

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

PREVIOUS WEEKS' MINUTES

The minutes for August 9 and 12, 2004 were discussed. A motion was 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 August 2004.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05am it was proposed by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(b) 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 employee matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 9:20am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board will ensure there is no misunderstanding with the employees regarding stability and pay increases.

SCITRDA

Debbie Dane, representing South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association, presented a report update on the functions and successes of the association. She reported tourism generates \$500,000,000 in revenue throughout the State of Idaho. She requests that SCITDRA be a part of our county budget in the amount of \$500.00. The state officials who are responsible are very impressed with the Mini-Cassia area and the efforts to promote tourism in the area. SCITDRA consists of a board of 25 members, including Lex Kunau from Burley.

ODD LOT PROPERTY AT OAKLEY TRANSFER STATION

During a public meeting, the Board made a final determination for the sale of the odd lot property at the Oakley Transfer Station. Mr. Mitchell has made arrangements for a fence, meeting the requirements of the Board. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposal to transfer property from the county to Mr. Mitchell, contingent upon his meeting conditions of fencing and cleanup, and voting was unanimous by the Board.

HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL

Tim Preston and Kelly Bowen reviewed the health insurance, dental coverage and the vision coverage for the County employees with the Board. They presented the Blue Shield and Blue Cross health, dental, and vision coverage proposals to the Board. Loyal Egbert, Sharon Smith and Cara Petterson spoke on behalf of the Employee Benefits Committee and of the Committee's discussion and decisions. The Board took the matter under advisement to give Blue Shield time to get the costs to cover the County insurance costs for 15 months. This will give the County the opportunity to thoroughly investigate the proposal to become self-funded on all employee health benefits.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE SUMMER BBQ

The Board scheduled a County Employee Summer cook-out for August 26, 2004 between 11:00am and 1:30pm. Gayle Erikson, County Treasurer will plan the BBQ with some of the employees from all other departments.

COURTHOUSE PARADE CLOSURE

The Board approved the Courthouse to be kept open with a skeleton staff during the Fair Parade. Department heads will be responsible to establishing the employee schedule.

ANNEX ROOF REPAIR

Kerry McMurray discussed the proposal to have an indigent citizen or R.B. Higgens contract to re-roof the County Annex building with new architectural shingles. The total cost will be \$4245.00. It was moved and seconded to award the bid to R.B. Higgens and voting was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY BUDGET

The Board discussed the FY05 proposed budget. They approved the budget, as proposed by the County Budget Officer, to be published in the South Idaho Press along with the announcement of the Budget Hearing scheduled for September 7, 2004.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:05am 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 at 11:09am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #204047. Signed Certificate of Approval for Case #204046 and Case #204051.

ALMO – REVIEW ROAD SITUATION

The Board departed at 11:10 am to go to Almo to review the status of County roads impacted by hauling rock and gravel from pits along the Narrows Road to the City of Rocks.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 23, 2004.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Chip Thompson, Times News

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman