

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 January 3, 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 January 2005.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Board, Larry Mickelsen gave the oath of office to County Commissioners Dennis Crane and Clay Handy. The Board then nominated Dennis Crane to continue serving as the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. It was moved and seconded to approve the nomination and voting was unanimous by the Board. Chairman Crane then gave the oath of office to County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus and Sheriff Jim Higen.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A request from Judge Carlson to have Melissa Aston carried as an inactive employee, and for her continue to receive benefits, while she is in Oregon completing her Masters in Business Administration. It was moved and seconded to approve the request from Judge Carlson, providing Melissa pays her own insurance premiums and voting was unanimous by the Board.
2. The agenda for the Cassia County Public Lands Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at 7:00pm in the Cassia County District Courtroom.
3. The News Release from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the completed status review of the Greater Sage Grouse that is not warranted for listing as Endangered or Threatened.
4. A letter from the Fifth Judicial District with the results of the evaluation of Magistrate Judge Rick Bollar.
5. A letter from the USDA regarding the BSE inclusive test results
6. A letter from the Idaho Transportation Department Re: Project PLH-2841(101), City of Rocks Back-Country Byway, STG 1 Key No. 7615, Contract #6782, Cassia County, Subject: Detour Route.
7. A letter from Al Barrus to Dr. Erik Jones, RE: Designated Examiner and Mental Health Referrals in Cassia County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30am 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 11:00am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board Denied Case #204129, Case #204151, and Case #205004. Approved Case #204122, Case #204115, Case #204130, and Case #204116. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #205001, Case #205003,

Case #205004, Case #205005, and Case #205006. Signed one (1) letter of assignment for reimbursement. Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #204115, Case #204122, and Case #204130.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed one (1) change of status forms for the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center and one (1) for the Cassia County Sheriff's Office. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and voting was unanimous by the Board.

INTERPRETER MATTERS

The Board discussed recent court rules regarding interpreters. The Supreme Court has issued a Policy Declaration Relating to Court Interpreters, giving a statement of policy and providing definitions for terms used in I.C.A.R. 52 including the Court's authority to appoint certified, conditionally approved, and court qualified interpreters.

SNOW REMOVAL

Marty Holland, County Assessor discussed having the snow removed from the front of the Assessor Office. When the snow is removed by employees, the city plows it back into the parking spaces when the streets are cleared. This makes it very inconvenient for Assessor customers.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Board discussed duplex building ownership issues. The owner wanted to know if she could sell part of a duplex. Mr. Holland was told that the county was not aware of any reason she could not sell an interest in the duplex as long as the real property was not divided.

The Board discussed a contract with Health Department access to land records, etc. The contract will be prepared for approval and execution by the Board next week, 18 January 2005.

SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT

The Board discussed declaring some of the Sheriff's office equipment as surplus. Cary Bristol reported that many of the old Kodak cameras are inoperable and repair parts are no longer available. The Sheriff's department has 12 of the old cameras to be disposed of. The Heyburn City Police has asked for some of them. A resolution will be made which will allow them to be transferred to ownership of others. It was moved and seconded to have Kerry McMurray prepare the resolution for signature at the next meeting and voting was unanimous by the Board.

ENERGY AUDIT STATUS

The Board discussed light changeover and energy audit status for County buildings. The energy specialists will be invited back to make a presentation to the entire Board.

PLANNING & ZONING STATUS REPORT

Kerry McMurray gave a report of the last P&Z meeting to the Board. The meeting was a very good one, with many different items for discussion. There are agenda items that still need resolution at the next P&Z meeting on January 20, 2005.

ASSESSOR'S FORMER OFFICE SPACE

The Board will receive presentations of possible usage of the office space at the Board meeting on January 24, 2005.

IDENTIX, INC.

The Board reviewed and executed the maintenance agreement with Identix, Inc. with the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center for maintenance on the finger-printing machine. The service will be from 9:00am to 5:00pm, five days a week and not during the weekend. It also includes preventative maintenance visits during the year.

ALBION HIGHWAY DISTRICT

The Board reviewed Albion Highway District’s request for a letter of support for 2008 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) application. It was moved and seconded to send a letter of support and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PROPOSED GOOSE CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Board reviewed the Election matters of the proposed Goose Creek Irrigation District.

- a. The Board reviewed the documents from Bill Parsons regarding the voting statutes for the proposed irrigation district.
- b. The Board reviewed Resolution #2005-01-2 authorizing three (3) election judges. It was moved and seconded to sign the resolution and voting was unanimous by the Board.

STATUS OF CASSIA COUNTY HISTORY PROJECT

The Board reviewed the status of the Cassia County History Project. It is proposed that a Mr. Johnson edit the book, with the goal to have the Cassia County History books ready for sale at the Cassia County Fair 2005.

MENTAL HEALTH REPORT

Al Barrus presented the report from Dr. Brek Pilling on the number of individuals he is counseling, some on a regular basis. He has been very successful in improving mental health services in Cassia County.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County’s Payables Approval Report dated January 6, 2005. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$9,263.98
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$45.95
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$5,123.30
COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGE FUND	107	\$22,491.01
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$1,595.72
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$20,436.98
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$371.76
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$6,213.05
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$2,750.47
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$70,337.66
D.A.R.E. TRUST FUND	137	\$49.50
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$758.16
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$820.64
	TOTAL	\$140,258.18

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:15pm 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 12:50pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board will prepare a letter to the concerned employees.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Deanne Higen, Josh Higen, Kathy Crane, Colt Crane, Calvin Crane, Raeola Crane, Mike Fehlman, Cary Bristol, to witness the oath of office.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

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Dennis Crane, Chairman