

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

PREVIOUS WEEKS= MINUTES

The minutes for December 15, 2003 were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve and proceed with publication of an appropriate synopsis. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for December 2003.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

- 1. An invitation to attend a Winter Maintenance Chemicals Anti/Deicing Methods Seminar in Pocatello.
- 2. A letter from the Idaho Association of Weed Control Superintendents Re: Weed control challenges.
- 3. A Change of Status (Promotion) for one MCCJC employee. It was moved and seconded to approve the promotion and voting was unanimous by the Board.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Public Defender: Doug Whipple presented the Cassia County Public Defender Clients report and discussed some of the clients/charges.

Assessor: Marty Holland reported they are getting ready to make the move to the annex building after completion of the year end rush.

Detention Center: Dennis Dexter reported that his staff donated clothing and goods to the Travis Wages family. They have a need for 2 new employees. He reported on the numbers he is confining for the state and other counties.

Sheriff=s Department: Sheriff Jim Higen reported that they are planning the staff efforts for the New Year’s activities. The department contributed \$600 to the Travis Wages family.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Higgins reminded the Department Heads that during the cold weather some of the outside doors do not always close and requested that we make all employees aware of this. She requested admittance to the annex to begin working there.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County=s Payables Approval Report dated December 19, 2003.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$15,982.22
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$52,718.47
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$6,185.74
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$444.08
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$10,822.21
SOLID WASTE FUND	109	\$272,885.00
JR COLLEGE TUITION FUND	113	\$10,150.00
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$236.97
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$3,063.00
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$15.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$16,395.95

PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$949.06
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$193.23
	TOTAL	\$390,043.93

PUBLIC HEARING – SHERIFF’S CIVIL FEE INCREASE

A public hearing regarding the Sheriff’s Department Civil Fee increase was re-held. There were no county citizens in attendance. It was moved and seconded to approve the previously discussed fee increase and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PUBLIC LANDS MATTERS

Kelly Adams reported that there are 2 members of the Public Lands Committee, Stan Lloyd and Tom Geary, whose terms expire in January. It was moved and seconded to reappoint them for another 3 year term. Kelly will notify them telephonically and Larry Mickelsen will send them letters of reappointment.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Dena Santini reported on the activities of the U.S. Forest Service. Idaho Department of Fish and Game will release 20 big horn sheep in the Grape Creek area. There are about 60 sheep in the Jim Sage area. 4 sheep were killed last year by mountain lions.

LUNCH MEETING WITH STATE LEGISLATORS

At 12:00 p.m. the Cassia County Board of Commissioners and the Minidoka County Board of Commissioners met with some of the State Legislators from the Mini-Cassia area, Denton Darrington, Scott Bedke, Bert Stevenson, and Maxine Bell, at the Wayside Cafe. Elected officials from both counties were in attendance. The legislators responded to the agenda items presented to them and to other questions posed by the elected officials. There was a presentation from Roald Doskeland of Windland Inc. from Boise, Re: the wind farm on the Cottrell Mountains. The Board returned at 2:15 p.m.

NATIONAL FIRE PLAN STATUS REVIEW/NORTHWIND, INC.

Mike Donahoo and John Chapman of North Wind Inc. of Idaho Falls presented the Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Board. They discussed the problems identified during their inspection of the county. It was moved and seconded to give authorization for North Wind Inc. to submit an invoice to the BLM for payment for phase 1 and give authorization for North Wind to proceed with phase 2 and voting was unanimous by the Board.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Kerry McMurray reported the federal mileage rate has increased to 37.5 cents per mile. The Auditor’s office will track the cost to the County for mileage expense for the next quarter. It was moved and seconded to raise the reimbursement rate to 37.5 cents per mile for County employees effective January 1, 2004, and voting was unanimous by the Board.

SOLID WASTE

It was moved and seconded to sign Cassia County Ordinance 2003-12-01, requiring the deposit of all solid waste generated within the boundaries of the county at the County’s transfer stations, and voting was unanimous by the Board.

CANYON VIEW

Mr. Barrus discussed the December 16, 2003 letter from Canyon View Re: voluntary and involuntary admissions. Canyon View will terminate the contract with the County in January 2004. The Board asked Mr. Barrus to continue working with Canyon View to resolve all of the pending issues. He will meet with the Minidoka County Hospital on December 23, 2003 to discuss the best way to handle the issues.

BOOKMOBILE

The Board reviewed the Bookmobile Library Agreement with the Box Elder Library Board with an increase from \$3452.00 to \$4219.00 per year. It was moved and seconded to sign the agreement and voting was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY AUDIT

The Board reviewed the Engagement Letter with Evans & Poulsen for the County audit. It was moved and seconded to sign the Engagement Letter for Evans & Poulson to conduct the County audit for 2003, 2004 and 2005 and voting was unanimous by the Board.

REGENCY BLUESHIELD

The Board reviewed the Regency BlueShield 2003-04 County Health Insurance policy. It was moved and seconded to sign the policy and voting was unanimous by the Board.

McWORK – BLM

The Board reviewed and signed the Application for Federal Assistance for McWork and BLM Recreation Site Maintenance.

ANNEX BUILDING MATTERS

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Walton's Inc. of Heyburn and Wholesale Carpets of Twin Falls Re: the warranty of the carpet in the annex building, which has a 5 year warranty on the carpet and the underlay.

IDAHO NOXIOUS WEED LAW

The Board reviewed a letter Re: Idaho Noxious Weed Law revisions. It was moved and seconded to sign the letter and voting was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30 a.m. it was proposed by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Christensen that the Board convene in 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 at 9:33 a.m. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board took the matter under advisement for further research.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:35 p.m. it was proposed by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(d) with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commissioner Christensen 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 at 4:10 p.m. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board denied Case #203150, Case #203151 Case #203152, and Case #203153. Approved Case #203098 and Case #203164. Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #203006, Case #203098, Case #203106, Case #203118, Case #203148, and Case #203149. Signed Order of Dismissal for Case #203061, Case #203066, Case #203096 and Case #203146. After further research, from the morning executive session, the decision is for cremation, in keeping with established County policy.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 29, 2003.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Claude Bryant; Ronald Sorensen and Dean Gunderson of Albion Fire

Protection District;

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman