

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#570

December 17, 2007

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Dennis Crane, Paul Christensen and Clay D. Handy, Board Members; Alfred E. Barrus, Prosecuting Attorney; Larry Mickelsen, Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for December 10, 2007 were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve and proceed with publication of an appropriate synopsis. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for December 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. An invoice from the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission for the annual membership fee of \$1,766.12. It was moved and seconded to approve payment of the fee and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.
2. Christmas Cards from IAC, South Central Community Action & Idaho State University
3. A copy of City of Burley Ordinance No. 1221 Re: Urban Renewal

MCCJC QUARTERLY REVIEW

The Board conducted the quarterly review of the MCCJC with the Board of Commissioners from Minidoka County. There were no deficiencies noted.

TAX ASSESSMENT MATTER

Gayle Erikson met with the Board to discuss an incorrect assessment of property taxes for Minidoka County School District #331, which serves the Jackson Area. The incorrect assessment was the result of a clerical error in Minidoka County which resulted in the 4 counties that are part of School District #331 receiving the wrong levy rate from Minidoka County. After discussion, the Board has requested that County Attorney Al Barrus speak with the State Tax Commission to determine the correct steps the county must take to legally resolve the issue.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE MATTERS

Sheriff Jim Higen met with the Board to review information on Grant Funds that was received in 2006, the grant funds totaled \$3,500. It was moved and seconded to amend the Civil Defense budget by the \$3,500 unanticipated revenue and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board. Randy Kidd met with the Board to discuss a bid from Bonanza Motors for a 2008 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4X4 for \$22,022 and receive \$3,000 for the trade-in of a 1998 Ford Explorer for the Investigations Department. It was moved and seconded to accept the bid from Bonanza Motors for the new vehicle and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

Cassia County Elections Deputy Donna Bush met with the Board for a Public Hearing to discuss the dispensation of surplus elections equipment. No comments on this matter were received from the public. After discussion it was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-12-1 to sell the listed equipment to Bingham County and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES

The Board reviewed a proposal for Public Defender Services from Clayne Zollinger to serve as the Cassia County Public Defender. The decision will be made based upon recommendations from the Public Defender Committee that meets at 8:00am on 12/19/07.

DISTRICT COURTROOM MATTER

The Board reviewed the estimate for a wireless podium for the District Courtroom. After review and discussion it was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of the wireless podium for \$1,542.19 and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

MINI-CASSIA COMMERCE AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed a request from the Mini-Cassia Commerce Authority Re: Term of Office for Commerce Authority Commissioners. The Board discussed the reappointment of Winston Inouye and Bill Parsons. It was moved and seconded to reappoint Winston Inouye to a 3 year term as a Board member and Bill Parsons to a 2 year term as the Member at Large and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Gordon Edwards met with the Board and the County Road & Bridge Department to discuss a major weed problem near the City of Rocks. The concern is for the safety of the hikers and users of the City of Rocks. Gordon recommends using a mower to keep the weeds under control. He also told the BoCC and the Road Board that the new Back Country By-Way roadway cannot be sprayed for a period of 1 year, so weed control will be the responsibility of the County Road Department through mowing the roadway. The Board's decision was to allow the Weed Department and the Road Board to meet with Wallace Keck regarding the weed control and make an informed decision.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE

The Cassia County Road & Bridge department met with the Board and presented their annual report. Sam Adams requested authorization to purchase another pup trailer, which would assist them by lowering fuel costs and make the road crew more efficient. The Board authorized the Road Board to research the cost and availability of a new or used pup trailer. The Board considered the reappointment of Carl Boden and Kent Durfee as members of the County Road & Bridge Board. It was moved and seconded to reappoint them as members of the Road & Bridge Board and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

The Road Board conducted elections and Tom Ottley was re-elected as Chairman, Steve Ward was re-elected as the Vice-Chairman and Kent Durfee was re-elected as the Secretary. The salaries of the Road Board were discussed because the Cassia County Road Board is lower than their peer group. Tom Ottley discussed the necessity of attending the State meetings and how attendance can be beneficial to the County.

Kerry McMurray discussed the mineral lease monies that were received by the County and the distribution of funds formula that was determined by the Board of Commissioners. A discussion regarding chip sealing of the roads was conducted.

P&Z COMMISSION MATTERS

The Board reviewed Certificates of Appreciation to Mark Darrington and Rod Lake for serving as members of the Planning & Zoning Commission. It was moved and seconded to sign and execute the certificates and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board. Upon review of applicants, the Board determined by unanimous vote to reappoint Joyce Ward and Bruce Beck, each to a three year term of service, beyond the two consecutive terms that they each have served. Burke Garner was appointed as a new member of the P&Z Board to a 3 year term. Renee Wells was appointed as a new member of the P&Z Board for a 1 year term to complete the term of Rod Lake.

The County Administrator, Kerry McMurray was authorized to review and edit the rules of procedure that apply to P&Z and to allow for meetings to take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month at or after 12:00pm.

VAN ENGELEN DRIVE ADDRESSING

The Board discussed the Van Engelen Drive addressing problems and the decision was to change them and bring them in line with the correct coordinates. This will enhance public safety in the area.

E-911 ISSUES

E-911 Coordinator Kent Searle met with the Board and discussed the known and existing E-911 problems that exist within the Mini-Cassia area. After discussion it was determined that despite the problems, the county is handling the 911 issues in a high quality, professional manner.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County’s Payables Approval Report dated December 17, 2007. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$13,587.49
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,038.20
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$5,519.88
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$21,225.42
JR COLLEGE TUITION FUND	113	\$3,850.00
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$175.41
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$3,817.14
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$2,894.52
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$1,078.51
	TOTAL	\$53,186.57

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:50pm it was proposed by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Christensen that the Board convenes 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 3:00pm. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Signed subpoena for Case #207007; Signed Notice of Lien for Cases #207128, 207129, and 207130; Signed Amended Assignment for 2 Cases; Denied Cases #207121, 207126, and 207128.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Friday, December 28, 2007.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY’S MEETING

Sven Berg, SIP; Mike Mitton, Lorin Durfee, Steve Ward, Doug Ward, Kent Durfee, Tom Ottley, and Sam Adams, County Road & Bridge Board; Gordon Edwards, County Weed Dept.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Larry A. Mickelsen

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman