

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Dennis Crane, and Clay Handy, Board Members; Alfred E. Barrus, Prosecuting Attorney; Larry Mickelsen, Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present. Commissioner Christensen was because he was involved in the harvest of his crops.

PREVIOUS WEEKS' MINUTES

The minutes for October 18, 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 October 2004.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. An invitation to the 5th District Drug Court graduation on October 28, 2004
2. A memorandum from the State of Idaho, Department of Agriculture RE: Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Control – Request for Comments by USDA
3. A County Vessel Fund Reporting & Remittance Form from Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation RE: reconciliation for fiscal year 2004. This shows the ending fund balance and the obligated money, which will result in an ending balance of \$0.00. It was moved and seconded to sign the form and voting was unanimous by the Board.
4. An announcement of a Central Idaho Utility Meeting on November 2, 2004; 10:00am
5. A letter from IAC Regarding: Roadless Areas in Idaho

VETERAN'S SERVICE MATTERS

George Schwendiman of the Veteran's Service Office presented a request to the Board to be included in the Cassia County Budget to assist the VA in purchasing a new van to transport Veterans to the VA Hospital in Boise. Commissioner Handy proposed that we authorize expenditure from the County Budget of \$3,200.00 to the Veteran's Service Office for purchase of the van and voting was unanimous by the Board. The funds will be available for the VA in December of 2004.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING and DENTAL INSURANCE MATTERS

Tim Preston and Kelly Bowen presented proposals regarding the County's vision and dental coverage. VSP will be on a monthly contract until MBA assumes the contract on January 1, 2005. Delta Dental is willing to go with a 14-month contract until January 1, 2006, when the County will be on a self-funding plan. When the contracts are prepared they will be presented to the Board for approval.

Public Defender: Doug Whipple presented the Cassia County Public Defender Clients Commissioners Report for September 2004.

Assessor: Marty Holland reported that they are very busy with the normal business, but nothing out of the ordinary.

Detention Center: Mike Fehlman reported that they have 143 in custody, with 51 State and 16 from other agencies, including 1 juvenile. There are 2 at Post training right now. The staff is down in personnel right now and there will be less after the Sheriff's Department selects another as a Deputy. The written test has been revised and should be a better measure for selection.

Sheriff's Department: Cary Bristol reported that they are in the process of replacing Don Greene as a Deputy Sheriff. They have hired 2 people to work in Dispatch, 1 full time and 1 part time. They will choose another Deputy from applicants from the Detention Center.

Treasurer: Gayle Erekson has the levies certified and ready to be sent out. The taxes are slightly higher, but with the solid waste reduction, the difference will be very minimal.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Higgins reported that there should be no space heaters used during the winter months because the circuit breakers in the electrical box are obsolete and the breakers are not available for purchase any more. Mr. McMurray will have a company come in to conduct an energy audit to better resolve any issues regarding heating and cooling.

Weed Department: Gordon Edwards reported that there are still problems reported with weeds throughout the County, but with the cold weather upon us, the problems should stop. They will be spraying for the Box Elder bugs this next week around the Court House.

County Clerk: Larry Mickelsen requested that when departments purchase things from local vendors, they should charge them to Cassia County because the County is tax-exempt and can save money by not paying the sales tax. Larry also discussed the General Election on November 2, 2004 and for events that will be scheduled and ongoing during the election.

County Administrator: Kerry McMurray discussed the repair of a weed-spraying vehicle and the auction of another weed vehicle. Kerry will look for a way to get dispose of a vehicle that has very high mileage and is of no value. Kerry has spoken with ICRMP and scheduled sexual harassment training sessions on November 8, 2004 in the law enforcement classroom. Kerry will get sign-up sheets to all departments for employees to choose the time they will attend. Planning and Zoning has approved for Leroy Jarolimek to install 21 wind towers on his property.

REQUEST FROM IDAHO POWER

The Board reviewed Idaho Power Company's request to recover revenue that was lost and the Supreme Court denied the appeal. The public hearing is an opportunity for anyone to express his or her opinion regarding the electrical rates and the way they are computed.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated October 22, 2004. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$116,358.51
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$5,377.94
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$234.74
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$17.26
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION FUND	113	\$500.00
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$13.43
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$362.00
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$15.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$26,485.40
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$1,200.00
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$789.76
	TOTAL	\$151,354.04

SMOKY MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND

Skyview Excavation has a need to purchase gravel for construction of the Smoky Mountain Campground. They have requested that they be allowed purchase the gravel from Cassia County and they will screen the gravel and prepare it for the Campground construction. They are unable to purchase gravel from any other local sources.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE INSURANCE QUOTES

Lori Bergsma presented Emergency Services Insurance Quotes for liability insurance for the Quick Response Units throughout the County. The total cost to the County for the EMS Pak will be \$6,308.00 for \$1million per occurrence in coverage with a maximum of \$10million. Lori will make a presentation to the EMS/QRU Committee so they will have the opportunity to discuss and consider providing insurance for the volunteers who provide the service.

BLM/U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Wendy Reynolds of the BLM read the names of the members of the BLM Resource Advisory Committee, which included Commissioner Crane. She discussed the current status of the Windland project.

Scott Nannenga of the Forest Service reported the grazing season is about over, it will end late in November. He reported that all watering troughs on the range must have a wildlife escape ramp on them. There will be a meeting with the grazing permittees during the winter months regarding the resolutions for the next grazing year. Scott received a letter from a women’s organization regarding the improper use of derogatory women’s names for geographical sites. Christmas tree permit sales begin November 19, 2004.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:45pm it was proposed by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Crane that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(d) with 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 2:25pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Signed Certificate of Approval for Case #204131, Case #204089, Case #204077 and Case #204044. Signed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision for Case #204092. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #204136, Case #204139 and Case #204140. Approved rental assistance for a family.

RECESS

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY’S MEETING

Chip Thompson, Times News; Cara Petterson, Auditor’s Office; Kelly Adams; Darryl McCall, DAV; James Jensen, DAV; Harry Hofstetter, DAV; Lloyd Gillespie, VFW; Emmett Olmsted, VFW

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman