

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 23, 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 March 2004.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed the following:

1. An email from Tony Poinelli RE: May 19 meeting with elected officials and Dixie Tate regarding JAIBG.
2. The enrollment form for the Idaho Counties Welfare Conference, April 19-22, 2004 in McCall.
3. The notice of the Joint District 3 & 4 Meetings, April 15, 2004 in Jerome.
4. A notice from the Public Utilities Commission advising us of a potential 17% increase in electrical rates.
5. A letter to Canyon View Hospital notifying them that they must receive approval from Cassia County prior to them allowing a "voluntary admission".
6. A letter from the US Department of Transportation informing us the Howell Canyon Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project was not selected for funding.

#### **GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Bill Allred, Kathy Hieb, Dinah Reaney, Charlotte Armstrong, Kris Hondo, Terri Kidd, Teresa Darrington, Brent Stoker, Clark Ward, Alicia Lane Boyd, and Glen Larson, all members of the Groundwater Advisory Committee met with the Board and made presentations RE: The Groundwater Management Plan.

#### **IDAHO POWER APPLICATION**

The Board reviewed the Idaho Power application to the Public Utilities Commission RE: Environmental Impact Study.

#### **OAKLEY ROLL-OFF STATION**

The Board reviewed the property appraisal for land surrounding the Oakley Roll-off station. Estimated value is \$9,940.00 for the 23.82 acres of land. Kerry McMurray will work with County Attorney Al Barrus to draw up a resolution regarding the property, for the next meeting.

#### **TECHNOLOGY NET PROPOSAL**

The Board reviewed the technology net proposal for compensation for county employees. Their proposal is they will conduct a salary compensation survey as they have conducted in Bonneville County. Further information will be obtained prior to making a decision.

#### **LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

Mr. McMurray prepared a letter of commendation for Karen Kunzler for her awareness in noticing the Idaho Health and Welfare legislation requiring certified food preparation staff to be on site in the confinement facility when any food is prepared. Her awareness resulted in a large monetary savings for all of the counties in the State.

#### **COUNTY ROAD TOUR – ELBA AND ALMO AREA**

At 1:00 pm, the Board departed for a tour of the county roads in the Elba and Almo areas. The tour was completed at 4:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:33 am 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 12:00 pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board approved Case #203122, surgery to remove hardware from one individual's left elbow, Approved Case #204010 and Case #204024. Denied Case #204019. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #204022.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

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 approve the Home Owners deletions on the following parcels: RP#09S25E309590, RP#BHM01002016A, RP#11S23E310751 and RP#BB001055027A. Voting was unanimous by the Board. Notices will be sent to the property owners

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**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 8, 2004.

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

Renee Wells, SIP; Vaughan Egan; Richard Garrard

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

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Dennis Crane, Chairman