

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.

#### **INTERMOUNTAIN DONOR SERVICES**

Michael Pollard, representing Intermountain Donor Services, spoke to the Board regarding a group of bicyclists who will be coming through Burley on Friday September 3, 2004, on a fund-raising, coast to coast ride on behalf of those who have had or need body organ transplants. They will be spending the night in Burley and will have a private dinner to which the Commissioners have been invited. Sheriff Higen is providing escort services for the bicyclists going through the city. The Commissioners have committed themselves to serving ice cream floats to the public during the welcome ceremony when the bicyclists arrive in town.

#### **PREVIOUS WEEKS' MINUTES**

The minutes for August 16, 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.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed the following:

1. An announcement of a Hazardous Fuels Treatment workshop Sept. 30 – Oct. 1, 2004.
2. A letter from the Idaho E911 Emergency Communications Commission regarding House Bill 692 to create the E911 Emergency Communications Commission.
3. A thank you letter from Debbie Dane, Executive Director of SCITRDA, for giving her time on the agenda to discuss the area tourism efforts.
4. A patronage credit statement from PMT.
5. A letter from the University of Idaho Extension office Re: The Value of Irrigation Water Resulting from Agriculture and Food Processing in the Mid-Snake River Region.

#### **WILDLAND FIRE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

The Board discussed the final draft of Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Board will review the plan during the next week and with no further changes, will sign it next week.

#### **INMATE HOUSING AGREEMENTS**

The Board reviewed the Inmate Housing Agreements for the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center with Camas County, Gooding County, Blaine County, Twin Falls County, Jerome County and Oneida County. It was moved and seconded to sign the agreements and voting was unanimous by the Board.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING**

**Public Defender:** Doug Whipple presented the Cassia County Public Defender Clients Commissioners Report.

**Assessor:** Marty Holland reported that the Assessor's Office is functioning on a normal basis. Told the Board that the individual who was to do the repairs on the remodeling project did not show as scheduled. Kerry McMurray will reschedule for the work to be done.

**Detention Center:** Dennis Dexter reported on the number of inmates from the local and contracted counties, which total 151.

**Sheriff's Department:** Sheriff Jim Higen reported on the activities of the Sheriff's Department

during the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo. He reported on the pending retirement of deputy Don Green.

**Treasurer:** Gayle Erekson reported that the weather forecast is not very good for the week, so the county employee barbeque, which was scheduled for August 26 will be delayed until September 2, 2004. Discussed the usage of the Widow's Benefit Trust fund. Discussed the problems incurred when improvements on real property are allowed to be separated for tax purposes.

**Janitorial/Maintenance:** Sharon Higgins reported on the efforts of the Maintenance Dept.

**County Attorney:** Al Barrus discussed the legal issues regarding tax-deeded properties such as the Horejs property, and things of which we need to be aware.

**County Administration:** Kerry McMurray reported on a meeting on August 26 at 10:00am in the Sheriff's classroom. Reported on a request for office space for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) employee for the Cassia and Minidoka area. They are funded out of the Supreme Court funds. The proposal is for the CASA employee to work with our Court Assistance Office for office space.

**County Clerk:** Larry Mickelsen reported on some of the things taught during the Clerk's annual conference held last week in Rexburg.

#### **CITY OF DECLO IMPACT ZONE BOUNDARIES**

The Board reviewed the request from the City of Declo for negotiations concerning impact zone boundaries. It was moved and seconded to approve the request and voting was unanimous by the Board.

#### **CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER REPORTS**

The Board reviewed the Conflict Public Defender reports for June and July 2004.

#### **SNAKE RIVER BASIN ADJUDICATION**

The Board reviewed a letter of request from the City of Kooskia concerning the Snake River Basin Adjudication agreement on water rights claim of the Nez Perce Tribe. Commissioner Christensen will follow-up with IAC to see if this is an issue of concern for all of the counties in the State.

#### **OREGON TRAIL RECREATION DISTRICT**

Dennis Dexter presented a proposal for the creation of a recreation district in and nearby the City of Burley. The proposed date for the special election will be February 1, 2005. This will allow for the requirements to be met for a ballot to be printed and ready for the election. The cost for the special election will be between \$3500 and \$5000. Kent Searle questioned the increase in taxes to the property owners in the proposed district. Mr. Dale Whipple was in agreement with Kent Searle regarding the increased taxes. Discussion was also had that the current proposal is for imposition of a uniform fee, rather than a tax levy, to fund the district if created. Mr. Searle stated that the \$3.00 fee was insignificant, but it is the principle of paying taxes or fees for something that he would not be able to use without paying additional fees. Others in attendance discussed the benefits and the negative points of the proposal. It was recommended that a committee be formed to investigate the proposal thoroughly to determine the feasibility of creating the recreation district.

#### **CAPITAL CRIMES DEFENSE PROGRAM**

The Board discussed nominations for At-Large Board Position for the Capital Crimes Defense Program. It was moved and seconded to approve the nomination of Jack Nelson of Latah County and voting was unanimous by the Board.

#### **BLM/FOREST SERVICE**

Scott Nannenga of the U.S. Forest Service reported on the creation of new forest service

maps, using input from the residents living in the areas being mapped. The users of the forest roads and trails like to have loops they can follow, to not have to return on the same road they use on the outward trip. Conflicts are arising between horse and mountain bike users. ATV's, using the original trails designed for horses and 2-wheel vehicles, are causing problems by modifying the trails. The past week's rain storms have caused some problems with the roads in the forests.

**PHARMACEUTICAL CONTRACT**

The Board reviewed the Pharmaceutical Contract for the MCCJC. It was moved and seconded to authorize the contract and voting was unanimous by the Board.

**COUNTY EXPENDITURE**

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated August 20, 2004. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$13,102.51
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$3,993.01
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$75.92
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$1,421.61
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$68,600.00
JR COLLEGE TUITION FUND	113	\$4,100.00
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$8,427.45
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$4,712.78
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$53,130.49
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$157,563.77</b>

**BOARD OF GUARDIANS**

Al Barrus, County Attorney, discussed the Board of Guardians organization. Mr. Barrus will invite Ray Koyle in to discuss the Board of Guardians' responsibilities with the County Commissioners next week, August 30, 2004.

**INTERMODAL COMMERCE AUTHORITY**

The Board met with the Minidoka County Board of Commissioners at Conner's Café to listen to a presentation by Senator Dean Cameron and Representative Scott Bedke regarding the Intermodal Commerce Authority. This law gives the Board the authority to create a "port authority" to stimulate and develop business in the area.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 2:15pm 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 3:20pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Signed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision for Case #204054 and Case #204061. Signed Order of Dismissal for Case #204074, Case #204067, and Case #204032. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #204107, Case #204108, Case #204109, Case #204110, and Case #204111. Signed Release of Medically Indigent Lien for Case #203005. Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #204090, Case #204091, and Case #204094. Signed Certificate of Approval for Case #204045, Case #204046, Case #204047, Case #204051, Case #204090, Case #204091, Case #204094 and Case #204107. Signed Certificate of Denial for Case #204097, Case #204100, and Case #204101.

**BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES**

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

County #  
2005-052

Name  
John Stokes

Doing Business As  
Stokes Fresh Food Market

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 30, 2004.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING**

Renee Wells, SIP; Chip Thompson, Times News; Gwen Montgomery; Brent Stoker;

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

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Dennis Crane, Chairman