

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

#### **PREVIOUS WEEKS= MINUTES**

The minutes for March 15, 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. A letter from the Idaho Rural Health Association RE: 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting, May 7 & 8, 2004 in Sun Valley.
2. A letter from Brian Julian, lawyer from Boise, RE: the Joyce Green case, Motion for Summary Judgment granted, no significant concern about ruling being appealed.
3. The minutes of the South Central District Health Board Meeting on January 28, 2004.

#### **OAKLEY ODD LOT PROPERTY**

The Board reviewed the Morgan Holdings LLC offer on Oakley odd lot property. A decision will be made regarding the property on or after April 12, 2004.

#### **IDAHO POWER**

The Board reviewed the Idaho Power application on Case #IPC-E-05-05.

#### **HOWELL CANYON ROAD**

The Board reviewed the Burley Highway District report on the Howell Canyon road. Snow removal expense for Nov, 2003 was 2404, for Dec 2003 was \$6,913, for Jan 2004 was \$12,595, for Feb 2004 was \$11,473.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING**

**Public Defender:** Doug Whipple reviewed the Public Defender Clients Report for February 04.

**Assessor:** Marty Holland reported they are busy with circuit breakers, nothing else really new.

**Detention Center:** Detention Center is full with 149 inmates. There is a need for 3 detention center workers. Inmates often spend up to 18 months in the MCCJC prior to appearing in the District Court to enter a plea.

**Sheriff=s Department:** Sheriff Jim Higen reported on upcoming training for the County Emergency Management Operations plan. The County organizations, i.e. Fire Department, etc are about 25% completed with their Emergency Operations plan. Reported on a new hire for the Sheriff's department. Reported on upcoming retirements from the Sheriff's Department. Discussed the requirements for Deputies to be fully trained and qualified and the time required.

**Treasurer:** Gayle Erekson scheduled the tax deed sale on April 19, 2003 at the Burley City Council chambers at 10:00am. The Treasurer's office will be sending out notices to the property owners of adjoining properties.

**County Administrator:** Kerry McMurray reported on the efforts of the Employee Benefits committee on the updated employee handbook.

**County Clerk:** Larry Mickelsen reported on the upcoming HIPAA training March 29, 2004 at the City Council chambers, presented by Tony Poinelli of IAC and Patty Weeks, Nez Perce clerk.

#### **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

At 9:32am 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#ACP040020060, RP#11S22E010175, RP#OK002133001B, RP#10S23E283780, MH#10S24E330175, RP#AHT04019001B, RP#10S24E316551, RP#DD0030010130, RP#10S22E249398, MH#11S26E038810, RP#11S24E064801, RP#BSUD10010170, MH#OK0020120040, RP#OK0020120040, RP#BHA0100030060, RP#BB001026015A, RP#13S22E280749, RP#13S22E282200, RP#11S23E059000, RP#11S23e110760, RP#BSU01001007A, RP#BB001124012B, RP#12S19E019595, RP#10S24E308701, MH#BOV0600A0090, RP#13S22E053350, RP#BB0010520130, RP#BB0010820100, RP#11S24E062400, RP#10S24E344801, RP#BB0011560160, RP#BVM21001010A, RP#11S22E014975, RP#BSW01004003B, RP#10S23E293614, RP#09S25E110600, RP#11S22E019200, MH#BEZ06000004A, RP#11S28E118400, RP#BHM01008014A, RP#BPV01001007A, RP#10S22E275550, MH#000150010020, RP#14S22E033015, RP#10S24E266685, RP#000170020050, RP#11S24E301800, FP#15S26E332400, RP#BML010020110, RP#BML01024011A, MH#10S22E293850. Voting was unanimous by the Board. Notices will be sent to the property owners.

At 9:40am it was proposed and seconded to return to regular session. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:12am 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 10:55am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board took the measure under further advisement.

**COUNTY EXPENDITURE**

The Board reviewed the County=s Payables Approval Report dated March 19, 2004. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$35,249.97
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$1,089.74
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$167.96
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$5,619.72
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$1,653.83
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$440.18
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$362.10
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$11.94
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$36,879.12
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,084.54
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$882.69
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$83,441.79</b>

**KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT**

Marla Lowder, and 5 youth in the 4-H programs in the county, that attended the Know Your Government conference in Boise earlier this year, reported on the workshops they attended during the conference. They asked the Commissioners some questions regarding County

government's relationship with the 4-H program and of their individual responsibilities.

#### **BLM/U.S. FOREST SERVICE**

Scott Barker reported on the activities of the BLM. Discussed an upcoming Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the Sage Grouse and other variables for the pending Windland windfarm project. The necessary ditches/canals and rights-of-way to accomplish water recharge were discussed. He discussed the requirements to coordinate with the "Native Americans" prior to facilitating any projects on public lands.

Karl Fuelling discussed the Rock Creek project to thin out the trees to assist with fire control in Twin Falls and Cassia County. Reported the Forest Service will spray 2000 – 3000 trees this spring and fall to provide beetle control.

#### **FAIRGROUNDS ART BUILDING**

The bill from Jones Construction Company for the construction of the Fairgrounds Art Building for \$116,979.81 was presented to the Board. It was moved and seconded to approve payment of the bill and voting was unanimous by the Board.

#### **GOOSE CREEK IRRIGATION**

The Board reviewed a letter from Bill Parsons regarding a personal guaranty bond from the Goose Creek Irrigation District. It was moved and seconded to accept a personal guaranty bond for the project, rather than requiring a surety bond, and voting was unanimous by the Board.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION OF RETAIL SALE OF WINE**

At 1:30pm Commissioner Crane opened the public hearing on wine by the bottle and by the glass. Mr. McMurray gave a history of the wine issue. Larry Mickelsen gave information regarding the costs involved with licensing. Minutes of this hearing are on tape labeled "Public Hearing on Wine." At 2:15pm the public hearing ended.

After discussion, Commissioner Handy moved that Mr. McMurray prepare a resolution allowing the sale of wine by the bottle in retail stores and by the glass in restaurants. Chairman Crane seconded the motion. Commissioner Christensen would not second the motion. Chairman Crane called for a vote, with Commissioner Handy and Chairman Crane voting "aye" and Commissioner Christensen voting "nay." The motion passed by a majority vote.

#### **REVIEW ABSTRACT @ ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

The Commissioners reviewed the county property abstracts at the Assessor's office.

#### **COUNTY EXTENSION MATTERS**

Joan Parr discussed the requirements necessary for the person hired to replace her at the County Extension office. The recommended requirement would be a Master's Degree in Family Consumer Science. The Extension Office expects that the funding from the State of Idaho and the University of Idaho will remain about the same.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 3:50pm 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 4:25pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board approved Case #201073, Case #203089, gave reconsideration approval for Case #204019, and Case #204027. Denied Case #204029, Case #204016 and Case #204034. Took Case #204021 under advisement for a 180 day delay.

#### **RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 29, 2004.

