

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#550

April 10, 2006

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.

COUNTY MATTERS

Bob Shepard met with the Board to discuss several matters regarding economic development throughout the County. More meetings will be scheduled in the future for further discussion regarding these issues.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The minutes for April 3, 2006 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 April 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from the Idaho Wool Growers Association renominating Joe Tugaw as director from Cassia County to the District #3 Animal Damage Control Board. It was moved and seconded to approve the nomination and voting was unanimous by the Board.
2. A letter from the BLM regarding noxious weed control work in Cassia County. The BLM agreed that their portion of the Elba fire agreement should be used to control leafy spurge and scotch thistle. Carol Stroud has retired and her position has not been filled, but the remaining weed control personnel will work closely with Cassia County to facilitate the weed control.

ELECTION MATTERS

Donna Bush and Barbara Mai presented the Cassia County Polling Places for the Board's approval. There are 5 precincts that have had the polling places changed. Almo from the City of Rocks Visitor's Center to the Almo Fire Station and Albion from the Albion City Hall to the Albion Fire Station. Bridge, Parsons and Sublett have been approved to be vote by mail precincts. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes in polling places and the list of poll workers and voting was unanimous by the Board.

ADDRESSING ISSUES

Bill Hepworth presented his thoughts regarding the meeting held last Thursday, April 6, in the Burley City Hall. He posited that the feeling of the citizens in the Jackson Area is that there is sufficient information available in the dispatch center to send the emergency equipment/vehicles to the correct address and there is no need to change their addresses to Cassia County coordinates. They suggest that the 436 prefix numbers be routed to the Minidoka County Dispatch Center. Other issues will need additional discussion before proper decisions can be made.

RURAL EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD (RESBP)

Members of the Cassia County RESBP units met with the Board for the annual meeting as required by County Resolution and Regulation to discuss issues concerning their units. Mike Lewis reported regarding a meeting that was held to select new officers. The officers selected are Michael Lewis, President/Chairman, Karla Robinson, Vice Chairman, and Shirley Hubbard, Secretary. Reports were given regarding the status of and the services provided by each unit within the county. They discussed the expenditures for supplies and items required to provide the services they need to. They discussed the boundaries of the various units' area of responsibilities. Bruce Allcott,

Burley Fire Chief reported on mandates imposed by the State that make things very difficult for the EMS units. He also discussed the difficulties encountered when the Dispatch Center is functioning with limited staff members. Kent Searle reported that the Rock Creek Repeater station is functioning and providing valuable communication capabilities. Mr. Lewis discussed the Raft River ambulance that is currently located on his property, could be better housed elsewhere. It was requested that the ambulance be kept in the Albion Fire Station garage and to also distribute the supplies among the other EMS units, but to keep the ambulance fully operational with the equipment. It was moved and seconded to house the ambulance in the Albion garage and voting was unanimous by the Board. Discussion led by Bruce Allcott and Mike Lewis, was also held regarding some proposed changes to Cassia County Resolution 2005-09-1. The proposed changes would provide for more efficient use of the EMS units, equipment and the funding. The Board took the proposed changes under advisement for further research and review.

YOUTH COALITION

Duane Larsen presented a draft letter to the Board RE: the youth programs that exist within the County. He is proposing that plans be developed to formulate other programs for youth involvement. He requested a letter from the Commissioners introduce him to the other organizations within the County that are involved with youth programs. It was moved and seconded to have Mr. McMurray prepare a letter for the Board's signature and voting was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:27am 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 10:45am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board signed Release of Medically Indigent Lien for Case #204158. Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #205063. Signed Certificate of Approval for Case #205063. Presented Cases # 206031, 206024, and 206021. Approved Case #205103 be allowed to keep 50% of their income tax return. Authorized Case #203098 be allowed to keep the entire income tax refund.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed three (3) change of Status forms, two (2) from the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center and one (1) from the Sheriff's Department. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and voting was unanimous by the Board.

ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

The Board Reviewed modifications of the assistance agreement between BLM and MCCJC. This relates to the McWork crew cleaning the Milner Area campground. After review and discussion, it was moved and seconded to sign and execute the agreement and voting was unanimous by the Board.

RESOLUTION #2006-04-1

The Board reviewed Resolution #2006-04-1 to declare certain MCCJC booking files to be semi-permanent records and order destruction. After review and discussion it was moved and seconded to approve and execute the resolution and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PARKING LOT REPAIRS

The Board discussed parking lot repair bids from Gordon Paving and Kloepfer Concrete.

Gordon Paving presented 3 different options and Kloepfer Concrete presented 2 options. After discussion and giving consideration to all options the matters were continued until next week for further research.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

At 11:15 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: (See attached list). Voting was unanimous by the Board. Notices will be sent to the property owners

At 11:17am it was proposed and seconded to return to regular session. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

U.S. GEOTHERMAL MINERAL RIGHTS

Doug Glaspey discussed mineral rights that the County holds title to by virtue of a tax deed. His company, U.S. Geothermal is purchasing a ranch, wherein the tax deed is a cloud on title. The Board discussed with Mr. Glaspey that the law requires the mineral rights be appraised. If the value is \$25.00 per acre or less, then the Board can transfer those rights at a public hearing, otherwise, it likely will need to be sold at public auction. It was discussed that a true value needs to be established by a professional geologist-appraiser before the properties can be sold. The owners of the mineral rights may or may not be aware that the mineral rights have any value. An effort will be made to determine the mineral rights value by utilizing a geologist that is qualified to establish the value.

COUNTY WATERWAYS

Sheriff Jim Higenes presented a Waterways Grant of unanticipated revenue from the Idaho Parks and Recreation for \$11,358 to provide for Waterways Patrol budget. It was moved and seconded to approve and sign the grant request and voting was unanimous by the Board.

ELECTION ISSUES

Wayne Hurst met with the Board to discuss scheduling the Meet the Candidate Meeting for May 2, 2006 at 7:00pm in the Burley Inn and the Republican Party Central Committee meeting on April 19, 2006 at 7:30pm.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated , 2006. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$98,886.05
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$22.28
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$3,747.95
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$2,409.69
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$12,500.00
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$179.49
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$7,881.55
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$79,136.26
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$545.66
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$2,980.58
	TOTAL	\$208,289.51

OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY MEETING

The Board met with the Oakley Canal Company in Oakley, at 1:00pm to discuss the potential for flooding from the Goose Creek, Trapper Creek, Grouse Creek, and all of the drainages within the County.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 17, 2006.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Laurie Welch, SIP; Rhonda Bench, Karla Robinson, Warren Larson, Lisa Taylor, Shirley Hubbard, all with Cassia County EMS/QRU

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Dennis Crane, Chairman