

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#552

July 3, 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 McMurray, County Administrator was excused from the meeting.

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE PRESENTATIONS

Daniel Christensen and Brendan Wells discussed selected projects for their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. They gave very good pictorial presentations of their projects and Commissioner Handy "passed" them on their merit badge presentations.

COURTROOM ACOUSTICS

Maureen Newton presented a request to improve the acoustics in the District Courtroom in the Cassia County Courthouse. She recommended lowering the ceiling, installing heavy curtains on the windows and upgrading the speaker system. She has a request to consider remodeling the Courtroom signed by Judge Carlson, other Judges and numerous lawyers.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The minutes for June 26 and June 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 July 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. An invitation to the Soil & Water Conservation District picnic for Friday, July 7, 2006 at the Burley Boat Docks.
2. Notice of a Public Hearing in Albion on July 13, 2006 Re: changing parcels designations.
3. A letter Re: Membership dues – 10/01/05 through 9/30/06 for \$2,844.00 (3rd notice). It was moved and seconded to have Larry Mickelsen investigate and ensure the payments has not already been made, and if not, to pay the amount of the membership dues, and voting was unanimous by the Board.
4. A letter from Kelly Anthon Re: Howell Canyon Road discussion of plans to chip seal the Howell Canyon Road.

BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES

The Board approved the following applications for Beer, Wine and/or Liquor Licenses:

<u>County #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Doing Business As</u>
#2006-1	Brent Kerbs	Kerbs Oil
#2006-2	Zac Cowan	Travel Stop 216
#2006-3	Shirley Middleton	Nelson's Café & Pilot's Lounge
#2006-4	James C. Lynch	Mr. Gas Quik Pik
#2006-5	James C. Lynch	Mr. Gas South Overland

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30am 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 10:11am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board signed Release of Medically Indigent Lien for Case #99056. Signed Order of Dismissal for Case #206047. Denied Cases # 206060, 206061, and 206065. An appeal was heard for Case #206010 and the matter was taken under advisement. Presented Case #206059.

RIVER RUN CHARITY

The Board reviewed the Hold Harmless Agreement with Travel Stop 216 for the “River Run Charity for Children” held on land behind the Travel Stop 216 Business on July 7, 8, & 9, 2006. It was moved and seconded to execute the agreement and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

The Board reviewed a letter from Michael Poulton, Chairman, Cassia County Public Lands Committee, Re: The Proposed Comprehensive Plan and the Interim Land Use Policy.

600 WEST RAILROAD CROSSING

Paul Hobson discussed the desire to have a railroad crossing at 600 West. He requested a letter of support to be sent to the Eastern Idaho Railroad Officials to have the railroad crossing installed, and the 600 West road be continued North to the Snake River. He desires that the Burley Highway District be supportive of the crossing, and he will contact them to get their support because the County Commissioners cannot comment on the Highway District’s position. The Board of Commissioners requested that County Attorney Al Barrus prepare a letter to the Eastern Idaho Railroad Officials stating that the Board of Commissioners is supportive of installing a railroad crossing at 600 West. It was moved and seconded to execute the letter to the Railroad Officials and voting was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY SNOWMOBILE

Chuck Larson informed the Board that the members representing Power County on the Snowmobile Board have resigned. Commissioner Handy will contact the Power County Commissioners and inquire Re: replacement board members.

RAFT RIVER GROUNDWATER DISTRICT ELECTION ISSUES

Donna Bush and Barbara Mai discussed the election issues regarding the formation of the Raft River Groundwater District. There is still a need for the boundaries of the proposed district to be submitted to the office of the County Clerk. Larry Mickelsen will telephone and send a letter to Jay Harper and inform him of the items required before the election can be conducted.

OREGON TRAIL RECREATION DISTRICT

The Board reviewed the submittals from citizens of the recreation district who have expressed interest in serving as members of the Oregon Trail Recreation District Commission. There is still a need for citizens from Sub-Districts I and III to submit letters of interest and qualification to serve as members of the Recreation District Commission. Brian Tibbets of the City of Burley was informed of the need and it will be published in the South Idaho Press. It was moved and seconded to allow an additional week to receive the names of citizens from Sub-Districts I & III and voting was unanimous by the Board.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

At 11:13am 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 remove the personal property tax for 2006, and restore the taxes for 2007 for (see attached list). Voting was unanimous by the Board. Notices will be sent to the property owners

At 11:15am it was proposed and seconded to return to regular session. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed one (1) Change of Status form for the Cassia County Road and Bridge Department. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and voting was unanimous by the Board.

MORMON CRICKET TOUR

The Commissioners departed for Almo to investigate the "Mormon" cricket infestation. They were accompanied by Senator Denton Darrington, Cassia County Extension Agent Richard Garrard and local rancher Larry Henson. Mr. Garrard and Mr. Henson took the Commissioners to areas where the "bait" had been spread and showed them the carcasses of the dead crickets. The assistance and poison bait provided by the State Department of Agriculture has been valuable in helping to successfully control the infestation of crickets.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 10, 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