

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#547

January 9, 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 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 January 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Announcement of the Public Lands Committee meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006.
2. The agenda for the IAC Mid-Winter Conference February 6-9, 2006 in Boise.
3. A letter from the Idaho Rural Health Association introducing the organization to the Board and of the services they provide.
4. A packet from NACo RE: County Five Star Restoration Projects.
5. An invitation from the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce inviting the Board to an open house on January 26, 2006 at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce offices.

IDAHO GEOGRAPHIC NAMES ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Board reviewed the letter prepared for it's signature to the Idaho Geographic Names Advisory Council RE: Proposal to change names of Pine Tit and South Tit, Cassia County Idaho. It was moved and seconded to sign and execute the letter, which essentially rejects the name change, and voting was unanimous by the Board.

INVITATION TO BID

The Board reviewed the invitation to bid for the computer aided dispatch system for the Cassia County Sheriff's Office and the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office. It was moved and seconded to execute and publish the invitation to bid and voting was unanimous by the Board.

DELIBERATION ON GARNER APPEAL HEARING

The Board met to deliberate the Ivan and Julie Garner appeal. Commissioner Christensen, who did not participate in last week's hearing, did not participate in these deliberations. The deliberation was recorded by Mr. McMurray on the small digital recorder. Upon conclusion of the deliberation, it was moved and seconded to uphold the decision of the Planning & Zoning Commission and voting was unanimous by the Board. The Board instructed Mr. Barrus to prepare the findings of the Board and inform the appellants of the Board's decision.

WEED BOARD MEMBERS

Gordon Edwards met with the Board to discuss the Weed Board Members. There are currently two (2) weed boards, Goose Creek and Raft River, in Cassia County. There are three (3) weed management areas in the County. He explained that there is grant money available providing the County Weed Board has a membership, along with all of the weed boards that are in the specific weed management area, area.

Raft River volunteer Board Members and length of term: Lee Jolley (4 years), Russell

Zollinger (2 years), Michael Spencer (4 years), Lynn Steadman (2 years), and Deloy Paskett (4 years). It was moved and seconded to appoint these individuals to the Raft River Cooperative Weed Management Area and voting was unanimous by the Board.

Goose Creek volunteer Board Members and length of term: Robert Whiteley (2 years), Doug Pickett (4 years), Ryan Hawker (4 years), and Joe Tugaw (2 years). It was moved and seconded to appoint these individuals to the Goose Creek Cooperative Weed Management Area and voting was unanimous by the Board.

FELONY COUNTS

Mr. Barrus discussed the numbers of felonies committed within Cassia County during the past year. The crimes against property and drug crimes are the largest number. The trend is that crime is increasing steadily.

EXTENSION OFFICE MATTERS

Richard Garrard met with the Board to receive approval for the installation of a glass partition in the Extension Office to help control the cold that gets into the office. He has instructed his staff to take the expense for the improvements from the “revolving fund.” He reports that this expense will have no significant impact on his budget and it will not have to be amended. It was moved and seconded to allow the purchase for the glass partition to be paid from the “revolving fund” and voting was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:20am 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 10:31am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board Signed Certificates of Denial for Case #205148 and Case #205151.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:32am 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 10:45am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board reversed the decision of the executive session of January 3, 2006 and will have the insurance company continue to send the check to the County and not to the individual. The employee will come to the Auditor’s office to receive the check.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Barrus, County Attorney departed the meeting at 10:50am.

SNOWMOBILE GROOMING

Chuck Larson met with the Board to discuss the possibility of purchasing a vehicle to assist with the snowmobile grooming, rather than pay mileage to individuals for the use of personal vehicles. After discussion, the Board felt like the expense involved in purchasing a vehicle would exceed the cost to reimburse for mileage driven in a personal vehicle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:00am 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)(f) 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 pending legal matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 11:20am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board took the matters under advisement for further investigation and consideration.

US FOREST SERVICE – ROADLESS AREA PLANS

Scott Nannenga and Kelly Adams met with the Board to report on the roadless area plans. It was reported that Blaine County will be the lead on the roadless matters, but they have requested our opinion based upon public comment concerning forest lands within Cassia County. They presented and discussed maps of the Sawtooth National Forest in conjunction with Chapter III of the Management Area Description and Direction handbook. It was explained that a public hearing will need to be held to explain and discuss the matters regarding road construction within the Sawtooth National Forest, and to take public comment about current plans or changes that might be requested. Scott explained that the Skaggs family has turned their grazing permit back into the US Forest Service.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated January 6, 2006. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$9,878.01
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$639,68441.29
COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGE FUND	107	\$902,92665.86
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$2,117.06
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$12,500.00
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$295.17
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$4,214.95
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$3,615.87
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$80,409.63
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$716.85
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$2 632.37
	TOTAL	\$117,976.51

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:05pm 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 12:20pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board Signed a Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #205151. Approved Case #205064 in part, and denied Case #205136.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Chuck Larson, Snowmobile Committee; Kelly Adams, Public Lands;
Scott Nannenga, US Forest

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Dennis Crane, Chairman