



December 21, 2020, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on December 14, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 21st day of December 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 Rekow to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on administrative matters.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: Development Services Director Jennifer Kharrl reviewed the Whitney Minor Subdivision final plat. Jennifer discussed the need for a replat. She advised that the only change was for 1 lot and that Keller Associates has signed off on it. She also talked about the size of the property.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda included: A. Certificate of Residency for Andrea Hugon and Erica Canela, B. Lease Agreement for Emmett City Annex building space for the Gem County Emergency Operations Center, C. Request for tax and/or fee cancellation for Assessor's parcel RPC6075000D270, D. Stratton rezone Findings, Conclusions, Conditions, Order, E. Stratton rezone Development Agreement, F. Gem County Ordinance 2020-6 Stratton Rezone, G. Icewood Minor Subdivision Plat, H. Icewood Minor Subdivision Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Road Mitigation

Agreement, I. Icewood Minor Subdivision temporary license agreement, J. Gem County Resolution 2021-01 authorizing Gem County to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements and K. Idaho State Preservation certified local government grant

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to approve the consent agenda items A - J and table item (K) until next week. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

GEM COUNTY LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION EXTENSION: The Commissioners reviewed the Local Disaster Declaration extension. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen advised that the extension was for 120 days with an expiration of April 30, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to extend the Local Disaster Declaration for 120 days to end on April 30, 2021. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

MINUTES: The minutes from December 7, 2020 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the minutes for December 7, 2020 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

COVID DISCUSSION: Emergency Operations Manager Laurie Boston provided updates on the current positive COVID cases in Gem County and the state. She spoke about the number of deaths in Gem County, vaccine distribution, number of essential workers that are interested in getting the vaccine and the vaccine distribution timeline. She talked about gloves supply and a potential shortage after the new year. There was discussion as to what funds would cover the cost.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to purchase PPE gloves out of the money set aside for the disaster COVID response line in the amount of \$1265.00. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

Valor Health Marketing Manager Staci Carr gave updates on the 30-day trend, 7-day trend and that there were a decline in numbers. She also talked about how many people were seen in the Urgent Care and Emergency Room for the week and that there are no current patients in the COVID wing. Valor Health CEO Brad Turpen advised that 35 staff members have received the vaccine so far and that there have been no reports of complications. He advised that this is a 2 dose vaccine and the timelines for the 2nd dose. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen talked about the county COVID policy and the need to make revisions in regards to employees needing to quarantine after December 31, 2020 and what kinds of leave would be available. There was discussion on the specific quarantine timelines that are listed in the county policy and the need for it to be updated

A motion was made by Commissioner Butticci to update the county COVID policy as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

There was discussion as to what type of leave is needed for employees that have to quarantine. Commissioner Elliott spoke about the vaccine and that even after being vaccinated a person can still get COVID. He expressed concerns about this being an on-going issue. Tahja spoke about how surrounding cities are handling this issue. There was discussion about keeping the leave approval process as a case by case bases or putting a cap in place. Chief Deputy Leandra Rountree talked about how she tracks leave requests. Commissioner Elliott expressed concerns of continuously paying employees that have been exposed to COVID multiple times. Commissioner Rekow suggested that they have discussions with department head in regards to hours used and that they need to contact HR when leave is taken. Tahja also talked about reporting of teleworking. There was also discussion on the need to have a monthly meeting with all department heads. They also talked about potential costs that could possibly happen long term.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to follow the information brought forth by the county civil attorney and to put a cap of 50 hours on the Pandemic Leave to begin January 1, 2021. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

CARES ACT FUNDING: Clerk Shelly Tilton advised that everything except for the IT items has been submitted. She talked about the invoices that she has received and the need for an update on what is expected to ship this week. She talked about the deadline for submitting invoices and the effects if the invoices are not submitted by that deadline, stating that the orders would either need to be cancelled or they would need to be paid for by unbudgeted county funds that most likely would not be reimbursed.

MARK COONTS AMENDED PUBLIC DEFENSE ANNUAL REPORT: Public Defense Attorney Mark Coonts reviewed the amended Public defense annual report. Items that he talked about were corrections in math calculations that were corrected. He advised that he will be resubmitting the report today. He also advised that he has not received any amended proposed rules as of yet.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tahja Jensen spoke on various legal matters. Items that were talked about were the bleacher bid for the fairgrounds and an Idaho State Preservation certified local government grant.

INDIGENT APPLICATIONS: There were no indigent applications to review.

COVID EXPENSE CLAIM APPROVALS: The claims presented were reviewed. Commissioner Rekow made a motion to sign the claims as presented and as initialed on the individual claim forms. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL: While being recorded the Commissioners reviewed the alcohol beverage license renewals for Cold Mountain Creek and Gem County Golf Association.

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 December 14 & 15, 2020 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the minutes for December 14 & 15, 2020 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Butticci and carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 12:10 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on December 28, 2020.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk