



October 17 & 18, 2022, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on October 11, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 17th day of October 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:

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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 as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

GEM PLAN UPDATE: Tim Marks from Gem Plan reviewed the statements of net assets, statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets and statements of cash flows. He advised that Gem County runs pretty consistently in the "red". There was discussion on options to level the county out. Tim talked about other counties that also are in the "red", recent rate increases, coverage for the entire family, dependent rates and how by adding more dependents can lower the loss ratio. He also talked about the options in the Idaho Medical Exchange program.

Commissioner Butticci was absent from the meeting due to attendance at an Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee meeting. He but rejoined towards the end of the Gem Plan presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA: A. Payroll claims approval for 10/7/2022, B. State Insurance Fund Worker's Compensation Alcohol and Drug-free Workplace premium credit annual certification, C. Geotek evaluation work authorization and agreement for Farmers Coop bridge, D. Gem County cooperative weed management area Memorandum of Understanding between Gem County and USDI-Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho Department of Fish & Game, Idaho Department of Transportation and City of Emmett.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the consent agenda items A-D as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

MINUTES: The minutes for October 11, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the minutes for October 11, 2022 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

2023 OPEN FORUM SCHEDULE: The Commissioners discussed options for scheduling the 2023 open form schedule for Sweet and Ola. Commissioner Butticci is fine with the back-to-back scheduling.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the open forum schedule for 2023 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WALK-IN: Michael Pierce met with the Commissioners to discuss maintenance and improvements on Johnson Creek and Sand Hollow Roads. He is asking to have more work done to the area close to his gate. He also talked about an incident with a hunter that happened on his property. Commissioner Butticci advised that they will talk with Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps. Commissioner Rekow advised that he would try and drive out there to see the problem areas himself.

Robert and Rochelle Oxarango met with the Commissioners to discuss concerns with maintenance needs on VanDeusen Road. He understands that funding and man power may be an issue. He talked about the dangers of the road, the dust and that the road is a gateway for recreation use. Commissioner Butticci advised that the road is on their radar and will talk with Neal as well. Robert talked about the lack of public support they receive in that area. Commissioner Rekow talked about the need for funding for road maintenance. Rochelle talked about challenges with dust issues on their feed lot and the amount of people that travel that road.

Stacey Rosecrans met with the Commissioners to discuss building maintenance for the Recovery Center building. She is proposing to paint exterior of the building. She brought a color sample of paint that she is willing to donate. She also talked about the roof on the shed that is need of repair. She advised that all the labor for both projects would be donated. She will work with Clerk Tilton to get on the agenda. Commissioner Butticci would like Building and Grounds Supervisor Chuck Shambaugh to look at the shed.

Joe Mayer met with the Commissioners to discuss emails that they received, bylaws, the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the minutes at a LEPC meeting. He expressed concerns

about public comments not being allowed. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen advised that the Board of County Commissioners have no authority over LEPC. Emergency Manager Jeff Ulmer explained how the LEPC Executive Board and Board members are set and their responsibilities.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen spoke on various county legal matters. Items that she talked about were road maintenance, the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), emails and building security.

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

LCA ARCHITECTS- COURTHOUSE BUILDING SECURITY: Tom Scofield and Scott Wendell from LCA Architects met with the Commissioners to discuss the courthouse building security. Commissioner Rekow talked about some recent security concerns, the current panic buttons and a security consultant. Tom talked about the infrastructure of the building, security electronics, the human aspect in regards to security and a study that was done by Ada County. Scott talked about electronic building access, packages that can be purchased and specialty options. There was discussion on different security options throughout the courthouse. Sheriff Wunder talked about how the jail is set up. Clerk Tilton advised that, with the current door system, the front door automatically opens and locks at certain times and that some people have toggle keys for the courthouse. Scott talked about options for security for the doors for employees and the public. Clerk Tilton stated that the public is the main safety concern. Tom talked about the services they could offer, but that other needs may require services from another company. Tom talked about a possible Request for Quote (RFQ). There was discussion on the other buildings that the county owns. Commissioner Rekow talked about challenges that other departments have encountered. There was discussion on how other counties security systems are set up. Commissioner Rekow would like to start with security at the courthouse. Tom will talk to Stanley Security to get information to potentially roll it into their quote for their services as well. Deputy Prosecutor Tahja Jensen talked about the need to do the security right in order to avoid breaches. Clerk Tilton talked about available funding for the project. The Commissioners would like the exterior doors to also be initially included in the quote along with an extension to the front door for a security entrance. Tom advised that he can probably have something for the Commissioners to review by mid to late November.

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

SWEET OPEN FORUM: There were no members of the public present so this meeting was not held.

The Board recessed at 7:15 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on October 4, 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.

OLA OPEN FORUM: The Commissioners attended an open forum at the Community Hall in Ola. Items that were discussed were roads, weeds, Highway 16 safety, road projects and courthouse security.

The Board recessed at 8:30 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on October 24, 2022.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk