

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

COMMISSIONERS = MINUTES

The minutes for February 10, 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 February 2003.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. The Board reviewed the notice from the State of Idaho Transportation Department concerning Contract # 6471 for District Wide Rumble Strips, Etc. The matter was referred to the Clerk to obtain additional information as to any tax obligations that may be incurred.
2. The Board reviewed the Electronic Voting Systems Examination notice. Tim Hurst of the Secretary of States Office will keep us informed as to any progress with the systems.
3. The Board signed a letter to Dave McNeal, USDA APHIS PPQ, Boise, ID, constituting their comment on the Idaho Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Suppression Program.
4. The Board reviewed and signed letters to John Sabala of the Bureau of Land Management, Shoshone, ID and Ray Mitchell of R & S Consulting, Shoshone, ID, RE: Community Fire Assistance Mitigation/Assessment for the Albion and Oakley communities.
5. The Board received an invitation to attend the first Drug Court Graduation in the Fifth Judicial District. It will be held at the CSI Shields Building, Room 117 & 118 on February 20th at 6:00 p.m.

FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed a fact sheet, presented by Lisa Kamachi of the MiniCassia Juvenile Probation Department, concerning a proposed Functional Family Therapy program. It will be at no cost to the county to enter into the agreement. It was moved and seconded to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the State and voting was unanimous by the Board.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT W/IDAHO DEPT. OF PARKS & RECREATION

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement between Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Cassia County, Elba-Almo Unorganized Roads, Almo Water Company, Buddy D. Ward-Private Landowner, Ted Tracy-Private Landowner, and Gary Jones-Private Landowner presented by Wallace Keck of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Park Manager, City of Rocks National Reserve/Castle Rocks, which refers to Cove Road. It was moved and seconded to sign the Memorandum of Agreement and voting was unanimous by the Board.

REVISED HOWELL CANYON ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed and discussed the agreement between the Burley Highway District, Cassia County and the Albion Highway District concerning maintenance on the Howell Canyon road. It was moved and seconded to accept the agreement and voting was unanimous by the Board.

FEBRUARY 24,2003 MEETING W/CITY OF BURLEY

The Board received the proposed agenda for the February 24 meeting from Mayor Jon Anderson.

COUNTY ANNEX PLANS

The Board reviewed the plans for the County Annex building, for the Assessor's Office, with Jay Christensen

of Christensen Engineering. Marty Holland, County Assessor also reviewed the plans with Mr. Christensen. The Commissioners instructed Kerry McMurray, County Administrator, to proceed with publicizing the request for bids to be submitted for the construction.

INDIGENT MATTER

The Board heard testimony from Mary Bauscher of First Federal concerning case #202114. It was moved and seconded that the county subordinate it's interest to that of First Federal to accommodate refinancing of the subject property and also that the county be paid the additional funds from refinancing the house, the pending tax return and \$100 per month until the debt is paid. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

APPRAISAL AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TRAINING

The Board reviewed the notice from the State Tax Commission concerning Appraisal Process & Board of Equalization Training. The decision was to combine with Minidoka County and request training be conducted locally during the 1st week of May.

AGREEMENT FOR BIG RIVER HERITAGE AREA

The Board reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement for the Big River National Heritage Area project. Dale Whipple explained various parts of the agreement and answered questions for the Board of Commissioners. It was moved and seconded to support the Big River Heritage Area and voting was unanimous by the Board.

INDIGENT MEDICAL SERVICES CONTRACT

The Board reviewed the Indigent Medical Services Contract with Ellen Judd, Physician Assistant. It was moved and seconded to have Commissioner Dennis Crane sign the agreement. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING

The Board reviewed the letter from the State Tax Commission emphasizing each tax district's duty to notify the County Clerk of the date and location of the tax district's budget hearing. The letter to the tax districts is being written by Larry Mickelsen, County Clerk and Cara Petterson of the Auditor's Office. The letters will be sent to the tax districts during March.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION

The Board reviewed the application for Property Tax Exemption for the Oakley Quick Response Unit, Inc. It was moved and seconded to approve the application and voting was unanimous by the Board.

SIX S RANCH QUITCLAIM DEED

The Board reviewed a request to deed a parcel of approximately 10 acres to the Six S Ranch. The property appears to have inadvertently been put in the County's name in approximately 1930. The Six S Ranch has paid the taxes on the property since 1994. It was moved and seconded to quitclaim the property and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PROPERTY TAXES DUE

The Board had previously denied the application for tax relief for Susan Hart. The Board signed a written decision memorializing that denial.

HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION

The Board reviewed and signed a letter to Jason and Shanin VanBuskirk agreeing to cancel one-half of the taxes that were incurred because there was not a homeowner's exemption on the property. Recommendation was for the realtors to pay the remaining one-half of the amount resulting from the homeowner's exemption not being in place.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-02-01

The Board reviewed the signed Resolution # 2003-02-01 to approve the use of the current Building Valuation Data, published in the *Building Standards*, representing average costs for buildings for affixing building permit costs in Cassia County.

ECS AGREEMENT FOR MCCJC UPGRADE

The Board reviewed the agreement between Engineered Control Systems Inc. (ECS) and Cassia County for the MCCJC communications upgrade. Larry Osterhout explained the terms of the agreement and the cost to the MCCJC. It was moved and seconded to sign the agreement and voting was unanimous by the Board.

RIGHT OF WAY CONTRACT

The Board reviewed and Commissioner Dennis Crane signed the right of way contract between Cassia County and Richard Larry Henson and Jacqueline D Henson for Project # PLH-2841(101), Parcel #26 and the right of way contract between Cassia County and Curtis L. Durfee and Mary Lou Durfee for Project # PHL-2841(101), Parcel #23.

INDIGENT MATTERS

The Board reviewed and signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #203018, Case #203015, Case #203016, Case #203017, Case #203007, Case #203008, Case #203011, and Case #203019.

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 took case # 202136 under advisement pending the receipt of additional documentation from the individual. The Board denied Case #202135, Case #203006, Case #203013, Case #203004, Case #203014, Case #203003, and Case #203007. The Board approved Case #202129, Case #202143, Case #202155, Case #202127, and Case #203020.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, 24 February 2003.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING

Nate Johnson, Times News

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/
Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

/s/
Dennis Crane, Chairman