

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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September 24, 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 of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for September 10, 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 September 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was not correspondence.

EXTENSION OFFICE MATTERS

The Board met with Grace Wittman, County Extension Educator, who introduced Veronica Gilbert as the Coordinator for the After School program at White Pine School.

ESRI INC.

The Board reviewed a Maintenance Agreement with ESRI, Inc. for the mapping Department. A motion was made and seconded to sign the agreement and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:20 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 hold indigent hearings. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 10:10 a.m. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board continued the hearing on Case No. 207057 pending receipt of more information from the applicant.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed one change of status form from the Assessor's office. It was moved and seconded to approve the change of status and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Assessor: Not present

Detention Center: Sheriff Higen reported that there were 180 residents in the facility to date. He also reported that there was discussion of possible contracts between the State and counties to house inmates instead of sending them out of State.

Sheriff' Department: The Sheriff reported that he has one officer graduating from P.O.S.T. on Friday. He also reported that each emergency response team and the fire department have been issued supplies and equipment to be used in the case of possible disasters. He also reported that his office had received monies from a drug related case.

Treasurer: Not present

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Higen reported that the water fountain on the main floor has quit completely and ask the commissioners whether they wanted it replaced or removed. The Commission determined that it should be removed.

Extension Office: Richard Garrard reported that he had purchased a computer for the

Extension Office with his personal credit card and had been charged tax. The credit card company agreed to remove the tax if they received a letter from the county regarding the matter. The County Administrator prepared the letter, and the Commissioners signed it.

Weed Department: Gordon Edwards reported that the BLM and other agencies are working closely with him to see that noxious weeds are kept under control. There are several different strains that are very hard to control and spread easily.

County Administrator: The Commission deemed it unnecessary to question the outstanding performance of the Administrative Office and its functioning. Therefore, no questions were posed to the County Administrator in these regards.

Clerk: Cara Petterson, Chief Deputy reported that the Auditor's office is preparing for the outside auditor.

Prosecuting Attorney: Based upon generally well known and understood evidence the Prosecuting Attorney's office is doing very, very well. Based upon that knowledge and understanding, no queries were leveled at the Prosecutor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:30 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)(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 10:45 a.m. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the matter was taken under advisement.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The Board reviewed budget amendments for the following:

Coroner	\$10.00
Indigent	\$190,000.00
Public Defender	\$28,000.00

After review of the amendments, a motion was made and seconded by the Board to amend the Budget as listed above. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

WHITE CLOUD COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Joe Shelton, Anisha Cenarrusa and Greg Newberry of White Cloud Communications met with the Board and discussed issues regarding bids for communication systems.

MCCJC MATTERS

The Board reviewed the Taser Policy for use in the MCCJC. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Taser Policy and Roll call was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated September 21, 2007. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Roll call was unanimous by the Board.

DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,287.11
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$95.58
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$798.31
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$689.50
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$353.30
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$23,267.28
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$616.24

TOTAL \$31,129.57

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:30 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 11:45 a.m. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board approved Case Nos. 207086, 207075 and 207085, denied Case Nos. 207078, 207079 and 207082, presented Case Nos. 207098 and 207092. The Board also signed Orders of Reimbursement for Case Nos. 207075, 207085 and 207086; Notices of Lien for Case Nos. 207095, 207098, 207098, 207099, 207100, 207101 and 207102; and Releases of Lien for Case Nos. 201046, 203009, 203109, 206126, 207008, and 207025

MINI-CASSIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

The Board reviewed the job description for the Staff Sergeant position at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center. A motion was made and seconded to approve the job description and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Scott Nannenga met with the Board and discussed the fire season and the impact weed growth will have on the Black Pine fire area and other areas in the county. He also announced the retirement of Jim Sheridan and invited the Commissioners to attend his retirement party at Pomerelle.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed one change of status form from the Fair Board. It was moved and seconded to approve the change of status and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

FAIR BOARD MATTERS

The Board reviewed a proposed RV parking at the Fairgrounds. The cost will be \$31,267.00, including fencing. The Board determined that fencing was not necessary. It was determined to approve expenditure from the 2006-2007 fiscal budget, from the County General Fund Contingency fund in the amount of not to exceed \$24,000 to fund this construction contract. This construction project will span this budget year and next, and thus it is anticipated that under Idaho Code §31-1609 the appropriation will not lapse at the close of FY2007. Additionally, this funding will be repaid to the County General Fund by the Fair Board, with interest. A motion was made and seconded to approve the RV parking project and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Terms of appointment to the Fair Board were also discussed. The terms of Ted Higley, Brice Beck and Paul Marchant end September 30, 2007. Ted Higley, Brice Beck and Paul Marchant were each reappointed to serve another four year term.

COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE

The Board reviewed the current lease agreement for its Road Grader. It was determined that the lease-purchase agreement was properly let based upon a "piggy-back" on a GSA grader bid. Motion was made and seconded that the County would purchase the grader outright from Wells Fargo for the remaining balance on the lease-purchase in the amount of \$103,000 and the Road and Bridge Department would then repay the County on contract for the total purchase price plus 5.25% interest.

NACo SURVEY

The Board received the 2007 Operations Survey from the National Association of Counties. The Board referred the survey to Larry Mickelsen to oversee completion.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Board reviewed the Holiday Schedule for 2008. A motion was made and seconded to approve the schedule. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, October 1, 2007.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Sven Berg, SIP.

ATTEST:

/s/ Larry A. Mickelsen

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Dennis Crane, Chairman