



April 1 & 2, 2024, Emmett, Idaho

Pursuant to a recess taken on March 26th, 2024, the Board of Commissioners of Gem County, Idaho, met in regular session this 1st day of April, 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:

April 1, 2024

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Commissioners reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Rekow to approve the agenda for Monday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 2, 2024 as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Wille and carried unanimously.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATTERS: Deputy Prosecutor Tahja Jensen discussed legal matters including the presentation to the City for EMS Impact Fees collection. Tahja discussed a conflict with the noise ordinance at the raceway and a resident that is in violation of the Flood Plain ordinance. Commissioner Butticci discussed staff changes in the County I.T. department.

EXTENSION OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT: Extension Supervisor Rebecca Mills discussed the Extension Office building project. Rebecca presented the Commissioners with a map of the proposed build site for the new office and asked about how to proceed with the build process. Commissioner Butticci stated that she needs to begin by having a plan for the size of the building and what they need in terms of office space, break room, conference room, etc. to estimate costs. Rebecca discussed the budget for the project with the Commissioners and Clerk Shelly Tilton. Money has been saved and set aside for the project, Commissioner Butticci asked if additional funds could be requested from the University of Idaho and if grants might be available.

TITLE COMPANY REMOTE ACCESS FEES: Treasurer Megan Keene and Clerk Shelly Tilton discussed the fees that are being charged to title companies for remote access. Treasurer Keene provided fees from a few other counties for comparison. An increase in fees is necessary to cover the costs and save for any future

server issues. Commissioner Butticci agreed, especially with the costs of securing our server from cyber attacks. Clerk Tilton advised that a public hearing is required to change the fees. Commissioner Butticci will confirm that interim IT Director Rich Gibson is moving forward with the contract to complete the server changes. Clerk Tilton will check with other departments to see if there are other fee changes that need to be addressed and included in the same Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA: A. Road Department Request to Surplus County Equipment B. Weed Department Request to Surplus County Equipment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wille to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, April 1st, 2024 items A. and B. as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Rekow and carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were no minutes presented for review.

PUBLIC WALK-IN: Tom Braislin was present to discuss the increased speed limit on Darnell gravel road from 25 to 35. He stated that the new speed limit is too fast, dangerous and dusty. He feels it should be decreased to 15 miles per hour. He gave the Commissioners signed letters from 11 other residents expressing similar concerns.

Mike Pierce came to the Commissioners to thank them for what they do for the County. He also thanked them for the increased gravel on Johnson Creek Road. He informed the Commissioners that a section of the road was missed, but the changes that were made have helped a lot. The speed limit and yield signs have helped at Chapparrel and Willow Creek Roads but the larger semi trucks are really abusing the speed limit and damaging the road. He also appreciates the Road Department for mowing the sides of Sand Hallow, Willow Creek and Chapparrel Roads.

Commissioner Butticci excused himself to attend a meeting for the Idaho State Historical Society.

ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps gave the Commissioners an update on current Road Department projects that included road and irrigation pipe repair. He also discussed High Valley Road, grading projects, culvert and cattle guard repair and test holes in Montour. Paving contracts and bids are being collected for future projects.

SUBSTATION ROAD PROJECT: Road and Bridge Supervisor Neal Capps gave the Commissioners an update on the Substation Road Project. It will be a large project with lots of moving pieces and it will affect traffic immensely. Neal reviewed the scope and challenges of the project.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on administrative matters.

APRIL 2, 2024

Commissioner Butticci was absent from the meeting due to attendance at an Idaho State Historical Society meeting.

YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY PROCLAMATION SIGNING: Commissioner Wille and Commissioner Rekow attended the Youth Appreciation Day Proclamation Signing at Calvary Christian Academy.

ADMINISTRATIVE TIME: The Commissioners worked on administrative matters.

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

Approved: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk