

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#568

October 30, 2007

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

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for October 22, 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 & November 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. The Board reviewed letters sent to Representatives Carolyn Maloney, Christopher Shays, Nick Rahall, Don Young, Mike Simpson, and Bill Sali, Re: Opposition to the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act. Upon completion of the review, it was moved and seconded to sign the letters and send them to the respective members of the House of Representatives in Washington D.C. and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

2. A letter from the Region IV Development Re: the 1st Request for Membership Dues of \$2,844.00. It was moved and seconded to approve payment of the membership dues and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

3. An email from Nancy Wisch of Minerals Management Services informing the BoCC of a payment of \$253,743.00 for a new geothermal lease. It was moved and seconded to credit the Building Fund Budget with the unanticipated revenue and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

4. The Board reviewed the Sales Order Agreement with ES&S for new voting equipment. Upon completion of review it was moved and seconded for Chairman Crane to sign the \$65,000 agreement and send them to the Secretary of States Office, and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

5. The Board reviewed rental contracts with Xerox for 2 Copiers for the MCCJC. It was moved and seconded to sign and approve the contracts and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

SOUTHERN IDAHO TOURISM

Debbie Dane met with the Board and reported on their events of the past year. They have developed a strategic plan for the business of their organization, Southern Idaho Tourism (SIT). She discussed the marketing of the State of Idaho and the research they have conducted regarding tourism. The research indicated that 94% of the visitors come here for recreation, and that trend continues to grow. Some visitors are searching for opportunities to move to the State to benefit their businesses and to enjoy the quality of life that is available here. She remarked on the central location of Burley as a positive attraction for groups to conduct meetings here. They conduct the training of employees on being positive and knowledgeable about the area and to be very hospitable to the visitors in the area. The leaders of the SIT met with the Jerome BoCC yesterday and discussed the North Rim Park that has been developed. She remarked about the road conditions when traveling to the City of Rocks. She was invited to the meeting with the BoCC and the ITD when another proposal is made to change the Elba/Almo Road to a State highway.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:40am 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 9:54am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Signed Release of Lien for Case #207043; Signed an Assignment for 1 case; Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #207106; Signed 1 Subordination Agreement; Approved Cases #207106 and 207110; Denied Cases # 207100, 207101, 207102, 207104, 207105, 207106, 207112, and 207117.

MCCJC INMATE CONCERNS

The Board reviewed a letter to the MCCJC regarding inmate concerns. Upon completion of discussion and review, it was moved and seconded to sign and execute the letter and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

ITD ISSUE

The Board reviewed a letter to the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Re: Use of funds to chip seal some roads. After review and discussion, it was moved and seconded to sign and execute the letter and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

WEED DEPARTMENT VEHICLE REQUEST

The Board reviewed the request for a new vehicle for the Weed Department because the vehicle approved last week was sold. After review of the proposal from Bonanza Motors for a 2007 Dodge 3500 series 4X4, with no trade in, it was moved and seconded to approve the purchase on the "State bid" contract and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

MEETING WITH DISTRICT LEGISLATORS

Clerk Mickelsen has spoken with Senator Darrington and Representative Woods and has proposed a meeting with them and Representative Bedke and all of the County Elected Officials in December. After discussion, it was proposed to schedule the meeting for December 3, 2007 at Morey's Steakhouse. Clerk Mickelsen will make coordination and inform all of the parties.

JOINT MEETING WITH BOX ELDER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00am the Board departed for a joint meeting with the Box Elder County Board of Commissioners at Clear Creek, in Box Elder County, Utah to discuss road issues, GPS and telephone issues.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed one (1) change of status form for the MCCJC. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 5, 2007.

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Dennis Crane, Chairman