

The Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Dennis Crane, Paul Christensen and Clay Handy, Board Members; Alfred E. Barrus, Prosecuting Attorney; Larry Mickelsen, County Clerk and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

**COMMISSIONERS= MINUTES**

The minutes for April 21, 2003 were discussed. The motion was then made and seconded to approve with corrections and proceed with publication of an appropriate synopsis. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

**CALENDAR**

The Board reviewed the calendar for April/May 2003.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Board reviewed the following:

1. News release from the U.S. Forest Service re: awards presented to the Burley Highway District.
2. Legislative alert re: local option taxation.
3. South Central Community Action invitation to a Community Appreciation Luncheon.
4. A letter from Judge Carlson with the juror reports from week of 17-22 April 2003.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING**

**Public Defender:** Doug Whipple reviewed the March 2003 PD's client report with the Board. Mr. Whipple announced that he is physically combining the public defender office locations for Minidoka and Cassia County at the Burley location.

**Assessor:** Marty Holland and Gayle Erikson looked at the Ada County assessing and tax system and expressed continued contentment with the current Cassia County system.

**Detention Center:** Dennis Dexter reported about the number of inmates in the detention facility and the counties for which they are confined.

**Sheriff=s Department:** Sheriff Jim Higen reported of a fatality on the interstate during the night of 27-28 April. Alan Smith is retiring and his position will be filled from within the department. It was moved and seconded to award him the Glock .45 handgun he carried, upon retirement, and voting was unanimous by the Board.

**Treasurer:** Gayle Erikson reported that it will be necessary to get herself, Marty Holland, Larry Mickelsen, a Commissioner and Bob Stephenson together for discussion concerning the AS400 and all associated software and for the potential for becoming PC based rather than mainframe based.

**Janitorial/Maintenance:** Sharon Higgins reported a broken line at the Budge building but that all else is going normal. The yellow rental house is in need of a new roof because of excessive leaking.

**Auditor:** Larry Mickelsen requested that all Department Heads carefully examine their budget requests and be prepared to keep the budgets at the same level as last year.

**County Administrator:** Kerry McMurray reported on the Employee Benefits Committee meeting and the cost of licensing for the new ISTARs system licensing.

**County Commissioners:** Clay Handy reported on the "Story Book" park and the efforts to raise funding within the County offices. There will be a barbeque sponsored by the County Commissioners next Monday, May 5, 2003, to raise money for the park.

### **COUNTY ANNEX BID**

The Board reviewed the bid process for the County Annex building. They heard a protest from Myron Wilson about lack of information and insufficient time between published announcements. Kelly Walton disputed Myron Wilson's protest, stating that the time to submit bids and the information available was sufficient. A request for an informal opinion is being sent to the Idaho State Attorney General seeking guidance on the issue of time between the two (2) publications of the Invitation to Bid.

### **MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE COMMISSION**

The Board reviewed the Commission ballot and signed the ballot for reappointing Dan Suhr as a member of the Commission.

### **MIDDLE SNAKE REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE COMMISSION**

The Board set 27 May 2003 at 11:00 a.m. as the date for public hearing on the adoption by ordinance of the Coordinated Water Resource Management Plan. It was moved and seconded to set this date and time and voting was unanimous by the Board.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Handy was excused at 10:45 a.m. to attend the Renaissance Assembly at the Burley High School. He returned at 11:15 a.m..

### **BOARD OF COMMUNITY GUARDIANS**

The Board reviewed the annual report of the Mini-Cassia Board of Community Guardians. It was moved and seconded to re-appoint the existing Board Members as Board Members of the Mini-Cassia Board of Community Guardians.

### **BLM/FOREST SERVICE**

The Board reviewed the Request for Proposals to provide Phase One Project analysis for Community Assistance for protection from catastrophic wildland fires. It was moved and seconded to sign the request and voting was unanimous by the Board. Scott Nannenga and Bernie Jansen reported there will not be an upfront reduction of the allotment on the number of cattle or the number of grazing days on the BLM lands. Earl Warthen discussed the 319 grant money for road construction in Howell canyon, the "rack and rail" fences around Bennett Springs, the surface water contamination in Howell Creek and the sewage from the ski lodge that gets into Spring Creek.

### **ACE FIRE/QRU/CITY OF ROCKS**

Sara Jane Ward read a letter to the Board requesting a waiver of the building permit fee for the ACE Fire and City of Rocks QRU ambulance and fire trucks facility. It was moved and seconded to approve the waiver and voting was unanimous by the Board.

### **BLM INVITATION TO PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS**

The Board reviewed the invitation to attend the Public Scoping Meeting with the BLM to review the Resource Management Plan for the Pocatello Field Office.

### **NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL ASSISTANCE W/BLM**

The Board reviewed the agreement with the BLM for control of Noxious Weed Control. It was moved and seconded to execute the agreement and voting was unanimous by the Board.

### **BURLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Burley Highway District financial report for October 2002 through March 2003, and the costs for Howell Canyon snow removal.

### **BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

The Board received presentations from the Burley Junior High School Leadership Class about Teenage Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Graffiti.

### **COUNTY EXPENDITURE**

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated April 25, 2003. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$4,319.41
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$30,562.76
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,759.16
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$11,000.00
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$69.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$13,698.28
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$250.00
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$1,842.74
<b>REPORT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$63,501.35</b>

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was proposed by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Christensen 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 Handy 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 Denied Case #203002, Case #203031, Case #203034, Case #203042, and Case #203046. Approved Case #203051. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Cases #203045 Case #203046, Case #203047, and Case #203048 (2).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was proposed by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy that the Board go into Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(b) with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commission Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss employee 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 approved the pay increase for Timothy J. Schneider.

**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 reinstate the Home Owners exemptions on parcel: RP# BHM01001001A. Voting was unanimous by the Board. Notices will be sent to the property owners.

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

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 5, 2003.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING**

Laurie Welch, SIP; Lorraine Cavener, Times News; Cary Bristol, Sheriff's Department; Mike Telleria, Walton Inc.; Kelly Adams, County Public Lands Committee; Keely Ward; Mike Santini, ACE Fire; Leadership Class from Burley Junior High school.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

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Dennis Crane, Chairman