

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

COMMISSIONERS= MINUTES

The minutes for May 12, 2003 were discussed. The motion was then 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 May 2003.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from the Department of Lands, Re: parcels of land that has expiring grazing and cropland leases.
2. An invitation to participate in the Oakley Pioneer Day Parade.
3. A bulletin from the University of Idaho, Re: Idaho Community Trees.
4. A copy of the Final Report of Findings and Conclusions from the Idaho transportation Resource Task Force.
5. A letter from Williams Pipeline Re: Literature from LASER, Inc.

COUNTY ROAD EQUIPMENT

The Board discussed the pending sale of equipment located at the City of Rocks with Dennis James. The tenor of the discussion was the location of the equipment for interested buyers to be able to view it and to find an auctioneer to have a successful auction.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Sheriff Jim Higen informed the Board of the possibility of equipment, training and potential grants from the Federal Government, to provide adequate homeland security. This will be an ongoing project for the next 2-3 years with very sophisticated equipment available at no cost to the County. Sheriff Higen will meet with other security managers in the district to investigate all possibilities and potential for security equipment.

RAFT RIVER FIRE DISTRICT

The Board received a report from Jerry Bankhead of the Raft River Fire District Re: annexation of additional land into their Fire District. There is a need for a building in which to house the fire trucks. This is necessary to reduce the insurance rates or to have insurable properties in some of the areas.

EMERGENCY MORATORIUM ON DEGRADED WATER AREAS

The Board received a presentation from Lynette Brackenbury and Terri Kidd Re: Emergency Moratorium in Degraded Water Areas and Revisions of Current Planning and Zoning Areas. Ms. Brackenbury submitted a request for review of the current planning and zoning of the county. Ms. Kidd presented a petition to Mr. Al Barrus signed by citizens of Cassia County, for review to ensure that the petition did not impinge upon pending matters. The petition was not presented to the Board. The Board took the matters under advisement and requested that the Prosecuting Attorney review all documents and considerations, then the Prosecuting Attorney will advise the Board on May 27, 2003 as to whether or not they can review or consider the petition. The Board's decision was to review all considerations and scheduled a continuance of the Public Hearing request to continue the Emergency Moratorium at 9:00 on 27 May, 2003.

ART BARN REPLACEMENT AT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The Board discussed the potential Art Barn replacement at the Fairgrounds and ways to pay for the building. A public hearing is scheduled for June 9, 2003 to discuss the necessity of the new building.

LETTER TO DENNIS AND NATALIE SMYER

The Board reviewed and signed a letter to Dennis and Natalie Smyer Re: restrictive covenants and group housing, for which the County has no right, nor responsibility to be involved. It was moved and seconded to sign the letter and voting was unanimous by the Board.

LETTER ABOUT WINDLAND PROPOSAL

The Board reviewed and signed a letter to State legislators Denton Darrington, Bruce Newcomb, and Scott Bedke, Re: the Windland proposal. It was moved and seconded to sign the letter and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PROPOSAL ON JAIL COMMISSARY

Kerry McMurray described the problems with Keefe Inc. in filling the orders placed by the inmates of the MCCJC. The Jail Board has notified Keefe Inc. that the contract will not be renewed. Dennis Dexter submitted a request for proposal for inmate commissary services to have other contactors bid to provide the required services. Upon motion made and seconded the Request for Proposal was unanimously approved and signed. The RFP will be published and an opening and review of proposals will take place on Monday June 30, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. It was moved and seconded to sign the RFP and voting was unanimous by the Board.

JUNK YARD ORDINANCE

The Board received a report from Dan Barker concerning areas in the county that are or may be in violation of the "Junk Yard" ordinances.

911 ISSUES

The Board discussed 911 issues researched by Kerry McMurray, re: sites and buildings owned by Kent Searle with 911 repeaters located on them.

TAXABLE PROPERTY

The Board read and discussed letters from county residents concerning their non-payment of property taxes and the response from Mr. Barrus as the County Prosecutor, clearly stating the right of the county to levy taxes and the penalty they face for non-payment.

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 approved Case #203003, Case #203006, and Case #203047. Took Case #203004 under advisement. Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #203006. Approved payment to Cobra for Case #203062. Denied Case #203041, Case #203043, Case #203044 and Case #203054. Signed Notice of Lien And Application of Medically Indigent Benefits for Cases #203057, #203059, #203060, and #203061.

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)(b) with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commission Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss employee 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 disapproved the change in status for Dennis Dexter. Scheduled a grievance hearing for May 27, 2003 at 2:30 pm.

BID AWARD

Based upon prior acceptance of the bid, Notice to Proceed was issued giving approval to RB Higgins of Rupert, Idaho, directing work to proceed for the roofing project on the rental house at 1500 Hansen Avenue, Burley, Idaho. The Board reviewed a letter to Scott Bell Construction 1811 W. St. Heyburn, Idaho, informing them of the award to RB Higgins for roofing the County owned house at 1500 Hansen Ave., Burley, Idaho. It was moved and seconded to sign the letter and voting was unanimous by the board.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2003.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Lori Chaney, Times News; Kevin Tracy and Melvin Warr, Raft River Fire District; Kent Searle, Dave Wilkins, Capital Press; Candace Baltz, KMVT; Garth Freymiller.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman