

The Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Paul Christensen, Shirley Danner 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 December 16, 2002 were discussed. The motion was then made and seconded to approve with corrections and proceed with publication. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for December 2002.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. The Board received election results from the Catastrophic Health Care Board Elections. Paul Christensen, Cassia County Commissioner was elected to the Board.
2. The Board received notice of the Opportunity for Public Comment on the Proposed Cotterel Mountain Wind Project Environmental Impact Statement and Cassia Resource Management Plan Amendment to be held in Albion, Idaho, Tuesday, January 7, 2003 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Marsh Creek Event Center, 899 South Highway 77, Albion, Idaho; Burley, Idaho, Wednesday, January 8, 2003 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Burley High School Cafeteria, 1 Bobcat Blvd, Burley, Idaho; Boise, Idaho, Thursday, January 9, 2003 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the BLM Four Rivers Field Office, Snake River Room, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Following Executive Session it was determined that the Weed department will give regular oral reports and a written report to Commissioner Crane each month.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Public Defender: Doug Whipple gave his monthly report.

Assessor: Marty is working on a rough draft plan for the new building. They are working on assessments for next year. His office is fully staffed and very busy this time of year.

Detention Center: Dennis Dexter gave the occupancy report. The numbers are down. Scheduling of employees was discussed.

Sheriff=s Department: Sheriff Higen reported on the Christmas Holiday and reviewed

potential problems for the New Year Holiday. He also reviewed the scheduling problems in the Detention Center. They will be starting a new dispatcher soon.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sal has been on vacation and Sharon has been filling in.

Prosecutor=s Office: Al Barrus is holding interviews to fill the vacancy in his office.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County=s Payables Approval Report dated December 20, 2002. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	104	\$7,156.49
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$329.50
COUNTY ROADS (Unorg.) FUND	107	\$90.24
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$40,833.30
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$367.73
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$11,736.44
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$1,338.00
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$135.00
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$670.00
	TOTAL	\$62,656.70

BUILDING DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Dan Barker, County Building Inspector, met with the Board to review the new International Building Code. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2000 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code, the 2000 Edition of the International Building Code, the January 1, 2002 Idaho Housing Installation Standard and the 2000 Edition of the International Residential Code effective February 3, 2003. The fee scale will be revisited at a later date.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT/U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Theresa Hanley, BLM and Steve Flock, Forest Service met with the Board in their monthly meeting. Theresa Hanley announced that she will be moving to Billings, Montana, to take a new position. Her position will be filled at a later date. She announced the meetings scheduled for the area on the Cotterel Mountain Wind Project.

The Forest service received permission to take care of any problems that might arise at the Black Pine Mine site.

PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Kelly Adams and Paul Marchant met with the Board to discuss upcoming elections for the Lands Committee. They also discussed accomplishments of the past year. Paul is pleased with the relationship that has developed between the Forest Service, BLM and the Public Lands Committee. There are some members of the committee whose terms have expired. The members have been contacted. Some members are interested in being reappointed, but others are not. A motion was made and seconded to reappoint Carl Austin, Paul Ward, Dale Pierce, and Darren Funk to the Public Lands Committee. Voting was unanimous by the Board. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Shay Watterson to the Public Lands Committee. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY SURVEY

Todd F. Quast and Steve Pearson, Desert West Land Surveys, met with the Board to update them regarding property that has been surveyed and areas that are still in need of a new survey in the County.

RAFT RIVER CEMETERY DISTRICT/FIRE DISTRICT

Mike Garner met with the Board to discuss the steps that need to be taken to expand the boundaries of an existing fire district. He also requested information regarding how to set up a Cemetery taxing district. The Board referred him to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

Roy Prescott, Ken Robinette, and Leanne Trappen South Central Community Action Agency, met with the Board to honor Commissioner Shirley Danner and present her with a clock in appreciation for her years of service to their organization.

COUNTY LEASE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

Sara Haynes met with the Board to discuss copier maintenance agreements that need to be renewed. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve a twelve month rental agreement for three copiers from Xerox.

INDIGENT MATTERS

The Board reviewed and made decisions on medical indigent applications as follows: Denied application #202142, #202143, #202152 and #202153.

CHANGES OF STATUS

A motion was made and seconded to deny a Change of Status for an employee in the Criminal Justice Center. Voting was unanimous by the Board. A motion was made and seconded to approve a Change of Status in the County Administration Office. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

The Board reviewed a proposal of Bayview Technology Group to install the Vending Miser control device on county building vending machines to help reduce electrical costs. The matter was taken under advisement.

HOWELL CANYON ROAD

The Board reviewed the report of expenditures for maintenance and snow removal of the

Howell Canyon Road.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 6, 2003.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Sy Trout; Laurie Welch, SIP; Nate Johnson, Times News

ATTES T:

APPROVED:

/s/
Darrell M. Roskelley

/s/
Paul Christensen, Chairman