

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#555

October 23, 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 October 16, 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 October 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Requests from East and West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation Districts for \$2,500.00 each for FY 2007. It was moved and seconded to approve the request for funding and voting was unanimous by the Board.
2. A letter from Jim Grisenti Re: 911 System and Uniform Street naming.
3. An invitation to attend the Business Outlook Event in Burley on November 7, 2006 at the Best Western Inn.
4. A notice regarding the Western Counties Alliance and the focus of the organization.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH OUTSIDE AUDITOR

The Board reviewed an Engagement Letter with Evans & Poulsen, Inc. to conduct the annual audit of the County. It was moved by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Christensen that Chairman Crane be authorized to sign the Engagement Letter with Evans & Poulsen P.A. and voting was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE TIME CLOCK

The Board discussed the current time clock procedures. The tenor of the discussion was for all employees in the Courthouse, Annex, Mini-Cassia Detention Center, and Sheriff's Office with accommodations for patrol and investigations, to be using the time clock with the exception of the County Road crew. The Department Heads were instructed to use the time clock and not use the time card. Failure to clock in or clock out will result in actions not favorable for the employee. It was moved and seconded to have the employees' clock in and out on the computer and not use the old time sheet, effective January 1, 2007 and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSIONERS

Mr. McMurray notified the Board that 2 of the Planning & Zoning Commissioners were on terms that would expire December 31, 2006. The Board authorized Mr. McMurray to proceed with published notice of the openings for the P&Z Commission and have applications submitted to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:35am 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 9:45am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board Authorized the County Attorney to negotiate a settlement with the individual concerned.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Assessor: Marty Holland reported they are busy doing the sub roll for property and just continuing to fulfill their normal duties and responsibilities.

Detention Center: Dennis Dexter reported there are currently 137 inmates with 38 from the State, 42 from Minidoka County, 38 from Cassia County, 11 from Jerome County, 4 from Twin Falls County, 1 from Gooding County and 2 from the Federal Government. 74 are pre-sentenced and 63 have been sentenced. There are 106 males and 31 females. The MCCJC is short 5 staff members and testing is being done today. They hope to have 3 candidates for polygraph testing on Wednesday.

Sheriff's Department: Captain Cary Bristol inquired if the Board had met the new employee, Eric Steenburg, and they did meet him last week.

Treasurer: Gayle Erekson reported that the County has received the levy for 2007 and now the tax drive can begin. The State was slow in getting the levy to the Counties which will cause a delay in receiving tax monies. The levies are lower because of the school M&O being taken over by the State. She reported the results of the tax deed auction were very good and that U.S. Auction Inc. did very well in conducting the auction. We received more money than past auctions and feel this is the best way to handle tax deed matters.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Higgins reported that having the County auction every 2 years will cause here difficulties in having storage for the County equipment that she uses. There are a lot of bicycles in the storage shed and we need to either have another storage shed or have the items turned over to U.S. Auction Inc. for them to sell for the County. She will try to reorganize the storage shed to get all of the County lawn and garden equipment stored. It was suggested that a public sale could be held at the Art Building because of weather issues related to the lateness of the season, should we proceed with a sale of surplus items.

Extension Office: Richard Garrard reported that all is going well with his office. They are getting ready for next years fair. The public comments will help to determine the success of the fair this year. They are moving a 4-H program into the alternative school to assist them with the kids that are enrolled. They are getting ready for the farm management classes that will start in November.

Weed Department: Gordon Edwards reported that farmers are challenged with getting thistle and knapweed under control, but with the cold weather things are starting to slow up. "Krovar" the chemical they are using to control weeds does not control puncture vine. They are finding puncture vine all the way out to Almo. He needs to work with the cities to get the weeds and puncture vine under control that are in the alleys of the cities. The weeds are widely spread by vehicles picking up the weeds and spreading them along the routes they drive.

County Administrator: Kerry McMurray reported that the P&Z moratorium expires in November and the P&Z will be busy in hearing the pending applications thereafter. There will be 2 openings on the P&Z Commission in December.

Clerk: Larry Mickelsen reported that he will be interviewing this week for a new indigent clerk. There have been 16 applicants and 6 have been selected for interview.

County Attorney: Al Barrus reported that all things in his office are going well. There are a lot of burglaries in the County now, and the Sheriff's office is doing good work to assist in stopping the car burglaries. There is a significant of juveniles incarcerated at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:45am 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 10:50am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board will proceed with having the past due weed control bills attached to the individuals tax bills.

CITY OF ROCKS

Wallace Keck met with the Board and presented a CIRO Draft GMP Schedule for Fiscal Years 2007, 2008 and 2009. He reviewed the history of the Comprehensive Management Plan during the past 20 years and the citizens of the County who have been involved. He informed the Board that he recommends Jay Black and Hannah North to be appointed to the planning board. They are local citizens who have an interest in the City of Rocks and the time to serve on the board. Wallace asked the Board to consider the names of 1 or 2 more citizens to be considered for appointment to the planning board. Chairman Crane traveled over the Birch Creek road and stated that it was not too bad. Wallace stated that the Emery Canyon road is unsafe in his opinion. He stated the attendance numbers of the public are up by 5,000 – 6,000 over last year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:15am 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 11:35am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board approved Case #206065. Signed Order of Dismissal for Case #206071. Signed Release of Lien for Cases #97134 and 98130. Denied Cases #206100, and 206101.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Mike Courtney reported that there are 2 new wildlife biologists. The Raft River bid notice will be in the paper soon for the November 14 bud for geothermal facility construction. He reported that the fire activity is over and the BLM will soon seed the Conner Creek fire area with grass seed.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Scott Nannenga reported that he met with the Twin Falls Highway District and they did accept the proposal from the U.S. Forest Service regarding the Magic Mountain parking area snow removal. The Forest Service will pay the Twin Falls Highway District \$5,000 per year to assist with the snow removal. They are receiving numerous inquiries regarding quarries for landscaping stone in the Albion area. The Forest Service will determine if the Albion stone will qualify as landscape stone prior to allowing the stone quarries to begin. He reported that the cattle were off of the ranges now and the Forest Service can now do some controlled burns. Scott reported that there are many changes in the power scene. There may be a direct current power line installed in a power corridor that will originate in Montana and come into the Sublett and the City of Rocks areas.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated October 23, 2006. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$119,903.61
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$4,370.50
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$2,033.22
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$1,004.55
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$5,771.00
JR COLLEGE TUITION FUND	113	\$650.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$33,926.10
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,252.87
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$1,780.08
	TOTAL	\$170,691.93

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, October 30, 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