

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 September 13, 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 and October 2004.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. An invitation to a Forest Service open house on October 1, 2004 in Twin Falls.
2. A letter regarding 911 communications assessment of 1% of total fees collected by the providers, prior to any remittance of funds elsewhere.
3. A request to nominate a commissioner to the ICRMP Board of Trustees. It was moved and seconded that Clay Handy be nominated as the Member-at-Large Representative from Cassia County and voting was unanimous by the Board.
4. An invitation to attend a Solid Waste Association meeting on October 6, 2004 in Boise.

INSURANCE MATTERS

Tim Preston presented the contract for employee health insurance to the Board. There will be no changes in employee benefits. It was moved and seconded to sign the contract and voting was unanimous by the Board. A proposed change in the definition of a dependent, which will allow an unmarried child to be carried on the insurance policy until the age of twenty-three if they are full time student in college, university, a medical intern, or on a church mission. It was moved and seconded to sign the contract and voting was unanimous by the Board. It was moved and seconded to set the employee participation rate at 12.4% and voting was unanimous by the Board. Kelly Bowen presented a draft letter regarding the dental plan being changed to a third party administrator. It was moved and seconded to approve the letter being sent to dental providers and voting was unanimous by the Board. Currently, the insurance coverage is from October to October of each year. There will be an effort to get the insurance coverage dates extended to January 1 of each year, which will enable the County to pay for 2 months with a 5% increase in the rate, but will allow for insurance rates to be established on a calendar year basis.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Leroy Jarolimik met with the Board and Kerry McMurray led a discussion regarding Wind Farm Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Cassia County Code: 9-2-2. Mr. McMurray discussed the Performance Standards – Unique Land Uses and definitions in Cassia County Code 9-9-4. The Board will set a date for the Public Hearing on October 4, 2004, after the Planning and Zoning meeting to be held on Thursday of this week.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Public Defender: Doug Whipple discussed the Cassia County Public Defender Clients Commissioners Report for August 2004.

Assessor: Marty Holland reported on the IAC annual conference in Coeur d'Alene and of the benefits to the county from associating with other elected officials.

Detention Center: Dennis Dexter reported on the numbers of inmates from Minidoka, Cassia other counties, and those from the State in detention. He asked for lead time when the decisions will be made regarding the Northwest shuttle, which will allow for an analysis and for statistics to be developed. The Detention Center has 5 employees who are not certified, but they have just lost 2 allocations for the Academy, so it will take time for the certifications of employees. Mike Fehlman will test 3 applicants on September 28, 2004.

Prosecuting Attorney: Al Barrus discussed the weekly meeting with Prosecutors, Public Defenders and Magistrate Judges from both Minidoka and Cassia County and representatives from the Detention Center. They have been able to solve some problems getting inmates out of confinement who should have been released earlier.

Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Jim Higen reported on the IAC and Sheriff's meetings he attended in Coeur d'Alene. There is an Emergency Preparedness Conference in Burley on October 1-3, 2004 and notice has been sent out to all involved county personnel.

Treasurer: Gayle Erekson presented the Cassia County Statement of Treasurers Cash. Things are slow right now, but will pick up when the levies are approved.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Higgins reported on the new parking lot signs to be here in September 30, 2004. She will have the McWork crew to assist in curb painting and sign installation. She has requested that the Fire Department provide Fire Extinguisher training for the County employees to be scheduled for October 15, 2004.

County Clerk: Larry Mickelsen reported on the upcoming General Election and the publication of the polling places. He also reported on the IAC annual conference in Coeur d'Alene and of things that will benefit the county regarding upcoming legislative priorities.

County Administrator: Kerry McMurray discussed the proposed 3% pay raise. The discussion resulted in each department getting a 3% increase to their payroll budget and to allow the department head to distribute based on merit. Kerry discussed the proposed road intersection signs and the potential ways they will be installed. He requested approval to schedule sexual harassment training from ICRMP during the November-December time frame. He also reported on the new keys for the courthouse outside doors, which will enhance security. He also reported on harassing after hour telephone calls being placed from the Cassia County phone system. He distributed a memo to all departments requesting that employees get information from the person lodging the complaint about the caller ID and other pertinent information.

CENTENNIAL PARK PROPOSAL

Dennis Dexter met with the Board and discussed the proposal for Centennial Park. This is a request for a long-term easement for the county property on the North side of the courthouse. The county could lease the property to the city of Burley, and the city would be responsible for maintenance. It was proposed that Mr. Barrus negotiate with the City Attorney to resolve all issues regarding the park proposal.

BLM/U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Scott Nannenga of the U.S. Forest Service reported on usage of public roads in the National Forest. There is a lot of public interest in the proposal for establishing new trails and closing the illegal trails that have been made throughout the Forest lands.

RURAL HIGHWAY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

The Board reviewed and discussed possible projects for Local Rural Highway Investment Program 2006 Application. One possibility is to use some as a match for the mag chloride truck.

INTERMODAL COMMERCE AUTHORITIES

The Board discussed the Intermodal Commerce Authorities. The Board’s decision is to move forward in an effort to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (Mo). Mr. Barrus will contact Jason Walker to establish the groundwork to move forward and develop the MoU to assist in forming the Intermodal Commerce Authority.

CITY OF DECLO

The Board reviewed the status of the City of Declo Impact Area Re-Negotiations. There has been a board of 9 citizens established to include the three (3) Cassia County Commissioners, the Declo Mayor Jay Darrington and 2 City Council Members Andy Anderson and Lawrence Gillette, and 3 at-large members. It was recommended that a public hearing be scheduled for the first week of October.

FY 2004 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The Board reviewed the FY2004 budgets for possible amendments. It was moved and seconded to amend to increase the Revaluation Fund budget by \$3,500.00, the Box Elder County Bookmobile Trust budget by \$500.00, the Public Defender budget by \$1,500.00, the Mini-Cassia Detention Center budget by \$17,500.00, the Cassia County Sheriff’s Patrol budget by \$20,388.45, and the Indigent budget by \$29,000.00, and voting was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County’s Payables Approval Report dated September 24 2004. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$14,897.83
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$17,650.51
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$2,728.39
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$739.90
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$1,308.72
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$8,575.00
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$1,765.27
COUNTY BOAT LICENSE FUND	117	\$2,000.00
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$622.50
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$26,428.18
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FEES	133	\$13.00
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$16,182.60
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$23,324.78
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$510.00
D.E.T.O.U.R. TRUST FUND	150	\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$116,746.68

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed seven (7) changes of status forms from the Clerk of the District Court and one (1) changes of status for the Detention Center. It was moved and seconded to approve five (5) of the changes of status and disapprove two (2) of the changes of status for the District Court and to approve the one (1) changes of status for the Detention Center and voting was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:12pm 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 12:50pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Signed Certificate of Denial for Case #204108. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #204112, Case #204120, Case #204121 and Case #204123. Approved an adjusted re-payment schedule for Case #CV-2004-1368. Approved a Secondary treatment Plan for Patient ID #443001.

BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES

The Board approved the following applications for Beer, Wine and/or Liquor Licenses:

<u>County #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Doing Business As</u>
53	S Chad & Cassi Frudal	Frudal's Mtn View Truck Stop

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, October 4, 2004.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Chip Thompson, Times News

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman