

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.

#### **PREVIOUS WEEKS' MINUTES**

The minutes for March 14, 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. A letter from the Sober Riders Motorcycle Club, Sun Valley Chapter, inviting a Commissioner to attend their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Idaho Open Range Awareness Run on May 21, 2005.
2. A letter from the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners, RE: Status of County Road Easement Process.

#### **REVISED HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**

Sheriff Jim Higenes presented a letter from the State of Idaho Military Division, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security. The letter advised the county of the Homeland Security grants that have been awarded, and the amounts of the grants. The grant was increased from \$348,247.80 to \$352,981.29. It was moved seconded to sign the grant application and voting was unanimous by the Board.

#### **RESOLUTION #2005-01-7**

The Board reviewed Amended Resolution #2005-01-7. It was moved and seconded to execute the Resolution and voting was unanimous by the Board.

#### **RESOLUTION #2005-03-1**

The Board reviewed Resolution #2005-03-1, adopting the National Management System (NIMS). It was moved and seconded to execute the Resolution and voting was unanimous by the Board

#### **CITY OF ROCKS LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

The Board reviewed Letter of Agreement with City of Rocks, *et als.*, for maintenance and upkeep of County roads within the National Reserve and State Park. It was moved and seconded to authorize the Letter of Agreement and voting was unanimous by the Board.

#### **ROLUTION #2005-03-2**

The Board reviewed Resolution #2005-03-2, adopting changes in cattle guard policy. It was moved and seconded to execute the Resolution and voting was unanimous by the Board.

#### **IDAHO CODE 9-340 C(1)**

The Board reviewed and discussed the impact of Idaho Code 9-340 C(1) regarding release of public employee information. Mr. Barrus read the Code Section and gave each member a copy of the Statute and explained the definition of exempt information and what may be classified as public information. Mr. Barrus will prepare a form, which the public officials can use, to allow the release of certain personal information.

## **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 delete the Home Owners exemptions on the following parcels: RP#BB0010420050, RP#00013003001C, RP#BB0010230150, MH#11S23E149000, MH#BPW010000350, RP#BB001066001B, RP#10S23E291526, RP#BPV010010180, MH#10S24E327215, RP#BB0011590140, RP#10S23E273446, RP#BB0011500130, RP#BSP11002021A, RP#BHL21020010, MH#11S24E094800, and MH#BGR06000022A. Voting was unanimous by the Board. Notices will be sent to the property owners

It was proposed and seconded to return to regular session. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

## **IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NOTICE**

The Board reviewed Idaho Public Utilities Commission Notices of Application in Case #IPC-E-05-6 (Thousand Springs Wind Park, LLC); Case #IPC-E-05-7 (Pilgrim Stage Station Wind Park, LLC); Case #IPC-E-05-8 (Oregon trail Wind Park, LLC); and Case #IPC-E-05-9 (Tuana Gulch Wind Park, LLC). The Board had no additional comment on the applications.

## **GOOSE CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Board reviewed the Goose Creek Irrigation District order. It was moved and seconded to execute the order and voting was unanimous by the Board.

## **SNOW FENCE REMOVAL**

The Board reviewed the requests to remove the snow fence from many locations along the County Roads. Bids were received from M&D Fire District for \$477.03, Andy James of Almo for \$475.00 and the Young Men and Young Women of the Almo Ward for \$800.00. It was moved and seconded to accept the bid from Andy James for \$475.00 and voting was unanimous by the Board.

## **ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATIONS**

The Board discussed the current needs of the personnel shortages and office space for the Adult Misdemeanor Probations Office. The Board has concerns regarding the potential costs to the County, which should be shared expenses with Minidoka County. It was moved and seconded to authorize one of Larry Mickelsen's clerks to work in the Misdemeanor Probations Office on a temporary basis, until the administrative work is "caught up," but no longer than the end of the current fiscal year, and voting was unanimous by the Board. The office space and personnel issues will be discussed with the Minidoka County Commissioners to enable all to be in accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Following Executive Session, the Board signed Certificate of Approval for Case #205034 and Case #205037. Signed Order of Dismissal for Case #204147. Signed Certificate of Denial for Case #205029.

**ADDRESSING ISSUES**

Kerry McMurray presented a letter RE: The Proposed Jackson Area Address Committee, listing the names of those who are proposed to serve as members of an addressing committee for the County. The Chairman, who was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, is Kent Searle, and others were either volunteers or recommended by the Chairman.

**CITY OF ROCKS ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

A request was made by the Le Grande Johnson Construction to extend an agreement to August 2005, to use the County's triangular piece of property at the junction of the Cove Road and the Almo-Elba Highway. It was moved and seconded to allow the extension and voting was unanimous by the Board. Kerry McMurray, the County Administrator, was directed to write a letter agreeing to the extension.

**TOUR OF WHITESIDES DAIRY**

During the afternoon the Board took a tour of the Whitesides Dairy near Acequia, ID. This was to look at the "methane digester" to see it in operation, and to discuss potential benefits of this type of technology.

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 28, 2005.

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

Renee Wells, SIP; Alice Helms, Oakley High School

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

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Dennis Crane, Chairman