

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#557

December 18, 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; and Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk of the Board present. Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, was excused from the meeting.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The minutes for December 11, 2006 were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve and proceed with publication of an appropriate synopsis. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for December 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. The announcement of the IAC Midwinter Legislative Conference in Feb 07.
2. A memorandum Re: The IAC Scholarship Fund
3. The Idaho State Appellate Public Defender Annual report for 2005 & 2006

ANNUAL COUNTY SURVEY REPORT

Steve Pearson and Todd Quast of Desert West Land Survey presented the annual County Survey Report to the Board. They showed pictures of the old survey markings on rocks and explained the importance of having permanent survey markers. They have installed rebar markers at all of the survey points they have confirmed and indicate that the permanent markers they install should be good for 100 years. The Board will send a letter to those who might disturb the markers, such as the County Road Department, Burley Highway District and Burley Irrigation District and explain the importance of ensuring they do not move or destroy the survey markers. The Board asked Desert West Land Survey to continue their efforts to identify and install survey markers throughout the county.

COUNTY ROAD ACCESS, RS2477

Gary Plocher of Murtaugh, representing Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, met with the Board to discuss access to certain areas of the county. The lands in question are BLM lands and the access roads are BLM roads. He is a "trapper" and assists ranchers in controlling predatory wildlife that is harmful to their livestock. His problem is accessing the BLM lands and roads by having to travel on private property and roads. He presented maps of the area and roads he needs to use. He will leave copies of his maps with the Board and will contact Kerry McMurray to learn what the legal issues are regarding RS2477 access.

SOUTHERN IDAHO BROS CLUB

James Crosland of the Southern Idaho Bros Club met with the Board to discuss the previous motorcycle club activity. He requested to opportunity to have the same activity at the campground at I-84 exit 211. The Board gave him tentative approval to begin the application process

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Assessor: Marty Holland reported that things are routine at this time. They are getting the personal property roll ready for the upcoming New Year.

Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Jim Higen reported they are involved in an investigation

regarding over 1700 ducks that were found dead South of Oakley. Sheriff Higen felt that Homeland Security should have contacted his office prior to becoming involved. It appears that the bacteria that killed the ducks may have been caused by the ducks eating bad food, such as grain. There are 2 new employees at the MCCJC and the Sheriff will meet them later today.

Extension Office: Grace Wittman reported Richard Garrard is conducting management classes and is working of Dairy feeding classes. She and Rosie are also working on family and consumer science classes.

Clerk: Larry Mickelsen reported that Linda Hoxey has resigned and a new deputy has been identified to replace her. The new employee is bi-lingual and will be used as a Court interpreter.

County Attorney: Al Barrus reported that things are moving along very well. The feeling is that things are beginning to cycle around again with the same people. Maybe there are a few less meth issues at this time. The new thing is the abuse of cold medications; overdoses will cause a “buzz” and could cause a new epidemic.

Commissioners: Clay reported on a snowmobile meeting this past week. He also stated that the Southwest District Health wants the county to inform them of all West Nile Virus cases in the county this past year. Paul asked Grace to have Richard Garrard contact him.

MINI-CASSIA COMMERCE AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the Member appointment requests and Al Barrus reported on the terms of some of the members. It was moved and seconded to extend the terms of Bill Parsons and Kelly Anderson and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY VESSEL ACCOUNT

The Board reviewed the letter from David Dahms, Boating Program Manager, requesting information regarding payment for items funded from the county vessel account. The request will be forwarded to Lex Kunau to get him to reply to the request.

CITY OF BURLEY

The Board was notified that the City of Burley is modifying the proposed Urban Renewal Plan.

LETTER TO CITY

The Board reviewed a proposed letter to the City of Burley Re: URD Expansion. After review of the letter, it was moved and seconded to sign and execute the letter and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

RESOLUTION 2006-12-04

The Board reviewed Resolution No. 2006-12-04, Sole Source Expenditure. After review, it was moved and seconded to sign and execute the resolution and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:30am 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 10:42am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board signed Order of Dismissal for Cases #206102 and 206114. Signed Denials for Cases #206116, 206119, 206120, 206123, and 206124. Presented Case #206130.

EXTENSION OFFICE 4-H

Rosie Davids and Grace Wittman introduced the “Steps to a new you” class to the Board.

Grace explained the things she is doing for community development with other classes that are offered the county residents. She explained that the Office received a Children, Youth and Families at Risk grant from the State, to work with 30 youth, kindergarten thru 8th grade, of the county who are considered “latch key” kids. The total grant was \$25,000 per year for 5 years. The application for the kids to participate will go through the schools. They are submitting a request for a “critical issue” grant to help underprivileged youth, who cannot afford to pay anything to participate in the programs. Rosie reported that they have received a grant to help teach the youth at the Alternative School how to make wise decisions, and to help them think of the effects of themselves and others when they make a decision. They received a \$350.00 grant to help teach the youth how to manage finances. Rosie explained that the 4-H program is going very well and the next year promises to be another good year.

BURLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT

The Board reviewed the letter of support for Burley Highway District’s Yale Road State 3. After review, it was moved to sign a letter of support and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

SNOW GROOMING ADVISORY BOARD

The Board reviewed the application for Transportation and Utility Systems and facilities on Federal Lands. It was moved and seconded to sign and execute the application and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY ROAD BOARD

The Board reviewed the minutes of the County Road Board meeting on December 11, 2006.

MINI-CASSIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed the 2006 and 2007 agreements with Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. and the MCCJC. The terms of the new agreement commence on December 1, 2006 and continue through November 30, 2007. It was moved and seconded to sign and execute the agreement and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

LETTER FROM SYSCO FOOD SERVICES

The Board reviewed a letter from SYSCO Food Services of Idaho Re; Delivery of goods to the MCCJC.

CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed the agreement between Cassia County and Rebekah Ramsey of Heyburn, ID, to serve as the dietician for the MCCJC. It was moved and seconded to sign and execute the agreement and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY TAX AUCTION

The Board reviewed a letter to Walton Inc. recognizing some confusion in the advertisement and gave them the option to keep the property or deed the property back to the county.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Board discussed and reviewed the names of the P&Z Commission candidates. The Board’s decision was to appoint Brandon Brackenbury and Dennis James to 3 year terms and Mark Darrington to a 1 year term, to complete the term of Rick Hawker. The Board will contact all who applied and inform them of their decision.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County’s Payables Approval Report dated 12/15/2006. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$1,377.25
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$4,550.84
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,616.05
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$5,490.20
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$9.33
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$211.29
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$90.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$4,282.87
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$891.00
	TOTAL	\$18,518.83

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed two (2) Change of Status forms for the MCCJC. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:35pm 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 employee matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 1:45pm. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board ratified its earlier decision to terminate the employee.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 2, 2007.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Dennis Crane, Chairman