

## COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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October 1, 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 September 24, 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 October 2007.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from NACo Re: 8<sup>th</sup> annual Energy Star campaign
2. An email from Scott Nannenga Re: funds to treat 140 acres of weeds and monitor 380 acres for weeds as part of the Burned Emergency Area Rehab.
3. A notice of Idaho Rural Partnership conducting a Leadership Training Series in various locations throughout the State
4. An announcement of the 2007 Division IV SWCD meeting on November 6, 2007 in Fairfield, ID

### 911 & CASSIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Jim Higen and 911 Coordinator Kent Searle met with the Board and discussed the competitive bidding process they employ for their areas of responsibility. The discussion centered on Homeland Security Grants and the possibility of the county operating on 700Mhz equipment as opposed to the 450Mhz currently employed and the appearance that the competitive bidding process is not legal. The Board also discussed the first responder (ambulance) responsibilities of the Cassia Regional Medical Center and the Minidoka County Memorial Hospital and the areas that they will cover. They discussed the quick response units (QRU) of the county.

### COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE BUDGET AMENDMENT

The Board opened the County Road & Bridge budget to increase budget line 707-02-081 from \$50,000 to \$153,000 to allow the expenditure of \$103,000.00 of unanticipated revenue, for the purchase of a motor grader. The County Commissioners have determined that it would be in the best interest of the County to purchase rather than lease a grader. Therefore the County will loan funds to the Road and Bridge Department to purchase the motor grader, which will be repaid to the County with an interest rate of 5.25%. After review of the amendment, a motion was made and seconded by the Board to amend the Budget as listed above. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

The Board reviewed the Public Defender's Office request for the Westlaw legal software application, which will cost \$201 per month. The decision was to hold the payment of the Westlaw for the Public Defenders office to see if it could combined with the prosecutors office for a cost savings.

### GUARDIAN AD-LITEM AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed the Guardian Ad-Litem annually renewable contract with the Steven A. Tuft law office for the cost of \$500.00 per month. Upon completion of review, it was moved and seconded to approve and execute the contract and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

**CHANGE OF STATUS**

The Board reviewed 3 (three) change of status forms, 1 for the County Administrative Office and 2 for the Cassia County Prosecutor's Office. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:18am 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 10:30am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board denied Case #207098; approved Cases #207055 and 207092; signed notice of continuance of hearing for Case #207070; signed Stipulation for Time Limitations for Cases #207061 and 207067; signed Release of Indigent Lien for Cases #207013 and 207056; signed Notice of Lien for Cases #207103, 207104, 207105, 207106, 207107, and 207109.

**COUNTY EMPLOYEE PROCEDURES**

Kerry McMurray and Al Barrus led a discussion regarding potential changes in the Employee Grievance Procedures. The change would be for the Department Head/Elected Official to conduct a "name clearing" hearing with employees. The conclusions of the Board were that this type of hearing could be positive move, as long as it would not result in increased liability.

**RECESS**

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