

#488 COMMISSIONER MINUTES February 26, 2001

The Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Paul Christensen, Shirley Povlsen and Dennis Crane, Board Members; Alfred E. Barrus, Prosecuting Attorney; Kerry D. McMurray, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; JoAnn Smith, Deputy Clerk; and Timothy A. Hurst, County Administrator; present.

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

The minutes for February 20, 2001, were discussed. The motion was then made and seconded to make corrections and proceed with publication. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for February.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Board discussed the following correspondence received since their last meeting:

1. The Board received a letter from the Idaho State Tax Commission regarding training on Tax Assessment and the duties of the Board of Equalization.
2. The Board received an invitation to attend the Land Fill Safety Training Conference to be held in Boise March 21st and 22nd and again April 4th and 5th, 2001.

STOP THE VIOLENCE DAY

The Board signed a Proclamation proclaiming Wednesday, February 28, 2001, as Stop the Violence Day in Cassia County.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Assessor: Martell Holland addressed the Board regarding the proposed power increases by Idaho Power. The office is currently working on personal property and Circuit Breakers. There was also discussion of some changes in the equipment in the Licensing division and in the arrangement of the work space to make it more efficient. There was also discussion of the proposed mapping program.

Public Defender: Doug Whipple presented the monthly Public Defender reports. There was discussion of the increased number of charges and increase in felony charges. There was also a request for a room in the courthouse to be used by the public defender's office to meet with their clients.

Sheriff's Department: Jim Higen addressed the Board regarding the addition of two new employees. The department is now fully staffed. They have also hired another part time dispatcher. There will be a full time dispatch position open in the near future. The sheriff received a Crime Rate Report for the year 2000. Crime has decreased 8.6 percent. He also reported on the proposed update on the Computer System.

Treasurer: Gayle Erekson discussed the proposed changes to the Computer system in the Treasurer's Office. There was discussion regarding the compatibility between departments with the new state program.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Bell reported that the Fire Department did their inspection and made suggestions on having fire drills and learning how to use the fire extinguishers. The fire department would like to be here to see how long it would take to empty the building. There was also discussion about what would happen if there was a fire during a trial and what needs to be done under those circumstances.

County Extension: Joan Parr addressed the Board regarding the 4-H program changes and training. She also discussed the Diabetes Education Program that is taught through their office and the “Know Your Government” program.

WEED CONTROL

Gordon Edwards presented a Noxious Weed Cost Share Request for the Board. It was moved and seconded to sign the Request. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

He also presented the Goose Creek Cooperative Weed Management Area Cost Share Request. It was moved and seconded to sign the Request. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY BUILDINGS

The Board discussed possible changes for the rooms on the second floor of the courthouse that were vacated when Juvenile Probation moved to the basement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was proposed by Commissioner Crane and seconded by Commissioner Povlsen that the Board go into Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(f) with Commissioner Christensen voting yea, Commissioner Crane voting yea, and Commissioner Povlsen voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss pending litigation. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following Executive Session the Board announced that no action was taken.

NATIONAL FOREST COUNTIES & SCHOOLS COALITION RESOLUTIONS

The Board discussed the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition Resolutions for payment options and for percentage of payment to be made to the counties. It was moved and seconded to sign the resolutions. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

The Board met with representatives of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to discuss changes that are being made in the ownership of the Castle Rocks Ranch Lands from private land to state ownership. Agreements between Cassia County and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation concerning road upkeep were also discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS BY THE BOARD

1. The Board discussed and decided to amend the 911 Ordinance to exempt county phone lines from the one dollar monthly 911 fee. Mr. Barrus was directed to draft the necessary amendments and present them to the Board on March 5, 2001.

2. The Board reviewed a waiver to send Cassia County’s allocation of the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program to Minidoka County for the joint Juvenile Justice Department. A motion was made and seconded to sign the Waiver. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

INDIGENT CLAIMS

Indigent claim #201001 was approved; claims #200100, #201005 and #201004 were denied.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

It was proposed and seconded to convene as the County Board of Equalization,. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

It was proposed and seconded to cancel the Home Owners exemptions on the following parcel numbers: RP# 13S22E292399, RP# BB0010920110, MH# BBE0100C0060, RP# BB0010070050, RP# BB001050007A, RP# BB001007001A, RP# BHM010040030,

RP# BMS010010060, MH# BKK010000030, RP# 11S23E173350, RP# 000210010100, RP# 10S23E283609, RP# BSW010050010, RP# BML010100140, RP# BSW21009008A RP# 10S22E248952, RP# BSG01007007A, RP# 00019002005A, RP# BHM010060090 MH# 000230010010, MH# BB001045001A, MH# 13S26E252600, RP# BSP310020030. Voting was unanimous by the Board. Notices will be sent to property owners.

It was proposed and seconded to return to regular session. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

REGION IV DEVELOPMENT

The Board met with representatives of the Region IV Development Association, the Mid-Snake River Resource Conservation & Development Association and the Fair Board to discuss funding for a possible new Art Building for the Fair grounds.

KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT

4-H Participants from the county met with the Board to inform them about the experience they had in Boise through the 4-H “Know Your Government” program. They participated in a judicial session and a legislative session of government at the conference and learned about how our government works.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY’S MEETING

Ned R. Jackson, Venna Ward, Rick Collignon, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreations; Kelly Adams, Cassia County Public Lands Commission; Julie Thomas, Mid-Snake River Resource Conservation & Development Association; Carleen Herring, Region IV Development; Bruce Bowen, Dean Draper, Fair Board; Marla Lowder, Bonnie Rice, Chelsea Rice, Sara Campbell, Felicia Horsley, Jessica Boehler, Whittney Anthon, VerLynn Anthon, Mont and Cora Lee Campbell, 4-H; Renée Wells, SIP.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 5, 2001.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Darrell M. Roskelley

Paul Christensen, Chairman