

## COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#558

January 22, 2007

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, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

### PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The minutes for January 16, 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 January 2007.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed no correspondence:

### CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed nine Changes of Status forms. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### MINI-CASSIA VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICE

The Board discussed the contract with the Mini-Cassia Veteran's Service Officer. A motion was made and seconded to sign the new contract

### MIDDLE SNAKE REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE COMMISSION

The Board reviewed the Coordinated Water Resource Management Plan from the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission.

### MENTAL COMMITMENT

Al Barrus, Cassia County Prosecutor, presented the year end statistics for Cassia County Mental Health issues.

### HOMELAND SECURITY

Sheriff Higen met with the Board to discuss the Glock weapons and CCI ammunition being used by the Sheriff's Office.

He also discussed a random survey being circulated to the public regarding the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. A motion was made and seconded to approve the survey to be circulated.

The Sheriff also informed the Commissioner's of an upcoming regional Homeland Security meeting scheduled for February 15, 2007.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

**Public Defender:** Not present.

**Assessor:** Martel Holland reported on the Homeowner's exemption for property taxes. There was also discussion of the personal property tax.

**Detention Center:** Dennis reported on the inmate population. They are down on state occupants. They have recently lost some employees. Staff meeting will be held today.

**Sheriff's Department:** Sheriff Higen reported that two deputies are still on light duty and another one is pending. They will also be losing the civil clerk in the future.

**Treasurer:** Gayle Erekson discussed the taxes that have been collected in comparison to 2005 and 2006. She informed the Commissioners of the Lincoln Day banquet to be held on Friday, February 16, 2007 at Noon.

**Janitorial/Maintenance:** Sharon Higgins reported a clean bill of health from the yearly fire inspection.

**Extension Office:** Richard Garrard reported on the after school programs at the schools. He has spent a lot of time helping to certify farmers on pesticides. They are also having other trainings. He also reported that farmers have had an increase in income but have not been able to keep any more of it due to increased costs. The sale of milk in the State of Idaho is ¼ of the income in agricultural. According to the ag census of 2005 milk production has doubled.

**Weed Department:** Gordon Edwards reported on preparations for bio-control for Canadian Thistle. He also reported on herbicide use on set aside ground.

**County Administrator:** Kerry McMurray reported on new members of the Planning and Zoning Board. The mapping issues are progressing. Building permits are being issued. Audit letters have been sent out to Cafo's and additions to the county code are being updated and will be dispersed within the next two weeks.

**Clerk:** No issues.

**County Attorney:** No issues.

### **COUNTY EXPENDITURE**

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated January 19, 2007. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$6,471.41
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$116,067.10
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,745.13
FAIR EXHIBITS FUND	111	\$37,700.00
JR COLLEGE TUITION FUND	113	\$59,850.00
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$116.70
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$80,546.01
D.A.R.E. TRUST	137	\$1,537.00
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,017.86
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$880.08
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$305,931.29</b>

### **IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Marc Patten, J. Stephen Wing, and Hilary Simpson met with the Board to report on the Nutrient Management Regulations for the State of Idaho. There were several issues discussed. Liquid waste can not be applied when ground is frozen, but solid waste can. There are 62 facilities in the State that are required to be certified through the State as of July 1, 2006 due to the size of the operations. There was also discussion of organic dairies. There are penalties for those who have run off that gets into the ground water or surface water of the State. Some Nutrient Management Plans can be excluded from public disclosure.

### **FOREST SERVICE**

Scott Nannenga , U.S. Forest Service, met with the Board and announced that they have a new floor supervisor and she will be here next meeting. There will be some changes to the lower Rock Creek Canyon camp area. There have been some additional requests for new quarries in the Oakley area. The Forest Service has decided to renew grazing

permits in the Raft River Area. Due to lack of recent moisture, the snow pack is below normal at this time.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

A Notice of Appeal has been received on Permit #060502, Alliance Land & Livestock, LLC. The hearing will be held on Friday, February 23, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. A Motion was made and seconded to sign the Notice of Appeal. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

**SNOMOBILE ADVISORY BOARD**

The Board heard a request for a Letter of Support to be issued for the Snowmobile Advisory Board Grant Application. A motion was made and seconded to send a Letter of Support. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:50 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 11:55 a.m. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:56 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 12:10 p.m. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the Board approved Case #205122, #206075, #206129 and #206132; signed Notices of Lien on Case #206129 and #207006 and signed a Release of Lien on Case #206075.

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 29, 2007.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING**

Renee Wells, SIP

**ATTEST:**

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

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Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

**APPROVED:**

/s/Dennis D. Crane

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Dennis Crane, Chairman