

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

COMMISSIONERS = MINUTES

The minutes for November 12 and November 18, 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 November 2002.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. The Board received an invitation to attend the Minidoka Ranger District Open House, December 4, 2002 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 3650 South Overland Avenue, Burley, Idaho.
2. The Board received notice of the Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment membership meeting to be held in Boise on Thursday, December 5, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn - Airport, 3300 Vista Blvd., Boise, Idaho

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Public Defender: Doug Whipple presented the Public Defender report for the Month of October.

Assessor: Marty Holland reported that sub rolls were sent out and that November 12, 2002 is the last day for appeals on taxes. Late assessments will be sent out next month. Plans are being drawn up for changes to the Budge building.

Detention Center: Dennis Dexter thanked the Board for returning the PERSI rebate to the County employees. He reported on jail census.

Sheriff=s Department: Jim Higen reported that they are in the process of hiring two new dispatchers and that they have received some unanticipated funds that he will have added to the budget at a later date.

Treasurer: Gayle Erekson reported that tax notices have been mailed out. Due to changes in mailing addresses in the Malta and Elba area numerous notices were returned by the Post Office.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Higgins reported that Christmas decorations are on schedule.

Weed Department: Gordon Edwards reported that the Weed Control Act of 2001 created a cost share fund of \$100 million per year through 2006 to be used for weed control through out the state including state and private lands. He also reported that some farmers are experimenting with planting a koisha shrub to help with weed control and for fire breaks. It can be easily eradicated if unsuccessful.

HOLIDAY TURKEY

A motion was made and seconded to give Turkeys to the employees for Christmas. Darrell Roskelley, County Clerk, will get bids. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Board reviewed the terms of members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Two terms will expire on December 31, 2002. The Board will advertise and interview applicants.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the process for publication of Commissioner minutes. The matter was taken under advisement.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County=s Payables Approval Report dated November 22, 2002. This report was then approved.

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| CURRENT EXPENSES | 104 | \$5,291.63 |
| DISTRICT COURT FUND | 106 | \$177.24 |
| COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND | 107 | \$3,845.16 |
| WEED & PEST FUND | 108 | \$4,347.00 |
| FAIR EXHIBITS FUND | 111 | \$762.00 |
| REVALUATION FUND | 114 | \$1,264.19 |
| 911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND | 115 | \$367.73 |
| JUSTICE FUND | 130 | \$71,119.10 |
| MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK | 136 | \$1,879.00 |
| ADULT MISDEMEANOR | 149 | \$240.00 |
| Total | | <u>\$89,293.05</u> |

TAX CANCELLATIONS

Gayle Erekson, Treasurer met with the Board to review tax cancellations on parcel numbers RP BSP21010003A (\$561.16), RP OK002004004B (\$242.66), RP 11S24E361200, RP 11S24E233300, RP 00026003019A (\$68.42) and RP 10S23E307272 (\$94.54). A motion was made and seconded to cancel the taxes for these parcels. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN

A motion was made and seconded to sign the agreement with NBA to administer the Flexible Benefits Plan with the County. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT/FOREST SERVICE

John C. Lytle, BLM and Scott Nannenga, US Forest Service, met the Board for the monthly meeting. They reviewed information regarding the cutting of Christmas Trees.

They also informed the Commissioners of a high Nitrate level at the Black Pine mine and what is being done to correct the problem.

Mr. Nannenga also extended a personal invitation for the Commissioners to attend the Open House for the Minidoka Ranger District.

COMMUNITY FIRE ASSISTANCE

The Board considered drafting a Letter of Support for a Community Fire Assistance Mitigation/Assessment program for the Albion and Oakley Fire Districts. The Commissioners

requested that Tim Hurst draft the letter.

HEARING PROCEDURES

The Board reviewed the resolution governing how hearings are to be conducted throughout the County. The matter was taken under advisement.

COURT HOUSE ANNEX

The Board considered a request from Dr. Lynn Hansen to rent additional space in the Budge Building until February, 2003. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

TAX CANCELLATION

The Board reviewed cancellation of taxes on a parcel of property taken in a drug raid. The matter was taken under advisement.

ENERGY TAX CREDIT

The Board considered writing a Letter of Support to the Legislators to have geothermal energy production included in the Federal Energy Tax Credit Bill. It was decided to draft the letters for review.

CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE BOARD

The Board received a ballot to vote for a new member to serve on the Catastrophic Health Care Board. A motion was made and seconded to vote for Paul Christensen to serve on the Board with Commissioner Crane voting Yea and Commissioner Danner voting Yea.

FAIRGROUND RENTAL

The Board reviewed six rental agreements to rent space at the Fairgrounds. A motion was made and seconded to sign the agreements. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was proposed by Commissioner Crane and seconded by Commissioner Danner that the Board go into Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(d) 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 medical indigent 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 the Board announced that the appeal of application #202094 and 202109 were denied; approved application #202096 and 202128; denied application #202127. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

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, the Board took the matter under advisement.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 26, 2002.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING

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

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APPROVED:

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Darrell M. Roskelley

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Paul Christensen, Chairman