



December 27, 2022, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on December 20, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 27th day of December 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:	Mark Rekow	Chairman
	Bill Butticci	Commissioner
	Kirk Wille	Commissioner
	Shelly Tilton	Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Commissioners reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Wille to approve the agenda as presented for December 27, 2022. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on various administrative items.

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda included: A. Fiscal Year 2022 Public Defense Expenditure Report, B. Notice of Intent to Award Gem County Fairgrounds Canopy Grandstand Concrete, C. Surplus County Property Items for Landfill, D. Professional Services Agreement Invoicing and Clerical Support with Liz Gochnour and E. Appointment of Robert Shelton to the Opioid Settlement Recommending Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wille to approve items C., D. and E. as presented moving A. to 1:30 time slot with the public defender and B. tabled to next agenda to be re-submitted with Corrections. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

ARPA FUNDING REQUEST FOR FAIRGROUND GRANDSTAND CONCRETE:

Commissioner Butticci discussed his request for ARPA funding for the concrete for the grandstand. The bid is for \$26,570, he would like \$3,000 added in case a pumper truck is needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve funding for concrete adding \$3,000 for a pumper truck if so needed. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille 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.

MINUTES: The minutes for December 18 & 19, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Wille to approve the minutes for December 18 & 19, 2022 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WALK-IN: Royce Larson met with the Commissioners to discuss West Idaho Boulevard at UA Road. He complained about the leadership of the department that maintains the roads stating they are non-responsive and do a terrible job managing the department. He discussed a road where a culvert was worked on. He said a bad patch was put on it and that the county road department finally fixed it but it is still terrible. He said the company should have been required to fix it so that it didn't cost the county taxpayers for the repair. Commissioner Butticci said that one of the Commissioners went out with the Road Supervisor previously and they felt the fix was sufficient. He said the three Commissioners will go out and look at it together. Royce said it rocks the car everytime they drive the road. He also discussed planning for a bypass and alternative travel routes. He said a bridge or two should be built across the river and suggested writing the Congressmen to help with funding.

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.

PUBLIC DEFENSE UPDATE AND REPORTING DISCUSSION: Public Defender Jay Kiiha met with the Commissioners to provide an update on public defense. Jay said that the first couple of months were more of a learning curve than they had anticipated in taking over cases that had been started by the previous public defender but that things have evened out at this point. He said this is the reason that invoicing hasn't been done yet for those first couple of months stating that the amounts of those invoices will reflect the additional hours that were put in to get up to speed and then the hours will normalize. Allison Olsen is an associate helping with case scheduling. Clerk Tilton reviewed how monthly

invoicing had been done previously and reviewed the annual financial report explaining the layout of the report and the information that was included on it. Jay and Clerk Tilton will be meeting with the Public Defense Commission in February for an annual review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wille to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Indigent Defense Expenditure Report as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

SALARY SURVEY: Clerk Tilton and Chief Deputy Clerk Leandra Rountree met with the Commissioners to discuss salary survey information. Leandra discussed her conversation with Patti at Calyx-Weaver who told her that including Canyon County into the averages levels wouldn't necessarily change but it would change the midpoint. From this discussion a 3% adjustment was made to take Canyon County wages into consideration. Commissioner Wille felt this was a good compromise. A few level changes that departments had come to Leandra to discuss were presented. The Commissioners asked for the information to be sent out to the department heads and to be put back on next week.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on January 3, 2023.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk