

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; JoAnn Smith, Deputy Clerk, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

PREVIOUS WEEKS' MINUTES

The minutes for January 24, 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 February 2005.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security inviting the Board to attend a Mitigation Planning Workshop to be held February 17, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Jerome County EMS Building, 240 East Main Street, Jerome, Idaho.
2. A letter from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission regarding an accounting Order.
3. Received a report from the conflict Public Defender, Dennis Byington.

SHERIFF'S MATTER

Sheriff Higen reported that an arrest had been made in some of the recent vandalism incidents. He also reported on discussions of border counties working with other law enforcement agencies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:15 a.m. 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 9:45 a.m. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Public Defender Department head will discuss the situation with his staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:46 a.m. 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)(f) 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 pending litigation. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 10:00 a.m. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board sent a letter to a county resident regarding the 4-H Stock sale at the 2004 Fair..

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed a change of status form. It was moved and seconded to approve the change of status and voting was unanimous by the Board.

RESOLUTION #2005-01-5

The Board reviewed and executed Resolution #2005-01-5 declaring certain Auditor's office records to be semi-permanent and authorizing their destruction.

BUILDING MATTERS

After a review of bids a motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from Ramsey Heating & Electric for \$2,604.00 to update the existing lighting fixtures in the Law Enforcement Building.

BUILDING SAFETY ISSUES

The Board reviewed a memo prohibiting the use of candles and open flames in County office buildings. A motion was made and seconded to sign the memo. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:45 a.m. 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 11:00 a.m. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board approved Case Nos. #204149, #204168, #204169, #205018, #204133; denied Case Nos. #205012, #204165, #205011; Signed an Order of Dismissal on Case No. #204152; Signed Orders of Reimbursement on Case Nos. #204149, #204131, #204168; #204133, #204169; signed a Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case No. #205017; signed Releases of Medically Indigent Lien on Case No., #202025; signed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision on Case No. #204129.

RESOLUTION #2005-01-6

The Board reviewed and discussed Resolution #2005-01-6, requesting a state CAFO site Advisory Team's review of a dairy proposal for a suitability determination. A motion was made and seconded to request the DEQ site team. Voting was unanimous by the Board authorizing this resolution to be signed.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE FEES FOR SPECIAL FEE COLLECTIONS

The Hearing which, had previously been recessed, was re-commenced at 11:00 a.m. The Hearing was taped and labeled Public Hearing, Fees for Special Fee Collections. The Board questioned Treasurer, Gayle Erekson regarding clarification of the fees. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the fees with the exemption of the Idaho Department of Lands. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

EAST CASSIA/WEST CASSIA SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

The Board met with Tia Mullins, West Cassia Soil Conservation District and Ken Woodworth, East Cassia Soil Conservation District and reviewed the past years operations. They also presented written requests for funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 for each district for fiscal year 2006. A motion was made and seconded to accept the requests.

ALMO-CONNER CREEK ROAD PROJECT WETLANDS MITIGATION

Jim Leichter, JUB Engineers, Inc. and Bob Johnson, Idaho Transportation Department, met with the Board to update them on the wetlands situation in the Almo-Conner Creek Road Project. There are several options pending and will be revisited later. At this point there should be no delay in the second phase of the project.

SITE REVIEWS

The Board left their Chambers and proceeded to the Oakley area where they will conduct an on-site review of the Oakley Transfer Station property leveling project, the, Beukers Dairy project and Sawtooth Stone's new jet saw rock cutting plant..

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 4, 2005.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/S/
Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

/S/
Dennis Crane, Chairman