



December 20 & 21, 2021, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on December 14, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 20th day of December 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:

December 20, 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.

PUBLIC DEFENSE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REPORT: Public Defender Mark Coonts reviewed the 2021 Public Defense expenditure report with the Commissioners. He talked about public defense funding that is provided by the county and public defense grants. He advised that they have spent all of the money except for part of the grant money. He talked about the effect of rolling over the grant money. He advised that he would like to sound-proof the interview room at the jail.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott that for the FY 2021 Public Defense Financial Assistance Report to accept and sign. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DEFENSE UPDATE: Public Defender Mark Coonts talked about a bill that they are working on with IAC to change the way that they work with the Public Defense Commission (PDC). He talked about the current challenges that they have when working with the PDC. He also talked about upcoming trials, his case load and suicide prevention/awareness.

OPIOID DISCUSSION: The Commissioners talked about the task force for projects for the opioid settlement. Commissioner Butticci stated that he will coordinate the meetings. Commissioner

Butticci will reach out to those that they think may be interested in participating on the task force. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen will work on the Resolution to create the task force. There was discussion on how the task force would be structured.

ANNUAL ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS: While being recorded, Commissioner Rekow reviewed the alcohol beverage license renewals for #31 for Montour Country Store, #32 for Tobacco Connection #39 and #33 for Gem County Golfing Association.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the retail alcoholic licenses as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

COVID: Emergency Operations Manager Laurie Boston provided updates on the current weekly COVID numbers, the number of deaths in the county, percentages of county residents' vaccination rate, the Omicron variant, testing and that the entire state of Idaho is out of "crisis of care" status. Valor Health Marketing Manager Staci Carr provided trend percentages, urgent care and emergency room numbers and the number of tests completed.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda included: A. Yocham Rezone Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order, B. Hoalst Rezone Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order, C. Triple H Estates No. 2 Plat. D. Surplus items for Development Services and Weed Departments and E. Fiscal Year 2021 Public Defense Expenditure Report.

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

PUBLIC WALK-IN: Carla & Jim Standley met with the Commissioners to discuss a road that they have been trying to put in. He spoke of challenges with working with the County Engineer and that they have been getting different information regarding requirements from their engineer, Development Services and the county engineer. Carla talked about the county engineer requiring irrigation, paving and a walkway, but they are being told otherwise by their engineer. She advised they do not have any water rights and will not be irrigating. She expressed frustration on how long this process is taking to get everyone on the same page. They are asking for guidance on how to move forward with this process to get this resolved. Commissioner Rekow will reach out to Development Services to try and resolve this issue.

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.

22-008	Cremation
22-008	Notice of Lien
11-002	Release of Lien
11-002	Pay-off Letter

Regular session reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve case# 22-008 and to sign a notice of lien. On case# 11-002 to sign a release of lien and a pay-off letter. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen discussed various legal matters. Commissioner Butticci advised that the Gem County Recreation Center wants the Commissioners to attend their next meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Other items that Tahja talked about were a Truck Route Ordinance and the Gem County Board of Community Guardianship.

MINUTES: The minutes for December 6, 7, 13 & 14, 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes for December 6, 7, 13 & 14, 2021 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

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

BUSACK MINOR SUBDIVISION: Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrl reviewed the Busack Minor Subdivision request. The applicant, Sawtooth Land Surveying, LLC, on property owned by John Busack, has applied for a minor subdivision to create two (2), single-family lots on approximately 12.22 +/- acres located in the A-2, Rural Transitional Agriculture zone. Both lots comply with the minimum 5-acre lot size established for this zone. Items that she talked about were the location of the property and that there were no letters of concerns. She advised that there is a piece of land that divides through the property that is owned by the neighbor and that this causes a portion of the property to not be buildable because it is only 1.16 acres. Jennifer advised that they consider this property 1 complete

parcel even with the neighbors property going through it. If it was considered 2 lots, there would be 2 parcel numbers which would make it difficult to deny a building permit on the smaller parcel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the Busack Minor Subdivision at 3404 Tom's Cabin Road as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

HOT MIX BID: Road & Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps talked about the hot mix bid request process. He advised that prices are going to be higher this year. He is asking the Commissioners to approve the packet that needs to be published for bid requests.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to move forward with the hot mix bid for 2022 as presented by Neal Capps. It was seconded by Commissioner Elliott and carried unanimously.

FAIRGROUNDS GRANDSTAND CANOPY BID: Commissioner Butticci reviewed 3 bids that were received for the fairgrounds grandstand canopy. The bids that were received are from R&M Steel Company in the amount of \$99,900.00, Rule Steel in the amount of \$231,800.00 and Armstrong Steel Corporation in the amount of \$197,000.00. Commissioner Butticci spoke of how each would build the canopy and the view size. These quotes do not include installation. The Commissioners would like to get more bids prior to making a decision. This will be put back on the agenda for next week for further discussion and possible decision.

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on December 21, 2021.

December 21, 2021

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

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on December 27, 2021.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk