



November 15 & 16, 2021, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on November 9, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 15th 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 15, 2021

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Commissioners reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

NATIONWIDE OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISCUSSION: Clerk Shelly Tilton advised that the county should receive approximately \$661,000.00 if all the counties buy into it. She spoke of concerns on spending the funds according to the requirements. Commissioner Elliott talked about wanting the money to be spent in Gem County. Clerk Tilton talked about how the expenses could be paid through the Clerk's office. She discussed a process of disposal of medications she learned about at the NACo conference. Camille Evans from Valor Health talked about a Peer Recovery program, office training on how to work with those with addiction and that she will send the Commissioners ideas on how she thinks these funds can be used. Clerk Tilton discussed concerns regarding maintaining programs after these funds run out. There was discussion on when the money needs to be spent and reported. Camille spoke of the role of a Peer Support specialist and the need to have more trained counselors for drug and alcohol addiction. Sheriff Donnie Wunder would like opioid education/training for the jail and deputies. Camille also talked about building partnerships between the jail and the healthcare providers. Commissioner Elliott talked about Southwest District Health possibly directing where the money goes, accounting and distribution of the money. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja advised that either the county

manages the program or the Health District manages it. She stated that if the Health District is in charge of the money the county would not have any authority to set requirements on how the funds would be spent without an agreement with them. Shelly talked about managing the financial side. Tahja talked about creating a task force to come up with projects within the county and city. Commissioner Butticci talked about concerns with the Health District managing this program. Valor Health CEO Brad Turpen advised that the hospital will help in any way they can. Commissioner Elliott will find out how the health district would manage the funds if the county decided to route Gem County's allocation through them. Discussion about how to manage the funds, whether locally or through the health district will be continued next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci that Gem County participate in the opioid settlement agreement with the state. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

COVID DISCUSSION: Valor Health Marketing Manager Staci Carr provided trend percentages, urgent care and emergency room numbers, the number of tests completed and flu and COVID vaccinations. Travis Whittemore from Valor Health talked about a vaccination clinic with the school district and booster shots. Emergency Operations Manager Laurie Boston provided updates on the current weekly COVID numbers, percentages of county residents' vaccination rate and recent deaths in the county.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda included: A. Payroll claims approval 11/5/21. B. Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections Juvenile Justice FY21 annual financial report, C. Idaho Transportation Department Office of Highway Safety Traffic Enforcement Grant Project Agreement (TEGPA), D. Idaho Office of Emergency Management 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant subrecipient agreement, E. 1st Amendment to Addendum D to the Service Level Agreement for electronic transaction and access for electronic payments at point of sale for Gem County Sheriff, F. Prosecutor's Office surplus property, G. Gamble Minor Subdivision plat, H. Amendment to agreement dated September 24, 2018 between Pictometry International Corp and Gem County, I. Letter to the Butterworth's regarding property swap request, J. License and indemnity agreement with Albertsons for stuff the ambulance food drive, K. Hummingbird Ranch special use permit appeal of Zoning Commissioner decision Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order and L. State of Work Managed service agreement with Day Wireless Services for Dispatch remote access.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve items A-L as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci

and carried unanimously.

MINUTES: The minutes for November 8 & 9, 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the minutes for November 8 & 9, 2021 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 11:00 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to go into executive session under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) for matters of personnel with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Butticci, aye, Commissioner Elliott, aye, and Commissioner Rekow, aye
Regular session reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

RESPONSE LETTER REGARDING EMPLOYMENT: A letter responding to Clyde Cunningham was reviewed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to move forward with the letter to Clyde Cunningham dated November 15, 2021. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: At 11:07 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.

22-003 Medical Emergency

Regular session reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to deny case# 22-003 because the applicant is not medically indigent and the county is not the last resources. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

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

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrl reviewed the Triple H Estate No. 2 request. The applicant, Sawtooth Land Surveying, LLC, on property owned by Big Pine Construction, LLC, has applied for a minor subdivision to create three (3), single-family lots on approximately 15.00

+/- acres located in the A-3, Rural Agriculture zone. Items that she talked about were access, property location, an adjacent minor subdivision, a road dedication and irrigation/water-rights. Commissioner Elliott would like to have water-rights addressed by a letter of approval from the Ditch Company.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the Triple H Estates No. 2 with the requirement that a letter of approval is received by the Ditch Company. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT POSITION IN OLA: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps talked about the current starting salary for 2 positions in Ola and is asking to increase that wage. He advised that he is having trouble getting applicants for those positions at the current wage. There was discussion on the employees having to commute from Emmett which would lose 2 hours of work each day. There was no action taken at this time.

ROAD GRADER DISCUSSION: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps talked about purchasing a new Grader but it has not been built yet and the trade in machine is not paid off. He advised that they will not be able to change out the Grader they have. He spoke of the budget for equipment and that they have more than necessary available in their budget to purchase a new one. He advised that they have the extra money due to not purchasing other items they had planned for. The Commissioners would support purchasing the Grader with the funds in the budget. Neal will work with Clerk Shelly Tilton to go over the budget. No action was taken today.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on November 15, 2021.

November 16, 2021

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC): The Commissioners attended this meeting virtually.

ADMINISTRATION TIME: The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

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Commissioner Elliott is in attendance at another meeting.

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WESTERN ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: At 3:01 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Rekow, seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously to go into executive session under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(e) for matters of commerce with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Rekow, aye, and Commissioner Butticci, aye.

Regular session reconvened at 3:09 p.m.

PROJECT INTEGRATION TAX REIMBURSEMENT INCENTIVE REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT: A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to support the project integration tax reimbursement incentive letter. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on November 22, 2021.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk