



November 1 & 2, 2021, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on October 26, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 1st day of November 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:

November 1, 2021

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.

SALARY DISCUSSION: Clerk Shelly Tilton advised that she sent the Commissioners the current employee information on years of service and salary for her departments. She advised that most employees are cross-trained with multiple duties. Commissioner Butticci agrees with an increase for the Clerk's offices. Commissioner Elliott spoke of the average salary. Clerk Tilton spoke of pay increases in other departments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to authorize the Clerk's Department to increase the salaries by (up to, based upon discussion) \$1000.00 for FY2022. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 9:06 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)(b) for matters regarding personnel with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Butticci, aye, Commissioner Elliott, aye and Commissioner Rekow, aye.

Regular session reconvened at 9:32 a.m.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT DISCUSSION: A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci approving legal to authorize a release of claims and benefits for a Gem County employee. It was seconded by

Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

GEM COUNTY SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION FOR BAR 2 BAR OFF-ROAD RACING AT LITTLE GEM CYCLE PARK: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps reviewed the application request for a special event for Bar 2 Bar off-road racing at Little Gem Cycle Park. He advised that they had insurance, that this is a 2 day event, dates of the event and that they have met all requirements for the application.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the Gem County special events application for Bar 2 Bar off-road racing at the Little Gem Cycle Park as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps talked about various projects that they are working on. Other items that he talked about were truck maintenance, winter preparations, job descriptions, truck routes, bicycle pathways and new houses in High Valley.

COVID DISCUSSION: Emergency Operations Manager Laurie Boston provided updates on the current weekly COVID numbers, percentages of county residents' vaccination rate and booster shots. Valor Health Marketing Manager Staci Carr provided trend percentages, urgent care and emergency room numbers, the number of tests completed and staffing resources. Valor Health CEO Brad Turpen talked about the lack of bed capacities at St. Luke's and St. Al's, the staffing crisis and booster vaccines.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda included: A. Keller Associates report and payment request 19 for Ola Highway to Powerline Road, B. Ratification of signature on ambulance title, C. Power of Attorney for Gem County Fire District #1 to handle insurance and title for ambulance that was involved in an accident, D. County annual juvenile justice report to the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, E. Operation in funds summary 7/1/21-9/30/21, F. Request for tax and/or fee cancellation for cancellation of homeowners exemption for multiple parcels, G. Request for tax and/or fee cancellation for Assessor's parcel RP06N02W160800/MH06N02W160800, I. Request for tax and/or fee cancellation for Assessor's parcel MHP0812C00003A, J. Request for tax and/or fee cancellation for Assessor's parcel RPE1090C010280, K. Request for tax and/or fee cancellation for Assessor's parcel MHP08140000073, L. Request for tax and/or fee cancellation for Assessor's parcel RPC60750000210 and M. Request for tax and/or fee cancellation for Assessor's parcel RP07N01W166600.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve items A-M as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

ARPA FUNDING REQUESTS: The Commissioners reviewed a request for ARPA funding from the Senior Center due to loss of revenue and the funds that were needed to continue to provide meals during the pandemic.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve ARPA funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Gem County Senior Center. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

MINUTES: The minutes for October 18, 19, 25 & 26, 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes for October 18, 19, 25 & 26, 2021 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

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

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: At 11:05 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to go into executive session under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) for indigent matters with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Butticci, aye, Commissioner Elliott, aye, and Commissioner Rekow, aye.

21-024	31-Day Medical Emergency
19-054	Release of Lien
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Regular session reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

A motion was made by Commission Rekow to deny case# 21-024 because the applicant is not medically indigent, the county is not the last resource, services were not emergent and services were not medically necessary. On cases 19-054 & 19-055 to sign releases of liens. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

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

WEED DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR POSITION: A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the offer letter for the Noxious Weed Superintendant position for Gem County as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

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

at 1:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION TIME: The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on November 2, 2021.

November 2, 2021

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The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on November 8, 2021.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk