



December 1, 2020, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on November 24, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 1st day of December 2020, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:	Bryan Elliott	Chairman
	Mark Rekow	Commissioner
	Bill Butticci (Via Phone)	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 Rekow to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on administrative matters.

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: At 9:05 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)(d) for indigent matters with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Butticci, aye, Commissioner Rekow, aye, and Commissioner Elliott, aye.

- 21-001 Medical Application
- 20-039 Notice of Hearing
- 21-003 Notice of Lien
- 21-004 Notice of Lien
- 20-035 Release of Lien
- 20-040 Release of Lien

Regular session reconvened at 9:08 a.m.

Commissioner Rekow made a motion on case 21-001 to deny because the applicant is not medically indigent and the county is not the last resource; on cases 20-039 to sign a notice of

hearing; 21-003 and 21-004 to sign N-1 and statutory liens as applicable and on cases 20-035 and 20-040 to sign release of liens. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

COUNTY BUDGET AND EMPLOYEE SALARY: Clerk Shelly Tilton provided options for the 1% salary increase that was not given to county employees at the beginning of the fiscal year but rather was held back to see what happened with revenues. She talked about employee salaries, the 2% increase that had been given in September, tax revenues, increase of COVID cases and part-time employees. The Commissioners being unsure of how revenues will come in for the next few months are in agreeance to not make any changes at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda included A. Lucas Subdivision No. 2 plat, B. Lucas Subdivision No. 2 Road Mitigation Agreement, C. Certificate of Residency for Sara Saldana, D. Gem County Sports Complex Agreement with the Gem County Recreation District for island maintenance and E. Idaho Department of Corrections Juvenile Justice annual financial report.

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

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen talked about various county legal matters. Items that she talked about were the Emergency Sick Leave, Emergency Family Leave Act and Administration Leave. Other topics that were discussed were fairgrounds bleachers bid, jail phones, MOU/Lease Agreement for the Emergency Operations Center, Rouwenhorst case, CARES Act approvals, IT needs and a potential IT intern.

COVID DISCUSSION: Emergency Operations Manager Laurie Boston provided updates on the county positive COVID cases, cluster cases, social and family gatherings, Point Of Distribution planning meeting, effects of the COVID vaccines, the recent school district meeting and optional funding programs. She also talked about using the school nurses, pharmacists, paramedics, EMT's and Army National Guard for possible resources for administering vaccinations. She also spoke about the increase of deaths in the county and the effects that it is having on Potter Funeral Home and a cooling trailer for storage. Valor Marketing Manager Staci Carr provided updates on the increase of positive COVID tests, the wing in the hospital that is for COVID patients for mild cases, the number of patients seen in the Urgent Care and the Emergency Room and the number of transfers. Valor CEO

Brad Turpen provided updates on masking mandates in the school district, staffing challenges, Urgent Care closure on Sundays and the continuation of public education. Dr. Vetter talked about the COVID vaccination and the effects that people may feel after receiving it. He advised that the vaccine was created to prevent people from dying. Coroner John Buck talked about the current capacity that they have at their funeral home. There was discussion on Administration Leave for Gem County Road and Bridge.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the requested Administrative Pay for COVID exposure for 56 hours for Gem County Road and Bridge. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

CARES ACT FUNDING: Clerk Shelly Tilton provided updates on approvals that the county has received for IT equipment, body cams, EMS equipment and the remaining balance that is available. She also talked about the deadline for submitting expenses to the state. She discussed the need to add funds into a COVID line in the budget at the next budget opening to allow for continued expenses that are COVID related that are beyond what was expected when the budget was created.

2021 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES: While being recorded the Commissioners reviewed the alcohol beverage license renewals for Blue Ribbon, Stinker Store #76, Stinker Store #110, The Gem Lounge, Huck and Finns Sports Bar, Main Street Beverages, BiMart #681, JDG Enterprises DBA Don's Market, Albertsons #126, The Triangle Restaurant, Tobacco Connections #39, El Puerto Market, Cowboys Chophouse, La Costa Restaurant, Chevron of Emmett, B&W Fuels DBA Wild Willy's, Montour Country Store and Pizza Factory.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the retail alcohol license renewals as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

MINUTES: The minutes from November 23, 2020 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the minutes for November 23, 2020 as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 12:15 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on December 7, 2020.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk