

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Dennis Crane and Paul Christensen, Board Members; Alfred E. Barrus, Prosecuting Attorney; Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present. Commissioner Clay Handy was excused from the meeting.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The minutes for June 27, 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 July 2005.

DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS

Sheriff Jim Higen, Marty Holland, Gayle Erekson, and Larry Mickelsen met with the Board to discuss some employee concerns regarding the new time clock procedures. They also scheduled July 29, 2005 as the County Employee annual barbeque, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

SHERIFF OFFICE MATTERS

Sheriff Jim Higen discussed the Emergency Services Contract that will be implemented in the near future. The Board discussed the impact that the contract will have on the County.

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Board reviewed the June invoice regarding the Cassia County Transportation plan for \$1,908.25. It was moved and seconded to approve payment of the invoice and voting was unanimous by the Board.

INSURANCE CONCERNS

Marie Miramontes and Marie Jo Torres discussed the cost of obtaining liability insurance during events at their home rodeo arena. They have not been able to find any insurance amounts that will exceed \$25,000.00 for the participants' coverage. They do have sufficient spectator insurance. They inquired as to there being any thing they could do to continue to have the rodeos and have the participants sign waivers that the county will not be held responsible for any medical costs incurred. The Board informed them that the hospital would not honor the waiver and would hold the County responsible if the person is indigent. They previously signed an agreement with the county, after applying with the Planning and Zoning Commission, that they would have the insurance required, but the insurance was never obtained, as it was too costly. Mr. McMurray suggested that their permit could possibly be discontinued and then they could reapply through the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. McMurray and Mr. Barrus will thoroughly research and investigate the matter to ensure that all legal requirements will be met.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:25am 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)(b) with Commissioner Crane voting yea and Commissioner Christensen 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 10:45am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board scheduled a meeting with both concerned parties next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:46am 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)(f) with Commissioner Crane voting yea and Commissioner Christensen 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 11:05am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board will make a recommendation to have the concerned party submit a letter to the Planning and Zoning Board requesting a variance to the County policies and procedures.

FUELS REDUCTION PRESENTATION

Curtis Jensen and Brandon Brown discussed the mitigation plan, of which, fuels reduction is a part of the mitigation plan. The “fuels mitigation work” part of the plan is very general and could be revised to some degree to implement the fuels reduction. Kelly Adams of the Cassia County Public Lands has also been involved in review of the mitigation plan. The BLM has Federal money available for the “fuels mitigation work” which the County could have access to. The County Weed Department could have access to some of the money for use with weed control projects. The paperwork will be forthcoming to apply for the Federal monies that are available. Kelly Adams was given an assignment to discuss the matters with the Public Lands Committee and develop ideas as to how to best utilize the funding. Curtis Jensen will discuss the matters with Gordon Edwards of the County Weed Department. Julie Thomas of the Twin Falls BLM office will be our direct contact.

BOARD OF COMMUNITY GUARDIANS

The Board reviewed a Board of Community Guardians application for Dora Barrie of Rupert. It was moved and seconded to approve and sign the application and voting was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:35am 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)(d) with Commissioner Christensen voting 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 11:50am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #205074, Case #205075 and Case #205076. Signed Certificate of Denial for Case #205068 and Case #205076. Signed Stipulation for Enlargement of Time Limitations for Case #205043.

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>
#1	Mike Williams	Golf Shop Inc.
#2	Brent Kerbs	Kerbs Oil

At 11:55am The Board departed for Conner’s Café for a business lunch with the Minidoka County Board of Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:20pm 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)(b) with Commissioner Crane voting yea and Commissioner Christensen 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 12:25pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Boards of Commissioners of Minidoka and Cassia Counties agreed to develop a memorandum of agreement for shared usage of selected employees between the counties.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ISSUES

The Boards of Commissioners of Minidoka and Cassia County met to discuss the Public Defender issues that are confronting both counties. Issues discussed included costs, caseload, interested lawyers, service to clients, and general guidelines. The discussion was to consider developing a Public Defender staff to serve both counties. After discussion, it was agreed to work out a plan together to develop one (1) Public Defender office to serve both counties. More meetings will follow to develop the Joint Powers Agreement and the Job Description.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 11, 2005.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Gladys Esquibel, Marie Miramontes, Phil Harris, Esperanza Gehardt, Marie Jo Torres, all representing Miramontes Rodeo; Curtis Jensen, Brandon Brown, BLM; Kelly Adams, Cassia County Public Lands; Sheriff Jim Higen; Marty Holland; Gayle Erekson

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman