

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

PREVIOUS WEEKS= MINUTES

The minutes for February 17, 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 Ken Knowles of the BLM, Re: the meeting he had with Paul Christensen, Kerry McMurray, Wendy Reynolds and Gordon Edwards.
2. A notice of Application from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Case # IPC-E-04-3, an application to institute a pilot program to permit customers to participate in an Irrigation Peak Clipping Program.
3. An email from Perkins & Coie, RE: Twin Falls/Cassia area federal lands pilot project.
4. A letter to Joe Tugaw RE: Appointment as representative from District #3 for the Animal Damage Control Board. It was moved and seconded to sign the letter of appointment and voting was unanimous by the Board.
5. An invitation to attend the Juvenile Detention & Systems Reform Conference, June 23-25 in Boise.
6. A letter from Kelly Adams, Chairman of the Public Lands Committee.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Public Defender: Doug Whipple discussed the Cassia County Public Defender Clients Report. Reported the Judges are holding those, who do not pay Court ordered child support, in contempt of Court.

Assessor: Marty Holland reported the transition into their new offices is working well and the public is pleased with the new location.

Detention Center: Dennis Dexter reported on the upcoming "Inside Issues" program, which focused on the Cassia County efforts to control drugs. Discussed the program of reporting to the Social Security Administration, which will end Social Security payments to those who are incarcerated. The next jail tour is March 15, 2004 at 11:30 am. Reported on the numbers of inmates from various counties and the State. Reported that he has a new corrections officer starting tomorrow to replace one who was hired by the Heyburn police department.

Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Jim Higen reported on the search for the individual lost in the Cotterel Mountains, and follow up regarding him. He reported on his attendance at the National Sheriff's Meeting in Reno, NV, and the bill regarding the reporting of illegal aliens. He told of the need for sand bags to control flooding in Albion. He said the room to be used to control those needing psychological evaluation is cleaned out and almost ready for use.

Treasurer: Gayle Erekson reported they have collected over \$220,000 in personal property taxes from a bankrupt business. A request from Gayle Erekson RE: cancellation of taxes and late charge for parcels # PP 15441 & PP 15556 totaling \$6,602.10 because of bankruptcy. It was moved and seconded to approve the cancellation and voting was unanimous by the Board. She requested to be informed of grants that are awarded, so she will be aware of them when funds are deposited.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Higgins reported on the completion of the carpeting. Reported

on the inspection by the Fire Department and all was well except for use of extension cords. Some of the fire extinguishers need to be tested by the Fire Department.

Extension Office: Richard Garrard reported on the 4H meeting and dinner scheduled for tonight and the Commissioners are invited to attend. He reported things are going well in preparation for this year's fair. He reported on an invitation to attend meetings in Nebraska to discuss how to function during a drought. Discussed the grasshopper situation and how they could be a serious problem this year. He said the West Nile virus would increase because of the migrating birds and the lack of mosquito control.

Weed Department: Gordon Edwards reported on the efforts to control weeds, working with Box Elder County in Utah, along highway 30. He reported on the invasive species meeting he attended in Boise, and that the invasive species of weeds is a major problem. He showed a sign that will be installed at the boat docks alerting boat owners to watch for weeds on their boats.

County Administration: Kerry McMurray reported on the efforts to develop and update the GIS system for accuracy. Junkyards are still a problem and some may be brought to court to enforce the ordinance.

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#10S23E293760, MH#BPW010000280, MH#OST190006950, MH#10S23E19842B, RP#BSG01009001A, RP#AEM040008275, MH#15S26E230600, RP#BBU011640140, RP#BSP310010010, RP#12S23E097700 and MH#14S23E041000. 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.

TREASURER'S OFFICE MATTERS

Sharon Higgins reported that the lights in the Treasurer's office are being discontinued and will not be available after 2010, but are much more expensive. For this reason we should plan on changing all of the light fixtures in the Court House to include the Assessor's building. The new lights will be more efficient.

ASSESSORS OFFICE MATTERS

The Board reviewed the purchase and payment of some of the Assessor's office equipment/furniture. Marty Holland discussed the list of the furniture they need for their office and how they would be paid for. Kerry McMurray will have Sara Haynes use her resources to find the furniture for the best price.

COUNTY ROAD PLAN

Tom Geary discussed the County Road Plan with the Board. The plan is to coordinate with the other Highway districts to finish formulation of and finalization of the plan, and to have public hearings to have citizens give input to the committee members as to their concerns. These hearings will be held in the local highway districts locations and will be conducted during the second week of March. Kent Fletcher discussed some of the uses of public roads in the Albion District.

US FOREST SERVICE

Jim Chard of the US Forest Service reported on the bankruptcy of the Black Pine mine and of their concerns regarding the sources of water near the mine. Reported the outlook for moisture in the forests is good for this year.

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

The Board reviewed the agreement for services with Dr. Brek Pilling. It was moved and

seconded to sign the contract and voting was unanimous by the Boards.

HOWELL CANYON ROAD REPORT

The Board reviewed the Burley Highway District monthly report on the Howell Canyon Road.

GREYHOUND ACCOUNT

The Board discussed the Greyhound account. It is the Boards recommendation that the account not be renewed and Kerry McMurray will send a letter to Greyhound to inform them.

PAYMENT REQUEST

The Board discussed the request for payment of psychosexual evaluation. There are no funds in the County budget to pay for this evaluation and Kerry McMurray will notify the lawyer, Bob Neilson of this.

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board reviewed the nominees to the South Central District Board of Health. The Board cast their vote for Everett "Buck" Ward to be appointed to the Board.

PLANNING & ZONING REVIEW

Kerry McMurray reported that the Idaho Fish and Game Department has stipulated that the owners of "river front" property do not have a right to keep citizens from fishing, hunting or walking on property that is below the high water mark of the river, even though it is adjacent to the property of the property owners. Reported on the discussion of the Planning and Zoning Commission relative to dairy operations.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

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

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$13,472.14
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$12.49
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,354.71
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$169.08
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$7.73
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$154.18
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$362.89
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$891.50
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$38,818.03
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,058.06
	TOTAL	\$56,300.81

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:25 pm it was proposed by Commissioner Crane 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, and Commissioner Crane 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 1:50 pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board signed Order of Dismissal for Case #204008. Signed Certificate of Denial for Case #204012. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #204021. Signed Stipulation for enlargement of Time Limitations for Case #203155.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:50 pm it was proposed by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner

Crane that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(b) with Commissioner Crane voting yea, and Commissioner Christensen 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 2:10 pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board will have certain parts of the employee handbook rewritten so there can be no misunderstanding.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 1, 2004.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Mayor Jon Anderson, City of Burley; Kelly Adams, Public Lands Committee; Karen Dayley

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman