



February 20, 2024, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on February 13, 2024, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 20th day of February, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:	Bill Butticci	Chairman
	Kirk Wille	Commissioner
	Mark Rekow	Commissioner
	Laure McCann	Deputy Clerk

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

February 20, 2024

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Commissioners reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Wille to add to the agenda the attendance of the arrival of Captain Moulton on Thursday, February 22nd, as a matter of urgency. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the agenda for Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC): The Commissioners attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting at the EMS building.

CONSENT AGENDA: A. Amended Idaho State Police Forensic Services Memorandum of Understanding B. 2008 Ford F350 Title for Weed Department Truck Being Traded in C. Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District Letter of Intent to Budget Funds D. Gem Soil and Water Conservation District Letter of Intent to Budget Funds E. Re-Appointment of Travis Mason to the Fair Board F. Fiscal Year 2024 Modification of Forest Service Grant or Agreement G. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant Certification and Assurances.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wille to approve the Consent Agenda for Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 items A. through G. as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commissioners reviewed the minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the minutes for February 12th and 13th, 2024 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

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

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecutor Tahja Jensen was not present at today's meeting due to a work schedule conflict.

ROSE ADVOCATES UPDATE: Veronica Vasquez, Executive Director of Rose Advocates, gave the Commissioners an overview of the program and current case load. She reported that the numbers of cases have been consistent with the previous year. There are currently two women from Emmett at the shelter in Payette, there are no safe houses/shelters in Emmett.

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

ASPHALT QUOTES: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps reviewed the bids for the 2024 Asphalt contract. Neal said the bids are comparable to the previous year. He is recommending that we accept Thuesen's bid and legal is recommending that a service contract be prepared and signed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the bid from Thuesen Construction with a price of \$60 per ton, not to exceed \$150,000. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

ARPA FUNDING REQUEST FOR RV PARK/PARK AND RIDE LOT CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps reviewed the recommendations by Clerk Shelly Tilton on where to find the resources within our 2024 budget for the RV park culvert replacement project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wille for the culvert near the RV Park/Park and Ride to approve the remaining \$100,000 with \$9,000 from the RV Park funds, \$40,000 for the General Fund Reserve and \$51,000 from ARPA funding. Commissioner Wille stated that this culvert is being replaced on county property that is/will be used for fair access/activities allowing for more people to enjoy outdoor activities as recommended for socializing with reduced opportunity for transmitting COVID. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR FUNDING FOR EMMETT FAMILY SERVICES AND GEM COUNTY DRUG COURT:

The Commissioners discussed the Opioid Settlement Committee requests for funding for Emmett Family Services and Gem County drug Court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wille to approve the Opioid Settlement Committee request for \$12,000 for the 2024 year to be reconsidered for the following year. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow on the Opioid Settlement Committee request for Gem County Drug Court for the year of 2024 for \$10,000 to be reconsidered the following year. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

GEM COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2023 YEAR END REPORT AND FISCAL YEAR 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRESENTATION:

Cody Johns, Manager of the Gem County Mosquito Abatement District presented the Commissioners with the 2023 Year End Report and the 2024 Comprehensive Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wille to accept the 2023 annual report from the Gem County Mosquito Abatement District. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

JAIL INSPECTION: The Commissioners completed their quarterly Jail Inspection.

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on administrative matters.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on February 26th, 2024.

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN MOULTON'S ARRIVAL: The Commissioners attended a ceremony welcoming the remains of Captain Benjamin Moulton on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk