

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#580

December 22, 2008

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Dennis Crane, Paul Christensen and Clay D. 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 December 15, 2008 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 December 2008.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A Public Hearing was held to amend the Agriculture Extension Office Budget, by \$18,000 to the Automobile Expenditure line for a total of \$18,500, and for the authority to expend \$18,000 of unanticipated revenue for a vehicle (pickup) for the Extension Office. This will not be a financial burden on the taxpayers, as no tax revenue will be expended.

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.

WIDOWS BENEFIT

County Treasurer met with the Board and presented a request from a widow, Elaine S. Gordon, for assistance from the Widows Benefit Fund of \$452.24 for property tax relief. It was moved and seconded to approve the request and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:21am 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, the Board returned to regular session at 9:46am.

Following Executive Session the Board Approved Cases # 208133 and 208142 for a cremation and the case will be written off to close out the file, ;Signed Notice of Lien for Case # 208144; Signed Release of Lien for Cases # 206127, 208143, and 208145; Signed Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Decision for Case # 208098; Signed 5 Cases for Assignment to the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program; Signed Assignment to Collections for Cases # 203021 and 207110; Presented Case # 208133, 208136, 208137, and 208143; Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case # 208133; Denied Cases # 208132 and 208136.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT

City of Burley Mayor Jon Anderson returned a signed copy of the City/County Law Enforcement Contract. Upon review it was determined that the version returned was not the most current version from January 2009 through September 2010. The County Administrator will contact the City with the correct version to have it signed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from Sheriff Jim Higen, RE: Cassia County Emergency Services Coordinator where he resigns from the position and suggests that Sheriff Elect Randy Kidd assume the duties.
2. Cards and letters from Rob Neiwerth, Sara Haynes, Cara Petterson, Amy Kramer, Viki Osterhout and Wendy Marr thanking them for the gift certificates.
3. Christmas Cards from Governor Otter, Congressman Simpson, IAC Staff, and Zion's Bank

4. An invitation to the Open House for Sheriff Jim Higen on December 29, 2008;

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Assessor: Marty Holland reported that his employees are grateful for the gift cards. They have also been fairly busy with the tax questions. Dan Rorris will resign on January 31, 2009. The staff is working on getting all things straight and in proper order. Their plan is for Whisper Mountain Inc. to assist with the property splits. They might require some part time assistance to help with the mapping. Other positions will need to be filled as employees retire and he feels that he has sufficient budget to take care of these matters.

Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Jim Higen presented a copy of the 2007 SHSP Grant to be signed because they have misplaced the original contract that was signed. He also presented the 2009 EMPG Grant for \$17,557.75 to be matched by the County. The budget amendment process will be followed to properly incorporate the grant monies into the Sheriff's budget. He reported that the Homeland Security Department denied their request for a new fingerprint machine. The Sheriff's Office is working with another individual in Homeland Security who may get the funding request to use the FY2006 funds approved because the MCCJC is a 2 county facility and should qualify for assistance.

Sheriff-Elect Randy Kidd reported that the mapping and E-911 effort is going very well and Todd Quast is doing so well that BullBerry is having difficulty keeping up with him.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Higgins reported that they are very busy with the snow removal and they start about 4:00am – 4:30am. Expressed thanks for the gift certificates. Said that everything is going just fine.

County Administrator: Kerry McMurray reported that things are going well and they are very busy, especially with the mapping effort. Their contract with Whisper Mountain will be reviewed by the Board to ensure it meets the needs of the county.

Clerk: Larry Mickelsen expressed thanks from his staff for the gift cards, and said that all is going normal and well with his departments.

Prosecuting Attorney: Al Barrus reported that this was a good week because some long-term residents were transported to the State Penitentiary. He will discuss the Friday Misdemeanor meeting with the MCCJC and the City of Burley to facilitate taking care of the long term detention for Misdemeanors.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed 2 changes of status forms for the Sheriff's Office. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM CONTRACT

The Board reviewed the Steve Tuft contract for representing Guardian Ad Litem cases. After review, it was decided that County Attorney Al Barrus will discuss the matters with Steve Tuft and the contract may be revised to accommodate the matters.

MID-SNAKE REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE COMMISSION

The Board gave consideration of the ballot for re-appointment to the Mid-Snake Regional water Resource Commission. It was moved and seconded to reappoint the 3 members of the Commission, Don Murray, Vice Chair, Minidoka County, Noel Bowcutt, Cassia County and Wendell Johnson, Lincoln County, and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

MINI-CASSIA VETERAN'S FUNDING REQUEST

The Board discussed the Mini-Cassia Veteran's Organization request for funding, \$1,500 that was originally approved on June 16, 2008. but was never paid. It was moved and seconded to approve payment of the \$1,500 from the Contingency Fund and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY BUILDING MATTERS

Kerry McMurray presented a proposal for a 36” Horton 7000 RHOS push place door opener with all associated equipment, costing \$2,270. There will be additional cost for associated electrical work, which will be about \$300.00. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase and installation of the equipment and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Mr. McMurray also discussed staff issues with the pending retirement of Sharon Higgins and the potential changes with the Maintenance staff.

WIND ANEMOMETERS

The Board reviewed questions proposed by a potential user and the associated costs with having the anemometers installed on his property. The Board requested that Mr. McMurray prepare a letter to the individual and respond to his questions.

STATE SURPLUS PROPERTY

Kerry McMurray presented the forms from the State of Idaho, Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, for the Board to sign that will enable the County to purchase property from the Idaho Bureau of Federal Surplus Property. It was moved and seconded to sign the forms to authorize purchase of surplus property and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE ANNUAL REPORT & DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Was cancelled because of inclement weather and will be rescheduled for January 2009.

COMMUNITY ACTION SUPPORT CENTER

William Aldrich met with the Board and reported on the funding for the Community Support Center. He discussed options for consideration to raise funds for their operations. He discussed the Community Based programs that they conduct. He read a prepared statement regarding the severe mental health problems they work with and the problems that will arise if they are not able to continue to work with these problems. He is requesting and “hand up” not a “hand out.” He gave packets to the Board that explained their operations and a CD for their information. He will review the status with their accountant and board to see what is needed to be considered a non-profit organization to become tax exempt. The Board took the matters under consideration to take a look to see if anything could be done to assist them.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County’s Payables Approval Report dated 12/22/2008. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$8,658.38
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$5,650.00
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$467.05
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$456.49
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$25,462.78
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$924.12
	TOTAL	\$41,618.82

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 5, 2009.

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman