

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

COMMISSIONERS = MINUTES

The minutes for January 21, 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 reviewed the D.E.T.O.U.R financial report. Larry Mickelsen, County Clerk, is to fax the report to Judge Duff and get his recommendations and support in collecting the monies owed Cassia County by other counties.
2. The Board reviewed the letter from the State Military Division concerning the terrorist attacks and the emergency response to these situations.
3. The Board reviewed a letter from Computer Arts, Inc. announcing the former Boise County Commissioner John Foard has joined their organization.
4. The Board reviewed the invitation from Business Plus III to attend the public launch of their new regional jobs creation program on February 5, 2003, 5:15 pm at the Burley Inn.

PARTIAL HOME OWNER'S EXEMPTION REMOVAL REPORT

The Board reviewed the Homeowner's Exemption Report for 2003. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

TAX APPEAL

The Board reviewed the Susan Hart tax appeal. The decision was postponed until February 10, 2003.

SHARP COPIER

Kerry McMurray, County Administrator, discussed the costs associated with the turn-in of the Sharp copier.

ORDINANCE # 2003-01-01/ CODIFICATION OF CASSIA COUNTY CODE

Ordinance # 2003-01-01, concerning Codification of the Cassia County Code, was discussed. Commissioner Handy moved the ordinance be adopted and Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO ZONE

The application to amend zone boundaries to accommodate new dairies was discussed. The matter will be discussed in a Public Hearing on and application set for March 10, 2003, at 10:00 am.

HOWELL CANYON ROAD

The Board reviewed the revised Howell Canyon Road maintenance agreement between Albion Highway District and Burley Highway District.

COMBINED CITY/COUNTY MEETING

Mayor Jon Anderson discussed the February 24, 2003 meeting with City and County Officials.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Public Defender: Doug Whipple distributed the Public Defender monthly report. He discussed the clients and the fines and fees charged for the violations.

Assessor: Marty Holland reported the Assessor's Office is sending out Personal Property notices this week. He will answer questions the public may have concerning the State of Idaho Legislature passing laws that will impact the property values. He also discussed taxes on the Rite Aide building that is being donated to the city. The Board of Commissioners has the authority to exempt the city for the taxes. Discussed moving the Assessor's Office to the annex between July and October, depending upon the remodeling being completed.

Detention Center: Dennis Dexter discussed the number of inmates. There are 118 inmates: 31-Cassia County, 24-Minidoka County, 33-State of Idaho, 2-U.S. Marshal's Service., 13-Twin Falls County, 9-Jerome County, 4-Lincoln County, 1-Power County, 1-Courtesy Shuttle. Discussed the options available to solve the problem of the inmates flushing sheets down the toilets.

Sheriff=s Department: Sheriff Higen discussed city/county emergencies. A 26-year-old woman with 3 children, found dead of unknown causes in her bedroom and the press release has been sent to the newspapers. A 15-year-old runaway was found by Eric Nebeker, in her wrecked auto where she had been for 24 hours. The news release was sent to the newspapers.

Treasurer: Gayle Erikson showed and discussed the quarterly report/collections.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Higgins discussed scheduling the new fire alarm system to be installed by Ramsey Heating and Electric.

Weed Department: Gordon Edwards discussed the weed problems to be resolved before the summer tourist season. He also reported that a weed team from Yellowstone National Park will be here January 28, 2003, to assist with the meeting scheduled with the nine area counties regarding weed problems along roadways.

County Administrator: Kerry McMurray discussed the trading of gravesites with the city at Pleasant View Cemetery. It was moved and seconded by the Board to accept the trade with the city. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Miscellaneous: Discussed the upcoming County Elected Official meetings, February 3-6, 2003, and the coordination meetings to be held.

Clerk: Larry Mickelsen is to fax/email the minutes to the members of the Board during the week of the meetings so the Commissioners can review the minutes prior to the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING-BUILDING PERMIT FEE INCREASES

Dan Barker, Building Inspector, discussed the proposed building permit fee increases, and read the definition for agriculture buildings. He also discussed proposed fee increases for manufactured homes.

Kerry McMurray, County Administrator, discussed the expenses to the county, giving the reasons for the proposed fee increases. He gave the amount of revenue generated by the building fee permits for the previous year as \$57,040.63.

Paul Campbell, Franklin Building Supply, reported his customers are upset with the proposed fee increases. Dave Warren, Stars Ferry Building Supplies, stated that they far exceeded the rate of inflation. Discussion ensued with comments being made by Dan Barker, Dave Warren, Paul Campbell, Lloyd Cox, and Weston Hawkes, Oakley City Administrator.

Weston Hawkes discussed the disparity of fee schedules for manufactured homes and “stick built” homes.

Commissioner Crane felt that the Board of Commissioners needed additional information prior to making a decision. Commissioner Christensen moved that the matter be taken under advisement and Commissioner Handy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

COUNTY AUDIT

Edward F. Evans and Jeffrey D. Poulsen, representing Evans & Poulsen provided the results of the county internal audit. All financial matters are in compliance and nothing requires further audit.

They discussed the Findings and Recommendations of the audit. The Fair Board is very cash intensive and need to conduct intermittent checks to ensure cash on hand matches the tickets sold.

The Extension Office and the Criminal Justice Center Commissary fund needs an internal audit. Commissioner Christensen moved that the bill for the audit be paid and Commissioner Handy seconded. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

GRASSHOPPERS

The Board received input from Richard Garrard concerning the abundance of grasshoppers in the Almo, Elba and Oakley areas, and the need to use spray to control them.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County=s Payables Approval Report dated January 24, 2003. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

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| CURRENT EXPENSES | 104 | \$64,977.92 |
| DISTRICT COURT FUND | 106 | \$574.82 |
| COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND | 107 | \$4,266.64 |
| WEED & PEST FUND | 108 | \$50.68 |
| 911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND | 115 | \$1,747.73 |
| COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND | 118 | \$15.00 |
| JUSTICE FUND | 130 | \$20,171.08 |
| JAIL BOND INTEREST & REDEMPTION | 135 | \$18,936.25 |
| PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND | 144 | \$885.76 |
| ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION | 149 | \$58.01 |
| | TOTAL | <u>\$111,683.89</u> |

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)(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. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board took application #202061 under advisement.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2003.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING

Laurie Welch, SIP; Nate Johnson, Times News;

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APPROVED:

/s/
Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

/s/
Dennis Crane, Chairman