

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

COMMISSIONERS = MINUTES

The minutes for January 6, 2003 were discussed. The motion was then made and seconded to approve with corrections. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for January 2003.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. The Board received an invitation to attend the Paving the Road to Community Change Conference to be held February 18-19 2003 at the Boise Centre on the Grove, Boise, Idaho.
2. The Board received an invitation to attend the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce Banquet on January 30, 2003 at the Burley Inn, Burley, Idaho at 6:00 p.m.
3. The Board received a copy of a letter from the Idaho Fish and Game regarding the transplant of 15 California bighorn sheep into the Cache Peak area of Cassia County.
4. The Board received a memo from the Idaho Association of Commissioners and Clerks regarding the IACC Meeting that will be held in conjunction with the IAC Midwinter Legislative Conference.

SHERIFF=S MATTERS

Jim Higenes met with the Board to present a grant application to be signed for the BDS Grant. A motion was made and seconded to sign the grant application. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Sheriff Higenes also reviewed the bids for fuel use for the County for FY2003. Bid options were reviewed with the Board opting to accept option two which is to pay actual billings as received on a monthly basis. Lynch Oil came in with the low bid of .30 per gallon over RAC, including .25 tax.

ACE FIRE DISTRICT AND CITY OF ROCKS QUICK RESPONSE UNIT

Commissioner Crane presented a proposal from the Ace Fire District and City of Rocks Quick Response Unit regarding a proposed combined fire station for the two units. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to allow the entities to run a water line from the existing county building to the proposed fire station with some conditions being imposed. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed Changes of Status for four County employees, two in the Sheriff=s Department and two at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center. A motion was made and seconded to approve the changes. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Dan Barker met with the Board to review the Building Permit Fees for manufactured homes in the County. A motion was made and seconded to include the new fee schedule in the

public hearing scheduled for January 27, 2003.

COURT HOUSE ANNEX MATTERS

Jay D. Christensen met with the Board to report on the suggested changes to the Court House Annex Building renovation plan. A motion was made and seconded to give approval for Christensen Engineering to develop the blue prints for renovation of the Court House Annex Building. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

It was proposed and seconded to convene as the County Board of Equalization. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

The Board of Equalization held a tax hearing at the request of Jason and Shanin Van Buskirk for a Homeowner=s exemption on Parcel #RP BSW010010140. The matter was taken under advisement and it was requested that the Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney=s Office prepare a Findings of Fact in line with previous handling of Home Owner=s Exemption requests.

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

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County=s Payables Approval Report dated January 10, 2003. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$26,307.59
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$11.01
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$3,423.42
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$6,334.07
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$1,341.24
SOLID WASTE FUND	109	\$258,923.00
FAIR EXHIBITS FUND	111	\$30,000.00
HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND	112	\$5,000.00
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$585.78
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$7,129.71
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$199.59
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$137,411.54
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,703.59
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$350.23
	TOTAL	\$478,720.77

OATH OF OFFICE

The Board moved the meeting to the District Court Room for the Oath of Office Ceremony. Monte Carlson, District Judge, presided at the Swearing in Ceremony and gave the Oath of Office to Gayle Erekson, County Treasurer; Martell Holland, County Assessor; Paul

Young, County Coroner; Larry A. Mickelsen, County Clerk; Paul Christensen and Clay Handy, County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners returned to the Commissioner=s Room.

BOARD CHAIRMAN

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Commissioner Crane as Chairman of the Board of the Cassia County Commissioners with Commissioner Christensen voting Yea and Commissioner Handy voting Yea.

COMMISSIONER=S AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Board reviewed the duties and responsibilities assigned to each Commissioner and changed some assignments.

COURTHOUSE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

The Board discussed information received from Simplex Grinnell regarding the new fire alarm system for the Courthouse. They also discussed reviewing the needs of the Court House Annex Building regarding fire safety.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEALTH DISTRICT

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Shirley Danner to serve as the County=s Representative on the South Central Health District Board. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

PROSECUTOR=S OFFICE

Alfred Barrus, County Prosecutor, introduced Timothy Schneider as the new Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the County. His duties will begin February 1, 2003.

COTTEREL MOUNTAIN WIND PROJECT

The Board considered submitting comments on the proposed Cotterel Mountain Wind Project. The matter was taken under advisement.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER WORKMED 2003

The Board discussed the Cassia Medical Center=s proposed Workmed 2003 program. The matter was taken under advisement.

IDAHO BUREAU OF FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY

The Board reviewed a renewal agreement document to participate in the Idaho Federal Surplus Property program. A motion was made and seconded to sign the necessary forms. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

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)(f) 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 pending litigation. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

RAFT RIVER WATER ADVISORY GROUP

Don Johnson, Raft River Water Advisor Group, met with the Board to extend an invitation for them to attend their meeting to be held Tuesday, January 14, 2003, Raft River Electric Board Room, Malta, Idaho at 7:00 p.m.

PARKING AREAS

The Board discussed parking in the alley between the Courthouse and the Sheriff=s Department. After discussion, it was decided to eliminate the two reserved parallel parking places behind the courthouse and mark the third parking place in the east parking lot as reserved for the County Clerk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Following Executive Session the Board denied applications #202147 and #202148; approved #202146 and #203001.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2003.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING

Gayle Erikson, Treasurer, Sharon Smith, Deputy Treasurer; Don Danner, Mayor of Albion; Carla Shockey; Laurie Welch, SIP; Nate Johnson, Times News

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

_____/s/_____
Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

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Dennis Crane, Chairman