

## COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#563

June 18, 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; Larry Mickelsen, Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

### PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for June 11, 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 June 2007.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. An invitation to attend the High Desert golf scramble on August 10.
2. Thank you notes from the Pollard and Carlson families.
3. The Herd District letter from Don Pickett.
4. An announcement of a "Food, Fit and Fun in the Park" program in the City of Burley North Park.

### MIKE SIMPSON'S LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

Linda Culver met with the Commissioners and introduced herself as Congressman Mike Simpson's local representative. She asked if there were any issues that the Board had that she could bring to Congressman's attention. Commissioner Christensen asked about Congressman Simpson's position regarding President Bush's proposed amnesty program. Discussion resulted in her better understanding the position of the Board of Commissioners. Clerk Mickelsen asked about the Congressman's position regarding PILT and Ms. Culver referred to a news release that proposed PILT to become an automatic entitlement to the counties as a part of the federal budget. Commissioner Christensen questioned the proposed ID and passport requirement. Commissioner Crane asked about health care for low income citizens and the impact on the indigent program. Commissioner Christensen discussed the Craig-Wyden monies that are expiring and stated that the replacement funding is critical to the operations of the affected counties. Ms. Culver gave the Board a copy of the "Weekly Washington Update" and requested the email addresses of the Board to send the update every week.

### IRRIGATION ISSUES/WEST NILE MOSQUITO UPDATE

The Board discussed the "Water Call" situation with County Agent Richard Garrard.

Richard presented the West Nile Mosquito update to the Board and informed the Board that there is a new test that can immediately detect the West Nile Virus in mosquitoes. The people can be tested to see if the virus in their blood, but with the lifespan of the virus, they could have been infected last year. New programs will enable the Board of Commissioners to declare a West Nile emergency area much easier.

Richard also discussed the cricket population in the county at this time, which to date is not serious, but may develop into a more serious situation within the next month or two.

Commissioner Christensen reported a Scotch Thistle infestation at 200 S. 350 W. and asked Richard to check into the seriousness of the Scotch Thistle problem throughout the County.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:55am 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)(a) 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 personnel matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 11:08am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board took the matters under advisement.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:09am 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 11:52am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board approved Case #207019; signed Stipulation of Time Limitations for Case #207025; signed Order of Reimbursement for Cases #207019 and 207024; presented Case #207060; Case #207018 was withdrawn. An appeal hearing was conducted and stipulated for enlarged time limitations for 45-60 days for additional facts to be researched regarding the financial status of the concerned party.

### **SNOWMOBILE ISSUE**

The Board reviewed a letter from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation informing the County of approved funding for the Snow Groomer Shed in the amount of \$31,550.40, grant number #GMV8-3-16-1. It was moved and seconded to sign the agreement form and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-06-2**

The Board reviewed Resolution No. 2007-06-2, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. It was moved and seconded to sign Resolution Number 2007-06-2 and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### **COUNTY AUCTION**

Clerk Mickelsen reported that the County Auction resulted in about \$400.00 received for excess County equipment. The cost to conduct the auction exceeded the amount received and Mickelsen questioned the value of the auctions. Discussion resulted in recommending the preparation of an annual list of the excess property items and having the property auctioned by U.S. Auction during one of their periodic auctions.

### **TREASURER'S OFFICE EQUIPMENT**

The Board reviewed the Xerox copier purchase/trade-in for the Treasurer's Office. In discussion with Dennis Petersen, to purchase was the best option. The Treasurer's Office would fund the monthly maintenance charge and the copier would be purchased with funding from the County equipment budget line. It was moved and seconded to have Chairman Crane sign the trade-in agreement and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board. It was moved and seconded to have Chairman Crane sign the purchase agreement with Xerox and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### **RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 25, 2007.

**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