



November 9, 2020, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on November 2, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 9th day of November 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 add to the consent agenda for October 26, 2020 for the Board of Commissioners to sign the purchase order for the Sheriff's Department body cameras that was approved by the CARES Act. This is an emergency necessity action because of time sensitivity and the possibility of losing the CARES Act money today. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approved the agenda for October 26, 2020. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TIME:** The Commissioners worked on administrative matters.

**ELK VIEW ESTATES MINOR SUBDIVISION:** Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrl met with the Commissioners to review the Elk View Estates Minor Subdivision. The applicant, Sawtooth Land Surveying, LLC, on property owned by Roy Sternes, has applied for a minor subdivision to create four (4), single-family lots on approximately 60.95 +/- acres (comprised of two buildable parcels) located in the A-2, Rural Transitional Agriculture zone (two new Lots are being proposed). She advised that there was one letter of concern submitted. She also spoke about a DEQ review for the road, a needed letter from the fire

department, waivers and access to the properties.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the Elk View Estates Minor Subdivision as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda included A. Request for tax and/or cancellation for Assessor's parcel RP06N01W060488, B. Request for tax and/or cancellation for Assessor's parcel MHL700016012B, C. Payroll claims approval 11/7/2020, D. Idaho Office of Emergency Management 2020 State Homeland Security Program subrecipient agreement E. County Vessel Fund reporting and remittance form and request for retention of County Vessel funds, F. Appointment of Justin Vickery for the Zoning Commission, G. Public Defense Commission annual reports for Mark Coontz, Coontz Law Office ; William Schwartz and Josh Taylor, H. Crawford Minor Subdivision plat, I. Crawford Minor Subdivision Road Mitigation Agreement, J. Professional Services Agreement for Information Technology Services with Fix This System/Wade Ray, K. Ratification of a letter of support for transportation grant being applied for by the Region 3 Behavioral Health Board, L. Payette River Crossing Estates Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order, M. Rassmussen Minor Subdivision plat, N. Rassmussen Minor Subdivision Road Mitigation Agreement and O. Sheriff's Department body cam purchase order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the consent agenda items A - O. O was added this morning for the purchase of body cameras for the Sheriff's Department, which was approved by the CARES Act and needed to be added because of time sensitivity and the possibility of losing the CARES Act money as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

**INDIGENT APPLICATIONS:** It was not necessary to go into Executive Session.

21-002	Notice of Lien
20-034	Release of Lien (for Gem County)
20-034	Release of Lien (for Payette County)
CV23-20-0049	Pay Off Letter

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow on case 21-002 to sign statutory and N-1 liens as applicable, case 20-034 and 20-034 for Payette County sign release of liens and on case CV23-20-0049 sign the pay off letter. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from October 26, 2020 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the minutes for October 26, 2020 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner

Butticci and carried unanimously.

**COVID DISCUSSION:** Disaster Services Director Laurie Boston introduced a new member of the Emergency Operation team. She provided updates on the number of positive cases for the state and local numbers. She also spoke about the increase of cases, CARES Act funding the Sheriffs Department received approval for to purchase body cameras, the effects of not testing people that are asymptomatic, quarantine periods and the effects of COVID fatigue. She also talked about the Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for exposure timelines. Valor Health Marketing Manager Staci Carr talked about the number of tests that have been completed by the hospital in the last 30 days and how many have been positive. She provided the numbers of patients seen in the Urgent Care and the Emergency Room and the number of COVID transfers. Urgent Care is still closed on Sundays. Brad Turpen spoke about one of the transfer patients who was intubated and air transported. He also discussed bed availability, continued support to the school district for testings and that staffing at the hospital has been impacted due to their children being exposed.

**CLOSED POINT OF DISTRIBUTION (POD) PLAN FOR COVID VACCINE DISTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS:**

Disaster Services Director Laurie Boston talked about a closed POD vaccine distribution plan. She suggested that there be only one closed POD instead of the County/City maintaining one and Valor Health maintain the other. The closed POD would initially be for First Responders. If there is only one POD, Laurie would work with Southwest District Health to coordinate it. She spoke about the process of setting up the POD, who would be responsible and what would be involved. She talked about Southwest District Health helping with technical assistance and oversight as well as training, assisting with the organization layout, assisting with staffing as they could, providing the medication, assisting with the delivery and storage of the vaccine, providing literature and forms and screening sheets. Laurie also talked about the need for possible resources to assist with distributing the vaccine.

**CARES ACT FUNDING:** Gem County Information Technology supervisor Robert McCracken talked about a quote that was received by CompuNet, Inc. for equipment for updating the Commissioners room and Conference room. He reviewed what equipment would be needed and which may not be. He also talked about the timeline for installation and the need to apply for the CARES Act funding. The quote that was received was for \$39,240.64.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to submit for CARES Act funding the CompuNet bid to allow for livestream of public hearings in the Commissioners meeting room and the conference room for \$39,240.64. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to recess as a Board of County Commissioners and convene as a Board of Canvassers. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

**CANVASS OF NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION:** Deputy Election Clerk Julie Bruce discussed the General Election including the return of ballots and machinery. She stated that the Ola Precinct could not get their machine to print, but it did not interfere with the balancing process. She also talked about the number of new registered voters on election day, curbside voting for COVID positive voters and the 82.88% turnout.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to accept the election results as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to adjourn as a Board of Canvassers and reconvene as a Board of County Commissioners. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS:** Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen talked about Impact Fee numbers and increasing the percentage. She talked about her concerns of increasing the impact fees and how Valley County handles their impact fees and Road Mitigation requests. Other items that were discussed were road improvements, size of parcels and road dedications. Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps talked about the current CIP fees and how they are calculated and that they are close to what the proposed CIP is calculated. He talked about options for obtaining funds for the county's portion of costs for some of the projects. There was discussion about the Highway District and how that would effect the City of Emmett and the budgets. He talked about the special levy in Valley County which was not approved. Tahja spoke about COVID exposures in the workplace, the county policy regarding exposure, Paid Administration Leave, Emergency Sick Leave Act, and Family Medical Leave Act. She talked about how wages would be handled for employees exposed in the workplace. She also recommends employees working from home to limit exposure. She also talked about Rouwenhorst rezone case and the oral arguments, the Special Use Permits on Anderson

Ranch Reserve and Industrial Park. She advised that she is still working on the MOU for the Emergency Operations Center. She also talked about the MOU agreement with the Recreation District for island maintenance and that they work with the county when there are events from outside of Gem County. There was also discussion of Indigent applications for wood scavaging from the landfill and the process that would need to be followed.

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

**LONG REZONE PUBLIC HEARING:** While being recorded, a public hearing was held for a rezone request. Due to social distancing this meeting was held virtually via Join Me. Commissioner Elliott read the Notice of Public Hearing for the virtual meeting for the Long rezone request. Those present were Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrrl, Associate Planner Michelle Baron and Gem County resident Joe Morton. Via Join Me, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen, applicants Brandi & Brian Long and a neighbor attended.

There were no indications of conflict from the Commissioners, nor were there any declarations pertaining to this meeting such as site reviews or conversations outside of this hearing.

Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrrl asked to add the packet of information that was submitted into the record which includes the application, the Zoning Commission recommendation, staff report and the draft Zoning Commission minutes. There were no letters of concern submitted and there were no late exhibits.

Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrrl advised that the applicant, Brian and Brandi Long, on behalf of the property owner, Paul and Kathy Long, sought approval to rezone their property from A-2 Rural Transitional Agriculture (5-acre minimum) to R-3 Rural Residential (2-acre minimum). The property proposed to be rezoned is 6.13 +/- 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. She advised that there was no Development Agreement, nor was there a requirement for a septic and well study due to acreage size and there were no concerns with this application.

Commissioner Elliott asked for testimony from those in favor of the rezone. Applicant Brandi Long explained their intentions with the rezone stating that they are willing to comply with all requirements for testings. Property owner Kathy Long stated that they are in favor for the rezone. There were no

attendees that spoke who were neutral or opposed to the application.

Commissioner Elliott asked if there was any objection to adding the packet of information to the record. There was no objection. A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to add the packet to the record. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Rekow expressed concerns on wells, septic, and roadways. Commissioner Butticci stated that he had no concerns and was happy to see that this was a 2 acre lot size. Commissioner Elliott expressed his concerns on water and roads. The Commissioners agreed that all conditions were met and there were no further questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the rezone application for Brian and Brandi Long RZ-20-004 and accept the Zoning Boards findings of facts Exhibit B and the conditions. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT T-10 TRUCK REPAIRS:** Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps is requesting for approval for repairs to the frame on the T-10 International truck. The repairs will be between \$14,000-\$16,000 which is about 20% of the repair budget for the year. This cost is to replace the frame front to back (4 rails). He advised that this is a valuable and efficient tool that is needed. He reached out to several machining shops, but only received 2 quotes. Fords Fabrication, LLC could do the job, but not in the timeframe that is needed. R&R Services, Inc stated that they would be able complete the job within a 2-3 weeks and would hold a spot for this job. Road and Bridge Shop Foreman Steve Posten explained what repairs are needed and what the repair shops will do. He also talked about the efficiency of the truck. Neal did look into the cost to replace the truck but decided that it was most cost efficient to repair this.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow approve the repair of the International truck for Road and Bridge to have R&R Service in Boise to do the repairs. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci 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 Butticci

and carried unanimously.

**The Board recessed at 2:50 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on November 16, 2020.**

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

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