

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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February 13, 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.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The minutes for January 30, 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 February 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. An invitation to the District IV West Cassia SWCD, March 14, 2006 in Burley.
2. A letter from the South Central Community Action Partnership thanking the County for \$2,000 that we contributed last year and requesting funds for this year.
3. A letter from the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security RE: a meeting with the South Central Idaho Citizen Corp Council on January 29, 2006.

MID-SNAKE RC&D

Julie Thomas and Curtis Jensen met with the Board to discuss the status of the Cassia County fire plan. Julie reported that a grant has been awarded to update the existing fire plan. This will be accomplished by contracting with Enviro Consulting of Boise. Curtis discussed the need to involve Kelly Adams of the Public Lands Committee with future planning. Julie also discussed involving the fire chiefs of the county fire districts with the planning. She also discussed the \$40,000 grant that was received for environmental clean up and the work that has been done to accomplish the goals. Curtis mentioned that the Idaho Parks and Recreation has not received a copy of the County Fire and Mitigation Plan. A copy on CD will be sent to the State.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed one (1) Change of Status form for a part time custodian. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and voting was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:47am it was proposed by Commissioner Crane 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 and Commissioner Crane 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 10:55am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board signed release of Medically Indigent Lien for Case #2000095 and Case #201091. Signed Order of Dismissal for Cases #205090 and 206006. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Cases #206014, 206015, 206016, and 206017. Signed Certificate of Denial for Case #206013. Signed Stipulation for Enlargement of Time Limitations for Case #205119. Approved Case #205110.

COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ADVISORY BOARD

Chuck Larson, Kraig Franks and Ned Dansie met with the Board to discuss snowmobile issues, to include new Board members and snow grooming. It was moved and seconded to appoint Kraig Franks and Ned Dansie as members of the Snowmobile Advisory Board and voting was unanimous by the Board.

COMMISSIONER CELL PHONES

After discussion, it was moved and seconded to develop a County Resolution that will authorize payment of \$20.00 per month to each County Commissioner for the use of their personal cell phones for County business and voting was unanimous by the Board.

MINI-CASSIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

At 11:30am the Board adjourned to the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center to conduct the quarterly review of the Detention Center. The Board inspected the confinement procedures, questioned many inmates regarding their treatment, and ate lunch, which was the same meal as served the inmates. There were no significant deficiencies noted and the operational procedures of the Center were in accordance with State and County guidelines.

COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE

Sam Adams and Tom Ottley met with the Board to discuss County Road and Bridge issues. The discussion included the potential to purchase a truck to spread magnesium chloride on the County roads. The money to purchase a truck will be available this year and various trucking companies are sending information and proposals to the County Road Department. It was moved and seconded to approve the expenditure of \$70,779.00 to purchase a Mack truck “piggy backing” on the State bid, and voting was unanimous by the Board.

Sam and Tom presented bids to the Board for CDL drug testing from 2 agencies. Discussion ensued regarding the frequency of conducting drug tests, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. The matter was taken under advisement for further research. The initial drug test will be conducted by the Adult Misdemeanor Probation Office.

They also questioned the budget line for part time workers and the fact that the entire budget line will be gone and the part time workers still needed. They were advised that as long as they did not exceed the total amount budgeted in the “A” budget, it would not be necessary to amend the budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:32pm 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 2:37pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board determined there was no improper or illegal activities conducted; it was a training exercise that was not terminated properly.

RIDGELINE ENERGY REQUEST

The Board reviewed the Ridgeline Energy request for consideration and support of proposed legislation. The Commissioners were not in favor of supporting the proposed legislation. The County Assessor, Marty Holland reviewed the request and agreed with the Board that the proposed legislation to provide a tax exemption would not be good for Cassia County.

RAFT RIVER GROUNDWATER DISTRICT

The Board discussed the proposal for a Raft River Groundwater District and the request for use of County personnel and services. The Commissioners decision was this would not be an improper use of County resources, but coordination with the Departments that will be involved with the groundwater district activities.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County’s Payables Approval Report dated February 10, 2006. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$67,274.61
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$29,129.94
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$2,447.86
COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGE FUND	107	\$71,812.75
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$4,367.68
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$12,500.00
CASSIA COUNTY FAIR FUND	111	\$37,700.00
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION FUND	113	\$7,700.00
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$321.51
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$3,416.70
COUNTY BOAT LICENSE FUND	117	\$2,590.09
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$4,221.26
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$138,700.79
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,132.70
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$3,233.28
	TOTAL	\$386,549.17

HOWELL CANYON ROAD REPORT

The Board reviewed the Burley Highway District’s Howell Canyon Road report.

CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER’S REPORT

The Board reviewed Kent Jensen’s Conflict Public Defender’s report.

DEL RIO ESTATES

The Board reviewed the Del Rio Estates subdivision request RE: road name. Mr. McMurray will discuss the matters with County emergency providers and Mr. William Parsons, the Attorney who represents the citizens of Del Rio Estates.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

The Board reviewed requests for funding for the following:

- a. South Central Community Action Partnership request for \$2,000.00. It was moved and seconded to approve the request and voting was unanimous by the Board.
- b. Cassia County Historical Society request for \$10,000.00. It was moved and seconded approve paying \$5,000 now and \$5,000 in June, and voting was unanimous by the Board.

USFS FUNDS

The Board discussed using the County as the billing agent for USFS funds to pay highway district for snow plowing, etc. It was moved and seconded to serve as the “pass through” for the USFS funds and voting was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:03pm 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)(c) 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 acquiring an interest in real property. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 3:15pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board advised the County Administrator to have further discussion with interested parties.

BID ACCEPTANCE

The Board reviewed the bids for the surplus items of the Elba/Almo Road and Bridge.. After review and recommendation, it was moved and seconded to accept the bid from Tom Ottley, Barker Cattle Co. of Elba, ID for \$25.00 for 5 pieces of used 4' X 36" round culvert and \$30.00 for 2 pieces of used 20' X 15" galvanized culvert. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

INVENTORIED ROADLESS AREA

The Board reviewed the Inventoried Roadless Area public hearing comments. After discussion, the Board will have Mr. McMurray prepare a County resolution for the Board's signature, making local recommendations to the Governor.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2006.

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