

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#551

May 22, 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; JoAnn Smith, Deputy Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The minutes for May 15, 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 May 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Idaho Commission on the Arts regarding Art in Public Places.
2. A letter from William A. Parsons regarding the Court facilities
3. Department of Agriculture State Animal Damage Control Board.

PRE-MITIGATION PLAN – EMERGENCY SERVICES AGREEMENT

Sheriff Higen met with the Board and discussed changes to the Pre-Mitigation Plan – Emergency Services Agreement. A motion was made and seconded to sign the agreement which included \$10,000 to be paid from the Emergency Defense Fund for FY2006 and \$23,000 requested for FY2007.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed one Change of Status form. It was moved and seconded to approve the change of status and voting was unanimous by the Board.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed the Idaho Department of Water Resources information regarding appointments to serve as Commissioners for Flood Control for District No. 15. Certificates of Appointment have been issued for Lyle Woodbury, Paul Ward, Jack Erickson, Alvin Neddo and Roland Zollinger. The information was forwarded to the Recorder's Office for follow up on the appointees taking of oath and providing of bond.

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board discussed the appointment of Carolyn Elexpuru to serve on the South Central District Board of Health. A motion was made and seconded to approve the appointment and Voting was unanimous by the Board.

BRIDGE FIELD INSPECTION REPORT

The Board reviewed and approved the Bridge Field Inspection Reports.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed the EAP Agreement with One Nation Insurance Company. After review of the agreement a motion was made and seconded to sign the agreement and voting was unanimous by the Board.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Assessor: Very busy with the changes for assessment at the State level and have 10 days to get assessment notices ready to mail.

Detention Center: Dennis Dexter reported 148 Inmates; 27 from Minidoka, 40 Cassia, 65 State, 9 other counties. They have 3 openings.

Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Higen reported that the department is getting ready for graduations and summer activities and reported on a recent burglary.

Treasurer: Sending out reminder notices this week.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Everything is going well.

Weed Department: Working to control Scotch Thistle and other invasive weeds.

County Administrator: Informed everyone that seal coat will be done on the East parking lot sometime this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:20 a.m. 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 10:40 a.m. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, Case #206057 was presented, denied #206039, #205100; approved #206025, #206011; signed Notices of Lien, #206054, #206055, #206056, #206057, #206058; signed a letter to the CAT board regarding Case #99134.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:41 a.m. 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 litigation. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 10:55 a.m. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board took the matter under advisement.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated May 19, 2006. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$9,964.15
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$4,250.00
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$3,217.56
COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGE FUND	107	\$545.86
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$999.81
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$169.96
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$285.96
COUNTY BOAT LICENSE FUND	117	\$1,000.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$22,628.11
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$748.06
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$1,769.42
	TOTAL	\$45,578.89

IDAHO COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT PROTECTION

Lori L. Bergsma, Balanced Rock Insurance, met with the Board to discuss risk management insurance coverage renewal. She congratulated the Commissioners on the Risk Management work that is done in Cassia County. Although many entities are experiencing a 12% increase in premiums this year, Cassia County will not have an increase on premiums due to diligence in maintaining a low loss ratio.

BLM/FOREST SERVICE

Ken Miller, Bureau of Land Management, and Scott Nannenga, U.S. Forest Service, met with the Board for the monthly meeting. Mr. Nannenga discussed proposals for traffic management at Sublett Reservoir. On June 2, 2006 a field trip is scheduled to tour areas of Rock Creek Canyon. There is also a review of a rock quarry expansion. There is a green sale of timber scheduled for June.

Mr. Miller reported that their fire season has already started. There were nine protests listed for the Cottrell Wind Farm project. They are being reviewed. There is a big concern over "copper burn" theft of copper wire for salvage. He also complimented the Cassia Law Enforcement for their back up of BLM officials in their enforcement duties.

FAIRGROUND CONTRACTS

After review, a motion was made and seconded to sign two contracts for Fairground use for the M.C.A.C. Car Show and Dan & Terry Kidd for Team Roping

CASSIA COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCES

Dallan Schenk, Eugene Matthews, Mike Cranney, Brent Stoker, Don Pickett, Douglas T. Pickett, Kelly Adams, Larry Adams and Bill Loughmiller met with the Board to discuss the Cassia County Comprehensive Plan still at the Planning and Zoning level, public hearing stage. Don Pickett voiced concerns about main roads being closed and the impact that will have on local residents and their livelihood.

Mr. McMurray reviewed the process that must take place for a public hearing at the Planning and Zoning level and then at the Commissioner level.

Commissioner Crane then opened the floor for comments from those in attendance. Mr. Stoker commented on a court case, filed by the Idaho Sportsman's Coalition to clean up the water. Mr. Loughmiller commented that he has served on committee's reviewing some of these issues and wants to extend the public hearing process to give people more time to review individual situations so that better choices can be made. He wants rules to be followed and would like the plan to be fine tuned and not completely overhauled. Mr. Douglas Pickett commented that not everyone has been educated and involved in the process. He would like to see more people involved in the process.

There was comment that the committees submit information to the Planning and Zoning but comments are not submitted back. They would like to be able to add comments before things become finalized.

Mr. Cranney commented that the 10,000 CAFO overlay is sufficient. He feels that nothing needs to be changed. Many members of the Board and Planning and Zoning live in the overlay and understand the problems involved. He feels that more time needs to be taken before making major decisions that will affect the future of Cassia County and that the Checks and Balances are already in affect.

Mr. Handy commented that there have been complaints from people living in the Prime Ag area and the changes in the plan are being discussed to address those issues. Mr. Larry Adams commented that we have a good plan and we want growth, but we need to be able to do it in a way to keep our values and our life style.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 30, 2006.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP.

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis Crane

Dennis Crane, Chairman