

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

PREVIOUS WEEKS= MINUTES

The minutes for September 4, 2003 were discussed. A motion was 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 September 2003.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from Kerry McMurray, County Administrator, to Walton, Inc, Re: Status of remodeling project and completion thereof for Cassia County Annex.
2. A request for Mini-Cassia Transportation Committee Funding of \$100.00. It was moved and seconded to approve this request and voting was unanimous by the Board.
3. A letter from the Idaho Capital Crimes Defense Program Subject: Capital Crimes Defense Fund Board Elections requesting we nominate a county commissioner for the Board. Commissioner Christensen is currently serving on the Board and it was moved and seconded to nominate Commissioner Christensen to serve on the board and voting was unanimous by the Board.

DISASTER SERVICES GRANT

Sheriff Jim Higenes presented a grant request to be used for disaster services for the county. It was moved and seconded to sign the grant request and voting was unanimous by the board.

BUDGET HEARING

The Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2004 proposed budget. It was moved and seconded that the Solid Waste fees be reduced from an annual fee of \$60.00 per unit to \$50.00 per unit and voting was unanimous by the Board. A discussion, led by Commissioner Handy was that the County should move monies from the foregone amount into the General Fund. It was moved and seconded to move \$125,000 from the foregone amount into the General Fund and to increase taxes by 3% and voting was unanimous by the Board. It was moved and seconded by the Board to have the County Administrator, Kerry McMurray, conduct an analysis to consider classifying county employees relating to their performance and responsibility, and voting was unanimous by the Board. It was moved by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy that the salary for employees be raised by 2%, with the Department Heads having authority to distribute the funds as they deem appropriate. Voting was unanimous by the Board. Regarding the law enforcement contract with the City of Burley, due to ISTARs distribution and the City receiving less money from fines and forfeitures, the Board considered all aspects of the contract, and it was moved and second that the county would pay 70% of the Investigations Division budget, for the 2003-2004 budget year, as long as the ISTARs distribution remains as currently established by the State Supreme Court and voting was unanimous by the Board. The County and the City will renegotiate the Law Enforcement contract well in advance of the FY 05 budget year. It was moved and seconded to approve the Cassia County 2003-2004 Budget with the adjustments as listed above, and voting was unanimous by the Board.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board moved and seconded to approve annual bonuses for four (4) employees of the MCCJC and voting was unanimous by the Board.

APPEAL HEARING

C. Fred Preston, represented by Mr. Kelly Anthon presented an appeal regarding the decision of the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the sale of parcels of his real property. (Recording of the hearing is on tape labeled "C. Fred Preston Appeal Hearing) The Cassia County Commissioners were represented by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Tim Schneider and the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission was represented by Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus. The Board moved and seconded that the sub-division fee owed to the county by Mr. Preston be waived and voting was unanimous by the Board.

CASSIA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Steve Freiburger presented Cassia County's Transportation Plan update to the Board. The Local Highway Transport Assistance Council (LHTAC) will assist in developing a transportation plan by meeting with the Board and all of the Highway Districts in Cassia County. The planning meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 2003. It was moved and seconded to have Riedesel & Associates, Inc. as the consultants to help develop the plan and voting was unanimous by the Board.

CASSIA COUNTY PRECINCTS

Larry Mickelsen presented the written Cassia County Voting Precincts to the Board for their information. These written descriptions will correspond with the voting precinct maps that are being printed. The Board was thankful to the citizens who assisted in defining the precinct boundaries.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Gayle Erikson discussed the collection of personal property taxes for FY 2003 from TSI because the property had not been used in 2003.. It was moved and seconded to cancel the outstanding personal property taxes for FY 2003 and voting was unanimous by the Board.

FIBER OPTICS TO THE ASSESSOR BUILDING

It was moved and seconded to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) regarding the utilization of a shared fiber optic connection with the ITD and Cassia County and voting was unanimous by the Board.

FAIRGROUNDS BUILDING

The Notice To Proceed contract with Jones Construction Inc. was presented to the Board and it was moved and seconded to sign the contract to allow construction to begin immediately for the new building at the Cassia County Fairgrounds and voting was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated September 5, 2003. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$12,927.02
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$326.00
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$3,982.53
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$16,459.67
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$1,259.43
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$334.91
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$9,557.40
COUNTY BOAT LICENSE FUND	117	\$160.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$165,441.82

PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$108.48
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$903.32
	TOTAL	\$211,460.58

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was proposed by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Christensen that the Board convene in 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 signed Release of Medically Indigent Lien for Case #203042, Case #203048, and Case #203065. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #203107, Case #203121, and Case #203122. Signed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision for Case #203059. Approved Case #203089. Denied Case #203091, Case #203101, Case #203097 and Case #203117

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Following Executive Session the Board, the County Attorney Al Barrus will research the pending personnel issues.

BEER AND LIQUOR LICENSES

The Board approved the following applications for Beer and/or Liquor Licenses:

<u>County #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Doing Business As</u>
#53	Elaine Asher	Elaine's

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 22, 2003.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Shari Chaney, Times News, Mayor Jon Anderson, City of Burley; Mark Mitton, City of Burley; Dan Barker; C. Fred Preston; Kelly Anthon; Sara Haynes; Aaron West, Riedesel & Associates; Gale Garrett, MCCJC; Alan Bingham; Claude Bryant, Lloyd Cox

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman