

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 January 5, 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 January 2004.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from Ken Fedders thanking the MCCJC employees for their generosity.
2. A draft document from the "Big River Heritage Foundation," explaining their efforts to receive national recognition.
3. A letter from Raft River Rural Electric asking that Dennis Crane be designated as the "duly authorized individual" to act on behalf of Cassia County.
4. A notice from the Idaho Transportation Department Re: Potential project tax obligations.
5. The agenda for the Public lands Committee Meeting in Boise on January 14, 2004.

ADULT MISDEMEANOR EQUIPMENT

The Board reviewed a contract for a new print/copy/fax machine for the Adult Misdemeanor Probation office. It was moved and seconded to sign the contract and voting was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY AUDIT MATTERS

Jeff Poulson presented the results of the annual audit conducted by Evans and Poulson and stated that there were no significant deficiencies noted during the audit. Cara Petterson and Donna Bush were commended very highly for their efficiency in the Auditor's Office. The auditors discussed some procedures that we could implement to reduce the potential for fraud.

COUNTY LEGAL MATTERS

Mr. Barrus discussed some legal issues that are currently of concern to Cassia County.

MIDDLE SNAKE REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE COMMISSION

The Board recommended Noel Bowcutt to be included as the second member from Cassia County on the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission. If Mr. Bowcutt accepts the nomination, his name will be forwarded to the Commission for inclusion on the ballot.

BRADEN OTTLEY LETTER

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from Braden Ottley relative to merit badge requirements. Commissioner Crane will respond in writing to meet the merit badge requirements.

BPA LETTER

The Board reviewed and discussed the Department of Energy letter to People Interested in the Transmission Business Policy Environmental Impact Statement.

SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST NEWS RELEASE

The Board reviewed and discussed the Sawtooth National Forest News Release and request for comments concerning mountain pine beetle attacks on trees. The matter will be discussed by the Public Lands Committee.

MENTAL HEALTH STATUTORY AMENDMENTS

Kerry McMurray discussed the email and reviewed the draft legislative from IAC regarding mental health statutory amendments and the establishment of a Public Health Board.

RESOLUTION #2004-01-03

The Board reviewed Resolution #2004-01-03 reference Idaho Code #31-704, Re: Establishment of Commissioner Districts in a General Election year. It was moved and seconded to approve and sign the resolution and voting was unanimous by the Board.

BLM NEWS RELEASE

The Board reviewed the BLM News Release concerning organizational requirements.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County=s Payables Approval Report dated January 9 2004. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$19,516.27
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$25,943.96
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$4,639.80
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$5,120.46
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$1,159.62
SOLID WASTE FUND	109	\$107.41
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$5,649.66
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$48.61
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$64,628.96
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$164.00
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,412.10
	TOTAL	\$128,390.85

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:00 a.m. 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, Commission 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 11:19 a.m. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board the Public Defender reported that he has discussed and resolved all of the problems with the concerned parties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:20 a.m. 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 11:40 a.m. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board took the matters discussed under advisement.

CASSIA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Commissioners departed to attend a meeting Re: Cassia County Transportation Plan, at the Idaho Department of Transportation office in Shoshone.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2004.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Ed Evans; Doug Whipple; Cara Petterson

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman