

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#572

February 19, 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 February 11, 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 February 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Notice of the Welfare Conference in April at Post Falls
2. Notice of the 2008 IASCD Division IV Spring Meeting in March at Shoshone
3. State of Idaho Petition of Rulemaking, National Forest Inventoried Roadless Area Management
4. National FFA Organization, Burley FFA, Re: FFA Week during the week of the 18th of February
5. The Howell Canyon Snow Removal report from the Burley Highway District for January 2008

SIEC DEVELOPMENTS

Anisha Cenarussa and Greg Newberry met with the Board to discuss SIEC developments and to present information. He informed the Board of the Pisa grant monies that have been distributed throughout the State, but none was received in the Magic Valley area. P-25, narrow band communications equipment, must be purchased when using State monies. For Federal monies there are no specific requirements for P-25 or 700 MHz communications equipment. They recommend that a county plan be developed, using narrow band communications equipment, to enable the county to apply for and receive SIEC grants. The plan developed by SIRCOMM would suffice as the county plan to apply for and receive grant monies. Ms. Cenarussa attended a seminar last week regarding P-25 communications equipment and will send information regarding the equipment to the County Administrator and to Sheriff Higen.

Sheriff Higen discussed the Interoperable Emergency Communications Plan that he and Kent Searle developed. All communications equipment for the plan will be paid for with grant money from Homeland Security. After review of the communications plan, it was moved by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Chairman Crane to approve and sign the plan and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Sheriff Higen also discussed a Subgrant Application for \$773.27 from Homeland Security for attendance at Homeland Security training. It was moved and seconded to approve and sign the application for assistance and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

911 Coordinator Kent Searle discussed his concerns with the proposed 700MHz change and the cost that the county could incur with a change to the new equipment. He also discussed the mapping and GIS issues that are of concern to the County.

COURT SECURITY MATTERS

Sheriff Jim Higen met with the Board to discuss Court Security Matters. He met with the Bailiffs and Judge Crabtree to determine how security can be increased. He stated that with the physical structure of the Courthouse, increased security will be extremely difficult. He discussed improvements that could be made to increase the security of the Courthouse.

Sheriff Higen discussed the responsibilities of the Bailiff, which are administrative and not law enforcement. It was moved and seconded to have Mr. McMurray and Sheriff Higen investigate the cost and all associated matters to have a new Bailiff/Court Marshall and to implement security measures in the holding room near the District Court and roll vote was unanimous by the Board.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

At 10:12am 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 deny the Home Owners exemptions on the following parcels: (See Attached List). Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board. Notices will be sent to the property owners.

At 10:16am it was proposed and seconded to return to regular session. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:17am 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 11:13am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Signed Stipulation for Time Limitations for Case #207117; Signed Notice of Continuance of Hearing for Cases #207096 and 207121; Signed Notice of Lien for Cases #207014, 208017, and 208018; Took Cases # 207112 and 207117 under advisement.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Nathan Hill of Univar USA Inc. met with the Board to discuss mosquito control throughout the County. He discussed the environment and the “standing waters” that contribute to the mosquito infestations. He reported that the cost is not excessive for mosquito control and that Idaho has a high rate of West Nile virus. He stated that controlling the mosquitoes in the larva stage is the most effective method. Univar would provide the equipment, the control products and the training. The Board recommended that Nathan visit with Gordon Edwards and the Health District, to look at all options and for them to make a recommendation to the Board.

JUNKYARD FENCING MATTERS

Cassia County Compliance Officer, Melissa Price met with the Board to discuss junkyard fencing matters. She presented pictures of the Auto Wrex Junkyard that showed the fences they have installed and asked the Board if they were sufficient. Doug Abenroth, Deputy County Attorney read from the County Ordinance that are related to fencing and the standards that have been established for junkyards. The Board have the authority to approve the fences prior to construction, and the types of fencing used will vary, dependant upon location. If the fences are not maintained, the property owners are not in compliance.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE MATTERS

Mr. McMurray discussed problems in the City of Rocks related to heavy trucks getting

stuck. The roads near and in the City of Rocks are not maintained during the winter and passage is not always available. It was moved and seconded to have a seasonal closure at the "Y" in the road for the City of Rocks and the Twin Sisters, and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:02pm 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)(f) 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 pending litigation. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 12:10pm. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board took the matter under advisement.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated 2/15/2008. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

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| CURRENT EXPENSES | 104 | \$17,936.15 |
| INDIGENT FUND | 105 | \$230.00 |
| DISTRICT COURT FUND | 106 | \$3,971.00 |
| COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND | 107 | \$69,464.37 |
| JR COLLEGE TUITION FUND | 113 | \$2,050.00 |
| 911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND | 115 | \$289.25 |
| COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND | 118 | \$2,543.59 |
| JUSTICE FUND | 130 | \$41,601.05 |
| PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND | 144 | \$902.85 |
| ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION | 149 | \$395.63 |
| | TOTAL | \$139,383.89 |

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 25, 2008.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Sven Berg, SIP; Kelly Simon;

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Dennis Crane, Chairman