

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#563

June 25, 2007

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

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for June 18, 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.

INSURANCE REVIEW

Kelly Bowen met with the Board to discuss the County insurance status. He reported on the discussion with the Gem Plan officials when they met with the Employee Benefits Committee. He presented a letter outlining the policies and procedures of the Gem Plan. The general consensus of the Employee Benefits Committee was to not enroll with the Gem Plan but to stay with MBA for the upcoming year. Kelly presented the "Group Experience" for the current year and reported that the County is doing very well thus far for the year. The history for this current year indicates that the increase will be from 3-8% for the next budget year. Some of the employees are concerned with the coverage of dependants. The Employee Benefits Committee feels that the wording of the contract needs to be changed to be compliant with the State of Idaho, and provide coverage for students and missionaries up to the age of 25. It was moved and seconded to sign the amendment to the contract and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for June 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A thank you card from the Curtis Hall family.
2. The County Application and Agreement for the Idaho HAVA Voting Systems Grant Program. It was moved and seconded to approve and sign the application and agreement for expenditure of \$18,000.00 of County funds to receive a \$90,000.00 grant from the State, and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30am 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)(b) 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 employee matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 9:48am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board scheduled the hearing for July 2, 2007, and if a continuance is filed, the hearing will be held at 11:00am on July 13, 2007.

CITY OF ROCKS BACK-COUNTRY BYWAY

The Board reviewed and discussed the City of Rocks Backcountry Byway – Stage 3. It was moved and seconded for the Board to sign and execute City of Rocks Backcountry Byway – Stage 3 and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:55am 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 10:15am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Denied Case # 207052 and 207055; signed Release of Lien for Cases #206077, 206116 and 206120; signed Notice of Lien for Case #207066.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed two (2) changes of status forms for the Adult Misdemeanor Probation Office. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Assessor: Marty Holland reported that he had an exemption list of properties owned by the LDS Church and some citizens in of the County. The list is for the Commissioners to review and approve.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

At 10:30am it was proposed and seconded to convene as the County Board of Equalization. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

It was proposed and seconded to approve the exemptions on the properties as proposed by the Assessor, Marty Holland. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board. Notices will be sent to the property owners.

At 10:35am it was proposed and seconded to return to regular session. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Assessor (cont.): The Assessor has received calls expressing concern by some citizens because of the increased assessed value of their properties. He discussed the IAC Scholarship bowling activity. It is scheduled for July 13, 2007 at 7:00pm.

Weed Department: Gordon Edwards reported that they are very involved in the control of Scotch Thistle and the reports are positive. There is a problem with an organic farm and there is an excessive amount of weeds on the property. The Department of Agriculture does not exempt organic farms from weed control, but instructs the owners to control their weed problems. He stated that the Jackson area is one of the big problem areas for noxious weeds. He explained the problems that exist for many years when the weeds "go to seed," because of the years that the seeds lie dormant prior to germination. Gordon reported that a tour with the USFS, BLM and the Weed Department will be scheduled during the year to inspect the weed control issues within the County.

Clerk: Larry Mickelsen reported that the Department Heads will receive a date and time for them to present their department budgets to the Board of Commissioners during the month of July.

MCCJC ISSUE

The Board reviewed an Application for Credit and Guaranty from Interstate Brands Companies (IBC) for the MCCJC to be in compliance with the Sarbanes/Oxley act and for the MCCJC to be tax exempt for products provided by IBC. It was moved and seconded for Chairman Crane to sign the application and to be attested to by Clerk Mickelsen and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES

The Board approved the following applications for Beer, Wine and/or Liquor Licenses:

<u>County #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Doing Business As</u>
Temporary - State #2742	James Crosland/Sport Shop	Southern Idaho Bros

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated June 22, 2007. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$5,173.78
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$4,150.00
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,510.59
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$351.56
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$2,181.83
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$18,565.83
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$2,093.44
	TOTAL	\$34,027.03

BLM

Ken Miller reported that there will be fire restrictions imposed because it is very dry on the BLM lands. There are about 16,000 acres of land that has burned in Cow Canyon, with about 10,000 acres of it being BLM land and the fire is now contained. There have been other small fires in Cassia County but they have all been controlled. 4 parcels of geothermal rights near Raft River were sold, 3 of them to a company from Colorado and 1 to some of the employees of U.S. Geothermal. They sold the rights to the geothermal heat and not the actual property or any mineral rights. Horse adoption was conducted this past week end and there were 32 horses of varying age and type adopted. He visited with the Snake River Recreation group regarding maintenance and care of the road and trail signs. The BLM is still working with permittees for grazing and use of BLM properties.

USFS

Scott Nannenga reported that he was prepared to visit the Black Pine Site with the Board. He reported that there was a small fire last Saturday that burned about 60 acres and they were able to contain in on Sunday. He discussed various proposals related to fish and game. He said the camp grounds at Lake Cleveland were open, even though there is still snow on the ground. They are about completed with the travel planning guide and will probably implement it next year. The USFS is in the process of inventorying the roads/trails in the forests and will close many of the roads to public access. Those that meet certain criteria will remain open for public use. They will try to complete the inventory to have it included in the travel planning guide. Scott presented a possible trespass report on USFS property located known as the Elba Corrals Project. There is a private dwelling partially on the National Forest property and the Forest Service corrals are located partially on the Ward property.

BLACK PINE SITE VISITATION

The Board visited the Black Pine reclamation site. They were pleased with the progress that has been accomplished with the project at this time.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 2, 2007.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Sven Berg, SIP; Cara Petterson, Auditor's Office;

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman