

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day with 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.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Commissioner Crane had excused himself temporarily from the meeting because of truck problems. It was proposed by Commissioner Handy that Commissioner Christensen be appointed acting Chairman. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Commissioner Christensen voting yea and Commissioner Handy voting yea. Chairman Crane arrived at 9:35 am and assumed his position as Chairman of the Board.

PREVIOUS WEEKS= MINUTES

The minutes for January 26, 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 February 2004.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from Wendy Reynolds of the BLM Re: Cotterel Mountain wind Energy Development Project
2. A proposed letter to Charles Winder, Chairman of the Idaho transportation Board, Re: the City of Rocks Back Country Byway Committee's recommendation to have the 17 mile Conner Creek to Almo highway designated as a State Highway.
3. A news bulletin from the Idaho Department of Lands and the University of Idaho Community Forestry Program.

VETERAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

It was moved and seconded to re-appoint Don Gunderson as a member of the Veteran's Advisory Council and voting was unanimous by the Board. It was moved and seconded to appoint Kurt Russell as an alternate member of the Veteran's Advisory Council and voting was unanimous by the Board. Clerk Larry Mickelsen will send a letter of appointment to these individuals and also send an information copy to Gary McCall, Chairman of the Veteran's Advisory Council.

BID AWARD

Kerry McMurray and Under Sheriff Cary Bristol reported that Triple S Oil Company submitted the only bid for the purchase of gasoline for the County vehicles. It was moved and seconded to award the bid to Triple S Oil Company of Burley and voting was unanimous by the Board.

CITY OF BURLEY REQUEST

Kerry McMurray read a letter from Mayor Jon Anderson regarding transportation costs for garbage. Al Barrus and Clay Handy will prepare and send a letter to the City of Burley explaining the County's position.

BLM

Wendy Reynolds discussed the plans to create the new Twin Falls Field Office. She discussed how the District could give support to the Burley Office to assist in weed control, which is the most serious problem confronting us at this time. She discussed some individuals that may be offered positions with the Burley Office. She discussed the cost and the need to have personnel available to provide the weed control. The Board supports the BLM and their efforts to provide service to the citizens of the County.

COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

The Board reviewed Sheriff Higen's updates to the County Emergency Operations Plan. Some minor changes were made to make it more personal to the County. It was moved and seconded to send the plan back to Sheriff Higen's with the minor changes incorporated and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PARCEL 41/CITY OF ROCKS PLAN

The Board reviewed and executed the Right-of-Way contracts for Parcel 40 and Parcel 41 City of Rocks Project # PLH-2841(101). It was moved and seconded for Commissioner Crane to sign the contracts and voting was unanimous by the Board.

NATIONAL HERITAGE LETTER

The Board reviewed the National Heritage Area Commission letter.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION(Amended March 8, 2004)

It was proposed and seconded to convene as the County Board of Equalization. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

It was proposed and seconded to delete the Home Owners exemptions on the following parcels: RP#BB0011340100, RP#SS0090010010, RP#BML01021002B and MH#10S24E277221. Voting was unanimous by the Board. Notices will be sent to the property owners

It was proposed and seconded to return to regular session. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated February 6, 2004. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$23,431.16
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$157.50
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,367.33
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$3,883.61
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$772.73
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$42.40
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$5,843.10
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$47,546.13
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	1,903.12
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$21.68
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,232.38
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$37.00
	TOTAL	\$86,238.14

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed 6 change of status requests (one) 1 for the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center and (five) 5 for the Cassia County Sheriff's Department. It was moved and seconded to approve all of the requests for change of status and voting was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05 am it was proposed by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b) with Commissioner Crane not being in attendance, 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 9:25 am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board requested that Commissioner Crane and Gordon Edwards meet with BLM officials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:35 am 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 10:43 am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board supported the decision to reduce the length of probation for 2 employees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:45 am 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 personnel matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 11:15 am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session Mr. Barrus was instructed to advise the employee that conduct alleged is not appropriate and needs to be corrected.

4-H IMPACT STUDY

Marla Lowder presented a study on the impact that the 4-H programs have on the youth in the county. Statistics show that behavior is significantly improved when the youth are involved in the 4-H programs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:25 pm it was proposed by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Codes 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 at 4:30 pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board approved Case #203133, Case #203152, Case #203153 and Case #204007. Denied Case #203151, Case #204004 and Case #204015. Signed Order of Dismissal for Case #203057 and Case #203150. Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #203133 203169, and Case #204002. Signed Stipulation for Enlargement of Time Limitations for Case #203134. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #204015 and Case #204016. Signed Order for Withdrawal of Approval for Case #203172. Reviewed Accounts #203148 and #204002 and discussed payment options.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2004.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Vaughn Egan

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/
Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

/s/
Dennis Crane, Chairman