valor Health discussed the hospital budget. Corey has been on board with the hospital since March. He said the hospital looked back over the previous year and determined one time funding versus ongoing funding and reviewed the service needs. Corey discussed anticipated expenses with a new clinic that is being built. They are looking at being more consistent for salary increases, he discussed supply ordering. He also discussed contracts with insurance carriers. Corey stated the hospital is not a taxing district and receives no tax funding. He discussed depreciation, which is a non-cash item within the hospital's budget. He also discussed some grant funding they are hoping to receive. He feels this is a conservative budget for the hospital and believes they will have no problems meeting or exceeding the expenses and needs.

Commissioner Rekow commended the hospital on their efforts.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the fiscal year 2022 budget as presented and sign Gem County Resolution 2021-13. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 6:51 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on August 24, 2021.

August 24, 2021

Commissioner Butticci was absent from the meeting due to attendance at a Historical Society meeting.

Commissioner Elliott was absent from the meeting due to attendance at a Southwest District Health Department meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: Commissioner Rekow worked on various

administrative items.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET AND ARPA

FUNDING REQUEST: This discussion was not held as there was not a quorum of the board.

Without a quorum today the Board recessed at 6:51 p.m. yesterday to 8:30 a.m. on September 7, 2021.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk