

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 February 28, 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 March 2005.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Received an invitation to attend the East Cassia, West Cassia and Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, March 11th at Cameo's Event Center at 6:30 p.m. at the Cameo Event Center 485 East 5th North Burley.
2. Received notice of a meeting at the City of Rocks at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 to review the wetlands area of the Back Country Byway.
3. Reviewed the Agenda for the City of Rocks Back Country Byway Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2005 in the Commissioner's room at the Courthouse at 5:30 p.m.

SHERIFF'S MATTERS

Sheriff Higen met with the Board to discuss grants for Waterways projects that are received each year that require a match from the county. A motion was made and seconded to sign the grant application. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Sheriff Higen also discussed a bi-county committee to give 911 coverage for each county's dispatch center if for some reason one center went down. Commissioner Christensen will be a participant in that committee.

Detective Randy Kidd also met with the Board to discuss problems that have arisen with regards to the County impound area. He presented three proposals for increasing the size and security of the impound yard. A motion was made and seconded to accept the lowest proposed bid for \$5,150 from Bunn Fence Company that provides for expanding and fencing the impound yard. The monies will come from forfeited drug money and not from the county budget. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed two Changes of Status forms. It was moved and seconded to approve one change of status and hold one for next week and voting was unanimous by the Board.

DAIRY TOUR

A tour of the aerobic digester at Whiteside's Dairy has been scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. Both Minidoka and Cassia County Boards have been invited to attend along with both Counties Planning and Zoning Boards

OSTERHOUST APPEAL

The Board set April 4, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. for the time to hold an appeal hearing of a shop

permit fee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:35 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 on Case No. 204169. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 9:40 a.m. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board allowed the recipient to keep his income tax returns for this year only and to start making payments as soon as he goes back to work.

MINI-CASSIA COMMERCE AUTHORITY

Mr. McMurray updated the Commissioners on the status of the Mini-Cassia Commerce Authority Formation Committee recommendations. A hearing is scheduled for March 29, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Burley City Council Chambers to review the Joint Powers Agreement.

RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made and seconded to sign a letter recommending Kelly Adams to continue to serve as a member of the Resource Advisory Committee from Cassia County.

EMS QUICK RESPONSE ANNUAL REPORT

Members of the area Quick Response Units met with the Board to give their annual report. Local units have received grant monies in the past to get new vehicles for the individual units and a grant is in process for the Raft River Unit this year. The units have held training with the ISP and Department of Transportation. The state EMS Board is working on having mutual aid agreements with individual units and counties throughout the state. The committee also received notice from the Department of Health and Welfare of funds collected that have been disbursed to the individual counties.

Each unit presented information to the Board regarding their unit.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for clarification on addresses in the Jackson area. The need is imperative for public safety. A committee will be formed to discuss the issue with Kent Searle to chair the committee. After recommendations are presented from the committee, a public hearing will be scheduled.

PHASE II – CITY OF ROCKS ROAD PROJECT

Jim Leichter, JUB Engineers and Bob Johnson, Idaho Department of Transportation, met with the Board to update them on Phase II part of the City of Rocks Road Project. Stage one of the project will be constructed this year; Stage two next year and Stage three the next if everything follows schedule.

CASSIA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Kerry McMurray reviewed the Cassia County Transportation Plan Project with the Board. The list of needs will be prioritized at the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee, which will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

It was proposed and seconded to convene as the County Board of Equalization. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

It was proposed and seconded to rescind the deletion of homeowners exemption previously approved on parcel RP#13S25E231001. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:05 p.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 12:20 p.m. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board took no action.

BURLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Kylie Barrus, Cassandra Gutierrez and Mallory Hughes, Burley High School Students, met with the Board to discuss the upcoming interviews for Girls State.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 14, 2005.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Remie We;;s, SIP; Jay Michaels, KMVT-TV; Karla Robinson, Albion QRU; Lisa Taylor, Declo QRU; Vaughn Cook, Raft River Rescue; Bruce Allcott, Burley Fire Department; Kent Searle, 911 Coordinator; Shellie Yarbrough, Assessor's Office;

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman