

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Following Executive Session, the Board discussed the Community Guardian Program.

HEALTH INSURANCE MATTERS

Tim Preston and Kelly Bowen met with the Board to discuss the four (4) various options the county employees could select for Health Insurance. It was moved and seconded for Financial Strategies, with Tim Preston and Kelly Bowen, to develop the Cassia County Partially Self-Funded Insurance Program and voting was unanimous by the Board. The health options will be presented in detail to the Department Heads during Department Head Training conducted on Thursday, September 8, 2005.

CASSIA COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 BUDGET HEARING

Sheriff Jim Higen, Marty Holland, Gordon Edwards, Gayle Ereksen, Mike Fehlman and Dennis Dexter were present when the Board to discuss the proposed FY06 County Budget. Sheriff Higen expressed concerned regarding the prices for gasoline and the impact it would have on his budgeted amount. Other Department Heads had reviewed the budgets for their departments and were satisfied with the budgeted amounts and had no comments. At 10:05am, it was moved by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the budget as developed and presented and an affirmative vote was unanimous by the Board.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Sheriff Jim Higen presented a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for additional funding of \$7,000.00, to be used for law enforcement activities on public lands within Cassia County.

Kerry McMurray reported that there are leaks in the Sheriff's office roof. Sharon Higgins has contacted Larson Roofing for a quote to repair the roof. The quote was for \$3,250.00. It would be paid for partially out of this year's budget and the remainder paid out of the FY06 budget. It was moved and seconded to approve the expenditure and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The minutes for August 29, 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 September 2005.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A news release from the U.S. Forest Service announcing the opening of a new family Campground in South Hills, South of Twin Falls, Porcupine Springs family campground is now open.

2. A news release from the U.S Fish and wildlife Service announcing a status review of Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout.

3. A letter from Condie, Stoker and Associates, Certified Public Accountants, requesting the opportunity to submit a bid for the next Cassia County Audit Contract.

4. A notice from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission on a Firm Energy Sales Agreement for sale and purchase of Electric Energy between Idaho Power Co. and Arrow Rock Wind, Inc. of Billings, Montana.

5. A letter from the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare RE: Mosquitoes and West Nile Virus.

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At 10:19am 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 10:38am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board signed 13 letters of Assignment. Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #205045, Case #205049, Case #205050, Case #205081, and Case #205082. Signed Certificate of Approval for Case #205081 and Case #205082. Signed order of Dismissal for Case #205048. Signed Release of Medically Indigent Lien for Case #205048. Signed Certificate of Denial for Case #205090 and Case #205092. The Board reviewed Catastrophic Health care Cost Program information regarding thirteen (13) county cases, from Blake G. hall, Contract Administrator. Approved the cremation of the deceased individual in Case #205105.

CHANGE OF STATUS

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

CASSIA COUNTY EMS MATTERS

Wayne Mullen, Cassia County EMS Chairman, presented the EMS Board's proposed amendments to Cassia County Resolution No. 02-06-. The proposals were to update and clarify the existing Cassia County Resolution. He also discussed the responsibilities of some of the ambulance districts and the length of time they will remain as legal EMS districts.

Fire Chief Bruce Allcott, Burley Fire District, took exception to the proposed resolution amendments and the manner in which they were developed. He was disturbed because the Burley Fire District had not been consulted or invited to participate when the proposed resolution amendments were developed. He stated that they wanted to participate and work together with the County EMS units. He felt that a representative of the Burley Fire District should be a member of the EMS Board. Warren Larson of the Burley Life Run Ambulance supported the position of Bruce Allcott.

Ken Harmon, Director of the Cassia Regional Medical Center, stated that the proposed

resolution needed to be changed to incorporate the hospital personnel, because they are an integral part of and very involved with the functioning of the EMS.

The Board took the proposed resolution amendments under advisement for further review and research.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:25am 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 12:00pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board took the matter under advisement for further research and consideration.

CASSIA COUNTY HISTORY BOOK STATUS

The Board reviewed the current status of the Cassia County History book. It was moved and seconded to pay Caxton Printers, LTD. the balance owed of \$8,719.00 and R&J's Camera Shop the balance owed of \$1,964.20 and voting was unanimous by the Board.

MC PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE STATUS

Kerry McMurray reported that Dennis Byington is in the process of hiring staff for the Public Defenders Office. The office space and equipment is still a matter for consideration. The Board will visit Dennis Byington's existing office to assist in making a decision on the Public Defenders Office space.

CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT STATUS

The Board approved a 1-month contract with Clayne Zollinger Jr. to serve as the Cassia County Conflict Public Defender for the month of September 2005.

DIRECT BILLING OF LARGE INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL USERS

The Board discussed direct billing of large volume users of the solid waste landfill. Kerry McMurray reported that to direct bill the large industrial users of the landfill would require an ordinance amendment to the County Code. Mr. Barrus was assigned to draft the necessary amendments. The matter will be discussed in future meetings to make a decision.

AGREEMENT WITH SPORTSMEN FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

The Board reviewed the agreement for use of property on the old landfill site with Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Habitat, Inc. The proposed agreement will be submitted to the Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Habitat and upon their approval, it will be submitted to the Board for their approval and execution.

ICRMP RENEWAL

After the Board discussed the matter, it was moved and seconded to sign the renewal confirmation with ICRMP for the payment of \$135,851.00 for liability insurance for the next year. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

Kerry McMurray reported that Dee Yeaman has submitted his resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission effective October 1, 2005.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 12, 2005.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Tim Preston & Kelly Bowen, Financial Strategies; Sheriff Jim Higen,

Marty Holland, Gayle Erekson, Dennis Dexter, Mike Fehlman, Cassia County; Elda Mullen & Elda Mullen, EMS Committee; Bruce Allcott, Burley Fire Department; Warren Larson, Life Run Ambulance; Brent Payne & Ken Harman, Cassia Regional Medical Center; Ryan Taylor, Rod Behr, and Dennis Bunn, Burley Fire Department; Ruben Saldano, City of Burley; Tina Cranney, MCCJC

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Dennis D. Crane, Chairman