

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 18, 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 - March 2003.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. The Board reviewed a letter from the Burley Family History Center announcing an open house February 28 from 9a.m. to 9 p.m. and March 1 from 9a.m. to 5 p.m.
2. The Board reviewed and signed the Subordination Agreement between Cassia County and First Federal Savings Bank for case # 202114.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Public Defender: Doug Whipple, Public Defender, presented the report for the month of January. Mr. Whipple discussed some of the cases with the Board.

Assessor: Marty Holland, County Assessor, reported on the current activities of the Assessor's office. There are no problems at this time.

Detention Center: Dennis Dexter, MCCJC, reported the number of inmates incarcerated and reported the number from each county or in-transit. Reported an inmate had emergency surgery and is under guard. They have received fees for the detention center services.

Sheriff=s Department: Sheriff Jim Higen reported they have arrested a number of people lately. He also reported the progress in establishing the new courthouse evacuation plan, also some changes being made to the county emergency response plan.

Treasurer: Gayle Erekson, County Treasurer, discussed current computer arts costs to the county. She is not in favor of changing to the new computer system.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Higgins, Custodian, reported that the building received the annual inspection by the state and passed with no problems noted. The new fire alarm system is almost completely installed and training will be conducted when installation is complete.

County Administration: Kerry McMurray reported that when the new evacuation plan is written, personal reaction training will be conducted.

Weed Department: Gordon Edwards reported the progress in establishing positive weed control with cooperation between Nevada, Twin Falls and Cassia County. He also reported there is a national push to control invasive plant epidemic with a TV special to bring attention to this problem.

HOWELL CANYON ROAD

Mr. Barrus explained the costs/taxes involved with the Howell Canyon Unorganized Roads District to ensure there was no public misconception as to the monies involved and the source for them.

MARCH 12, 2003 CONFERENCE

The Board reviewed a letter inviting attendance at the conference in Wieser, ID – “Covering the

Uninsured: Raising Awareness and Finding Solutions.” It was decided to attempt to obtain a copy of the minutes of the meeting, rather than have someone attend.

DECEMBER 2002 CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER REPORT

The Board reviewed the Conflict Public Defender’s report from Dennis Byington.

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Kerry McMurray discussed the recently signed building permit fees for manufactured homes and agricultural buildings. It was moved and seconded to adopt a \$50.00 fee for Agricultural buildings, a \$150.00 fee for single section manufactured homes, and a \$200.00 fee for multi section manufactured homes. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

NORTHWEST PIPELINE’S EXPANSION OF FACILITIES

The Board reviewed the public notice of Northwest Pipeline’s modified expansion of facilities at the Burley Compressor Station.

BIG RIVER HERITAGE COUNCIL

The Board reviewed the letter from Dale Whipple of the Big River Heritage Council. The Board agreed to have Kerry McMurray draft a letter of support to Dale Whipple for the Commissioner’s signature.

CORRECTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to amend the minutes of November 4, 2002 to change resolution #2002-10-1 to #2002-011-01. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

HOMEOWNER’S EXEMPTION

The Board reviewed a list of properties that no longer qualify for the homeowner’s exemption. It was moved and seconded to remove the exemption on the properties listed. (See attached list)

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

The Board reviewed the Legislative Bulletin, dated February 21, 2003 and discussed the impact of some of the bills on the county.

PERSONNEL ISSUE

The Board approved the request for change-of-status to change Mandy Gonzales from a part time employee to full time.

QUITCLAIM DEEDS

The Board of Commissioners signed the following County Quitclaim Deeds: Parcel #'s RP 0K002013006E A, RP 14S22E033010 A, RP 0ST190006970 A, RP 16S28E300475 A, RP ABR04001015A A, RP 13S26E125040 A, RP 12S22E208226 A, RP 11SE026993 and RP 11S22E026990 A.

ORDER OF REIMBURSEMENT

The Board signed orders of reimbursement for Case #202155, Case #202127, and Case #202143 & Case # 202129.

EAST-WEST SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET

Wes Parr and Brent Stoker presented the report of the East & West Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District Operations for 2002. They requested they be budgeted \$2500.00 for each District. It was moved and seconded to approve the \$2500.00 for the annual budget for FY 2005 and voting was unanimous by the Board.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

The Board reviewed a letter from the Forest Service concerning the conditions of the forest service rangelands and things that can be done to prevent problems with overgrazing and fire prevention. Karl Fuelling of the Forest Service discussed the letter and answered questions, to include helping to clear land near the ski runs at Pomerelle.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The Board received a presentation from Andy Payne, Curtis Jensen and Karl Fuelling of the BLM concerning Public Lands. The Board entered into an agreement with the BLM to have them work all issues through the Public Lands Committee and Kelly Adams.

SOUTHWEST IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Board reviewed the history of the Southwest Irrigation District with Grant Wyatt. The Board received a report on the irrigation water issues in the SW I D from Grant Wyatt and Mike Cranney. The Board reviewed the Southern Idaho Irrigated CRP Conversation Plan. The Board asked the SWID to draft a letter of agreement for the Board to consider at the next meeting.

KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT

The Board received reports about their experiences from their attendance and participation at the State Capital from the 4H Know Your Government club.

STATE POLICE SURPLUS PROPERTY

The Board reviewed a memorandum of agreement between the Idaho State Police and the County Sheriff’s office. Sheriff Jim Higans will sign the agreement, which establishes the terms and conditions for transferring excess DOD equipment to authorized law enforcement agencies. This was for information only to the Board.

SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

Sheriff Higans discussed the need to switch 2 vehicles for patrol purposes because of high mileage on one of the vehicles. The Board moved and seconded to allow the vehicles to be switched and voting was unanimous by the Board.

FILING CABINETS

The Board discussed the need for additional filing cabinets for the court judicial records. It was moved and seconded to give conditional approval to purchase 20 new filing cabinets and voting was unanimous by the Board. The conditional approval was contingent upon having the funds available after all building expenses are positively identified.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County=s Payables Approval Report dated February 21, 2003. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$12,896.72
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$966.11
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$401.14
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$12,561.41
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$80.00
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$815.77
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$15.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$19,084.85

MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$8,549.26
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$2,684.00
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$910.69
	TOTAL	<u>\$58,964.95</u>

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 # 201121 under advisement.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. March 3, Monday, 2003.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Laurie Welch, SIP; Nate Johnson, Times News; Sara Campbell, David Gochnour, Ronnie Rodriguez, Kelsie Tolle, Kayla Poulton, Luke Rice, Marla Lowder, Robert Rodriguez, and Cora Lee Campbell, all from the 4H Know Your Government Club.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/
Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

/s/
Dennis Crane, Chairman