

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Dennis Crane, Paul Christensen, Board Members; Alfred E. Barrus, Prosecuting Attorney; Larry Mickelsen, Clerk of the Board, JoAnn Smith, Deputy Clerk and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

COMMISSIONER EXCUSED

Commissioner Clay Handy was excused from today's meeting. Commissioner Christensen and Larry Mickelsen arrived late due to a conflict with the Juvenile Probation meeting.

PREVIOUS WEEKS' MINUTES

The minutes for August 30, 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 September 2004.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A News Release from the USDA regarding the Pacific Northwest Region Draft Environmental Impact Statement concerning invasive plants in National Forests.
2. A Public Lands Committee meeting on September 8, 2004 at 7:00pm in the Cassia County District Courtroom.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Sheriff Jim Higenes met with the Board and presented a grant application totaling \$15,381.00, for Homeland Security. A motion was made and seconded to sign the agreement. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

SHERIFF'S BUDGET

Sheriff Jim Higenes discussed the need to amend the Sheriff's 2004 Patrol budget. The Board's decision was to schedule budget amendments for September 27, 2004 to ensure that any and all budgets needing amending can be taken care of on that day.

BUDGET HEARING

Larry Mickelsen reviewed the budget with all of those attending the Public Budget Hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, after all explanation and discussion, it was moved and seconded to adopt and approve the total budget of \$12,550,941.00 and voting was unanimous by the Board.

SOLID WASTE FEES

Regarding the Solid Waste fees, the Board's decision was to lower the Solid Waste fee by \$5.00 per customer this fiscal year and an additional \$5.00 per customer in fiscal year 2006.

RIEDEL INVOICE

The Board reviewed the Riedesel invoice for August 2004. This was for work on the Cassia County Transportation Plan. It was moved and seconded to approve the invoice, totaling \$16,909.79, and voting was unanimous by the Board. The county will be reimbursed with funds from a grant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:20am 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)(a) with Commissioner Crane voting yea and Commissioner Christensen voting yea,. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss personnel matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 11:32am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session Mr. Barrus will talk with the individual and then talk with Jason Walker to see if they can develop an agreement regarding working with both counties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:33am 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 12:05pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board signed a letter lowering the payments for Case #98108. Denied Case #204099, Case #204102, Case #204105, Case #204106, and Case #204118. Case #204104 was reviewed and taken under advisement. Signed a letter to accept 100% of income tax return and to increase payment duration for Case #203098. Approved Case #204094, Case #203170, and Case #204082. Signed Release of Medically Indigent Lien for Case #203127. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #204113, Case #204115, Case #204116, and Case #204117.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 13, 2004.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Marty Holland, County Assessor; Gayle Erekson, County Treasurer; Don Garner, Mini-Cassia Detention Center; Richard Garrard, County Extension Office; Gordon Edwards, County Weed and Pest; Dennis Byington, County Conflict Public Defender; Kelly Bowen and Tim Preston, Blue Shield; Kent Searle, County 911.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman