



October 5, 2020, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on September 28, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 5th day of October 2020, at 8:30 a.m.

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

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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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 for October 5, 2020. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on administrative matters.

SWEET VALLEY HOMES NO. 2 MINOR SUBDIVISION REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps reviewed a request for reconsideration of Condition of Approval #IV of the approved Minor Subdivision that was approved on September 14, 2020. The Condition of Approval is specific to the location of the shared driveway for lots 2 and 3 off of Kirkpatrick Rd. The homeowners, Tom and LeAnn Carlsen are requesting that access change to 2 separate accesses instead of 1 shared access on Kirkpatrick Rd. Discussion included road department standards for driveways and lot lines and major access roads. Neal recommends that the Commissioners reconsider their original decision. There was also discussion about a road study to be done for Brownlee/Liberty and Kirkpatrick Roads.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to amend the approval to allow individual access to Sweet Valley Homes No. 2 Subdivision for lots 2 & 3, adding the letter from

Road and Bridge dated October 5, 2020. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda included A. Emmett Valley Meadows Subdivision Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order, B. Gem County Road and Bridge purchase with Auto Ranch Group for 2021 Silverado 2500 4WD Double 8' Box and C. Professional services contract for public defense conflict counsel for True Pearce.

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

DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS EVE CLOSURE: Clerk Shelly Tilton asked the Commissioners to decide on office closures for the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. There was discussion about a county Christmas party, concerns on social distancing and optional ideas. The Commissioners agreed to give the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve off for county employees. The Christmas party will need further discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci for the holidays coming up on November 27 and December 24, 2020 that county employees have those days off. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

MINUTES: There were no minutes reviewed.

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: It was not necessary to go into executive session.

20-039	Notice of Lien
20-040	Notice of Lien

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow on cases 20-039 and 20-040 to approve and sign statutory and N-1 liens as applicable. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

COVID DISCUSSION: Emergency Services Manager Laurie Boston talked about COVID testing for Emmett School District by Crush the Curve, the number of tests that were given, potential reimbursement from the state, financial reimbursements to the City of Emmett for a remodel for the EOC and that the EOC will move to the fire station through the duration of the remodel. She spoke about the county

COVID numbers, a recent local COVID related death and that Malheur County is a "hot spot". Valor Health CEO Brad Turpen provided updates on the number of COVID related cases seen in the ER and Urgent Care, combined test swabs, their supply of testing supplies and personal protection devices and that their staffing stating it is currently adequate. He advised that the hospital is still at stage 2. He also stated that they continue to promote masking, social distancing and hand washing. The hospital is providing flu shots to their employees and will schedule a flu vaccine drive-up clinic shortly for the public. There was discussion about the upcoming COVID vaccination distributions, venues for distribution and a tiered approach for vaccine distribution. Stephanie Hughs, a public citizen, appeared in person and had questions about mask mandates in the counties and where the states numbers come from. She also expressed concerns about the push for vaccines with the current numbers of recovery rates. Brad stated that the number reported for ICU patients by Governor Brad Little appear to be for the entire state but that she should follow up with the Governor's office and the CDC with her questions and concerns.

CARES ACT FUNDING REQUEST FOR PORTABLE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

CENTER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES: Emergency Services Manager Laurie Boston talked about the funds that would be needed. She stated that a meeting will be set up for further discussion with all involved parties. She requested that Clerk Shelly Tilton submit the requests for the EOC portability and Fire/EMS items that were discussed last week. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen talked about prioritization of requests and needs. Gem County IT Director Robert McCracken talked about the potential costs for his portion of upgrades to the courthouse.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to move ahead with the submittal to the CARES act for the funding for the EOC equipment in the amount of \$3889.37 and also for the EMS/Fire District items as presented for approximately \$140,000.00. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

GRAVEL ROAD SPEED LIMIT STUDY: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps reviewed the details of the gravel road speed limit study that was received by Keller Associates. Items that were discussed included gravel roads, widths, crash data and speed limits on gravel roads. He recommends

approval to hold an open meeting. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen talked about the effects that this may have on the courts, Sheriff's Department and the Prosecuting Attorney's office. She also talked about signage and the needs to update the ordinance. Neal discussed the cost for signage and current inventory.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to move forward with the gravel road speed limit public hearing. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: There was discussion about the Oil and Gas Ordinance and questions and concerns the Commissioners had regarding the IDAPA rules, bond and insurance, road mitigation, property owners notification, exemptions, agriculture usage on the roads and clarification on the definition of "paril". Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen talked about the rule making process and the role of each agency involved. Tahja will provide the concerns to Prosecuting Attorney Erick Thomson for review for future discussion.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:45 p.m. for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

KYLE STRATTON REZONE PUBLIC HEARING: While being recorded, a public meeting was held for continued deliberation and decision for the Kyle Stratton Rezone request. Due to social distancing this meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting. This request is for the Kyle Stratton Rezone application by Sawtooth Land Surveying on behalf of land owner Kyle Stratton. The applicant is asking for approval to rezone his property from A-2 Rural Transitional Agriculture (5-acre minimum) to R-2 Residential Transitional (1-acre minimum). The property proposed to be rezoned is 16.18 +/- acres in size, and lies fully within the Priority Growth Area 1 of the County Residential Area, as designated on the Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan. The property is located on the east side of Lower Bluff Road.

Those present were Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen, Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrl, Associate Planner Michelle Barron, neighbor Alvin Flane Walker and public attendee Gregory Kershul.

Commissioner Elliott spoke about the updated verbiage for the well and septic study as shown in condition #6 on the Development Agreement and that with the updates he was

satisfied. Commissioner Rekow expressed his concerns about water, septic and increased traffic. Commissioner Butticci stated that he was satisfied with the language that has been added to the Development Agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the rezone for Kyle Stratton RZ-20-003 with the amended Development Agreement which is Exhibit 2 and also the Findings from the Zoning Commission Exhibit B. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

Jennifer advised that the amended Development Agreement is available at the Development Services office. She also advised the the applicant has the ability to propose a new agreement; therefore, this may have to come back to the Board for review again.

The Board recessed at 2:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on October 13, 2020.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk