

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.

MURTAUGH HIGHWAY DISTRICT

At 9:00am, Mike Stastny, Greg Sievers, Glenn Bessire, and Carl Good, the Murtaugh Highway Commissioners, appeared before the Board to discuss the concerns regarding the roads that border Cassia County. With the potential heavy use by proposed dairies, they have concerns regarding maintenance and upkeep of the roads. Mr. McMurray discussed the conditions that the Planning & Zoning Board can impose when the applications are presented to the Board. Their concern is that with the increased traffic of the heavily loaded trucks, they will not have the revenue to maintain the roads in good condition. The Board suggested that the Murtaugh Highway District meet with the Burley Highway District to work out the details between both Highway Districts regarding road responsibilities and revenue.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed two (2) change of status forms, one (1) for the Sheriff's Dispatch Department and one (1) for the Sheriff's Office. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and voting was unanimous by the Board.

SUMMIT NAME CHANGES

The Board discussed the proposal of the US Board of Geographic Names to change the name of two summits located in Cassia County. The Board decided to see if there was any public comment after the issue was reported in the newspaper and make a decision next week.

OAKLEY FIRE DISTRICT MATTERS

Mr. Tom Clark appeared before the Board to inform them of the cost of the proposed Oakley Fire District building and request that the building permit fee be waived. It was moved and seconded to waive the building permit fee and voting was unanimous by the Board.

RECORDERS OFFICE FILING CABINETS

The Board reviewed the request from the Recorder's Office to purchase required cabinets that were budgeted for in this year's budget. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase request and voting was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The Board reviewed the list of surplus equipment for the County auction. It was moved and seconded to approve the list, with the condition that the computer equipment be turned over to Stephenson's Inc for information cleansing and credit against their contract, and voting was unanimous by the Board.

RIEDESEL LETTER

The Board reviewed the Riedesel letter of their proposal to revise the CMAQ 2007 project, for an additional cost of \$2,000.00. The Board asked Mr. McMurray to investigate this matter further and report on it next meeting.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

The Board reviewed Quit Claim Deed on RP15S26E340000A. It was moved and seconded to execute the deed and voting was unanimous by the Board. The Board asked Mr. Barrus to send the deed and a letter to the purchaser to explain that there was no legal access to the property being purchased.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

At 9:40am it was proposed and seconded to convene as the County Board of Equalization. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

The Board reviewed documents for Property Tax Reduction for 2005 from the Assessor's Office. It was proposed and seconded to approve the Property Tax Reduction for 2005. Notices will be sent to the property owners.

At 10:00am it was proposed and seconded to return to regular session. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

JUROR QUESTIONNAIRES

The Board reviewed District Court juror questionnaires and comments regarding a recent trial.

MIRAMONTES ARENA INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

The Miramontes family and concerned citizens, presented a request to the Board that they be exempted from purchasing additional insurance for their Rodeo Arena. They have insurance on the spectators but not on the participants. They have the participants sign letters that releases the Miramontes Arena from liability in the event they are injured. Mr. Barrus read the conditions given when the permit was issued and it did include spectator and participant insurance. Mr. Barrus explained to the Miramontes' that the reason for the insurance on the participants is that if someone was injured and did not have insurance or funds to pay the medical bill, the taxpayers of the county would be obligated to pay the medical bill. The Miramontes family will conduct further research to see if there is affordable participant insurance available, which the purchase of, would allow the operation of their arena under the existing conditional use permit.

GRANT

The Board reviewed the Application for Federal Assistance for \$5,562.00 for the Sheriff's office. It was moved and seconded to sign the grant request and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The minutes for May 9, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:40am 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 10:47am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board allowed the individual to keep \$2,231.00 of the Federal Tax Return.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:48am 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 10:54am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board Denied Case #205040, Case #205042, Case #205055 and Case #205056. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #205062 and Case #205063.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:55am 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)(a) 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 personnel matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 11:10am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board will have Mr. McMurray conduct further investigation.

CASSIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Jim Higen discussed surplus property matters with the Board. The Sheriff's Department has 2 Colt AR-15 rifles, serial numbers ST038296 and SP241374, which are excess property items. The request is to sell the two rifles to Minidoka County for \$500.00 each. It was moved and seconded to allow the Sheriff's Department to transfer ownership of the rifles to Minidoka County after publication of notice required by the Idaho Code, and then credit the revenue into the Sheriff's budget as unanticipated revenue.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for May 2005.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from the Community Support Center inviting the Board of Commissioners to visit the citizens on May 19.
2. Notice of a Mid-Snake Regional Water Resource meeting in Twin Falls on May 19.
3. An invitation to the ACE Fire & City of Rocks QRU Open House on May 23.

IDAHO ENERGY DIVISION PRESENTATION

Garth Taylor of the University of Idaho and Terry Hoebelheinrich of the Idaho Energy Division made a presentation to the Board on Idaho Wind Power Impacts. They discussed the county economy and the impact wind power can have on Cassia County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:20pm 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 legal 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 Board will have Mr. Barrus prepare a letter.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 8:30 a.m., Monday, May 23, 2005.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Garth Taylor, Univ. of Idaho; Terry Hoebelheinrich, Idaho Energy Division; Mike Stastny, Greg Seivers, Glenn Bessire & Carl Good, Murtaugh Highway Dist.; Tom Clark, Oakley Fire Dist.; Mary Jo Torrez, Gore Miramontes, M. Miramontes, Rosalinda Beltran, Phil Hanks, Beulah Hanks, Juan Gonzalez, Jesus Tamayo, Jaime Alamillo, all representing Lienzo Charro Miramontes.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman