

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 A. Mickelsen, Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

### **COURT MATTERS**

Judge Monte Carlson met with the Board to alleviate any concerns that we may be losing a District Court Judge in the Mini-Cassia area. Judge Wood, the 5<sup>th</sup> District Administrative Judge, has proposed that Judge Carlson not handle the Civil cases and handle only the Criminal cases for both counties. This proposal has the support of Jason Walker, the Minidoka County Attorney. Judge John Butler from Jerome will be handling the Minidoka County Civil cases. Judge Wood will handle the Cassia County Civil cases. The courtroom scheduling will be very difficult, due to the caseload that will be handled.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:11am 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)(a) 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 personnel matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 9:25am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board took the matter under advisement for further investigation.

### **PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES**

The minutes for May 2, 2005 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 May 2005.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed the following:

1. An invitation to attend a meeting in Boise sponsored by Idaho Public Television Re: illegal immigration/undocumented workers, to be held on June 4.
2. A meeting/telephone conference Re: Capital Crimes Defense Fund.
3. A letter from the Secretary of State awarding Cassia County \$2,164.50 for improving accessibility at the VFW and Amalgamated Sugar polling places.
4. A fact sheet Re: the National Pioneer Hall of Fame.
5. Thank you cards from Marge and Dean Draper.
6. Copies of letters from Senator Darrington to the Burley and Minidoka County Highway Districts, in support of the Jackson area residents regarding the Jackson bridge over the Snake River.
7. An agenda for the Mid-Snake WAG & TAC meeting in Twin Falls on May 18, 2005

### **GRANT FUNDING**

Captain Cary Bristol informed the Board that he has applied for a \$19,458.00 Byrne Grant for overtime. It was moved and seconded to support the Sheriff's Department in pursuit of the Byrne Grant and voting was unanimous by the Board.

**FLEX UPDATE (Future Leaders Exchange from former Soviet Union)**

Judith Miller, representing the FLEX program made a presentation to the Board regarding the FLEX program. She discussed the standards they have to place the exchange students with families throughout the community. This program has been established to help the students understand the USA and help to prevent future conflict. She presented Certificates of Appreciation to Clay Handy and Renee Wells for their commitment to and support of the FLEX program.

**PRIOR USE L.C.O.**

The Board reviewed a Prior Use L.C.O. permit matter. Kerry McMurray, County Administrator, presented the information regarding the permit for the "A Lazy J Dairy." Mr. McMurray presented a request that the Board give the dairy an additional ten months to bring the dairy up to State standards. It was moved and seconded to approve the request and voting was unanimous by the Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:28am 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)(a) 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 personnel matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 10:38am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board rescheduled the hearing for May 16, 2005.

**COUNTY EXPENDITURE**

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated May 9, 2005. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$22,346.89
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$7,916.85
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$6,601.93
COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGE FUND	107	\$5,690.55
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$2,836.23
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$12,500.00
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$11.25
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$10,856.24
COUNTY BOAT LICENSE FUND	117	\$1,000.00
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$220.72
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$87,764.28
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$400.98
D.A.R.E. TRUST FUND	137	\$105.42
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,191.73
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$1,452.56
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160,895.63</b>

**HIGHWAY DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

Olene Warr and Jim Paskett presented the position of the Raft River Highway District regarding their monetary concerns. They shared the budgetary figures of the highway districts within Cassia County. They then gave the mileage of approved roads within the various highway districts. The Raft River Highway District receives less money per mile than all of the other highway districts within the County. They request a more fair distribution of the funds that are available for road repair. Consolidation of the county highway districts was discussed, but many problems would probably result from the consolidation.

### **P&Z BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEW**

Jim Paskett appeared before the Board for an interview regarding becoming a member of the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Board.

### **SOUTH CENTRAL HEALTH DISTRICT BUDGET REQUEST**

Cheryl Juntunen of SCDH presented the health district's budget proposal for FY06. The Board was in support of the proposed budget. Scott Arnell, Donna Mitcheltree and Maggi Machale, all of SCDH, discussed some of the projects and programs they have that will benefit the citizens of the county.

### **LETTERS**

It was moved and seconded to sign letters of support for the Jackson area citizens regarding the Jackson Bridge over the Snake River, and a letter to Mr. Hepworth of Declo regarding Planning and Zoning issues and voting was unanimous by the Board.

### **JAIL TOUR**

The Board adjourned to the jail to conduct the quarterly Mini-Cassia Detention Center inspection and to have lunch in the MCCJC. During the jail inspection there were findings that all is clean and orderly, with no significant negative findings. The Boards of Commissioners from Minidoka and Cassia County signed the quarterly jail inspection report.

### **P&Z BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEWS**

Michael Garner, Thayne Buck and Brandon Brackenbury appeared before the Board to be interviewed regarding becoming a member of the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Board.

### **COURTHOUSE MATTERS**

The Board discussed Courthouse work hours; direct deposit of payroll; and timekeeping matters. It was moved and seconded for Larry Mickelsen, to look into initiating the direct deposit effort and report back to the Board, and voting was unanimous by the Board. Discussion ensued regarding the hours that the courthouse employees work, and the use of accumulated compensatory time. Stephenson's Inc has a "payroll software package" that will enable the county employees to "log in and out" at the beginning and end of their workday. Kerry McMurray will look into having Stephenson's Inc install the program for the employees use.

### **CASSIA COUNTY HISTORY**

The Board discussed publication of the Cassia County History and Courthouse photo project to establish timeframes to complete the projects. The publication will begin as soon as possible for the books to be available for the County Fair. The captions for each photo in the book will be listed for information and identification purposes.

### **RIEDESEL & ASSOCIATES INVOICE**

The Board reviewed the Riedesel & Associates April 2005 invoice for \$21,233.80 on the Cassia County Transportation Plan. It was moved and seconded to approve payment of the invoice and voting was unanimous by the Board.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 2:50pm 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 3:45pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board Signed Order of Dismissal for Case #204162. Approved Case #204160 and Case #204161. Signed Release of Medically Indigent Lien for Case #204079. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #205053, Case #205054, Case #205055, Case #205056, Case #205057, Case #205058, and Case

#205061. Denied Case #205040, Case #205042 and Case #205056.

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 16, 2005.

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

Renee Wells, SIP; Lorraine Cavener, Times News; District Judge Monte Carlson; Casey Bench; Captain Cary Bristol; Olene Warr; Jim Paskett; Cheryl Juntunen; Donna Mitcheltree; Maggi Machale; Scott Arnell; Michael Garner; Thayne Buck; Brandon Brackenbury

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

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Dennis Crane, Chairman