

## COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#572

February 25, 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, Wendy L. Marr, Deputy Clerk and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

### PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for February 19, 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/March 2008.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A thank you card from Loyal Egbert
2. An email invitation to the National Park Service presentation on National Heritage Areas on March 27, 2008
3. A letter from a citizen of the Jackson Area regarding junk mail

### JUNKYARD MATTERS

Melissa Price presented a proposal from Hoffbuhr Excavating Co. for clean up of the Cole junkyards, which included various hourly rates for different functions and equipment, as well as a onetime mobilization payment of \$750.00. This property cleanup is under a stipulated settlement order of the District Court, and has specific provisions that are spelled out in the Court Order. Concern was raised about the number of residential buildings located on the site and if permits, inspections and certificates had been appropriately obtained. Information provided by the building department indicates that there have been no inspections made and a certificate of occupancy has not been issued. It appears that the property is out of compliance. Commissioner Crane suggested that the County proceed with cleanup. Dee Yeaman also discussed building codes and requirements for occupancy. Al Barrus discussed property being split to reflect four separate parcel numbers as well as a possible well use agreement, and offered advice on where to make contact to separate the property out. It was moved and seconded to authorize the Hoffbuhr Excavating proposal and to direct that the County proceed with the clean up, and after discussion, roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### EMPLOYEE INSURANCY

Kelly Bowen presented employee insurance updates to the Board. The County Rx Card was discussed as an addition to the current benefits.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

**Assessor:** Marty Holland reported on the geothermal bill and other legislative issues. He also discussed that they were busy with circuit breakers and personal property issues. Al Barrus informed Marty that he directed the Coles to the Assessors Office.

**Detention Center:** Dennis Dexter reported; 158 inmates, with 42 Minidoka, 47 Cassia, 54 State, 6 US Marshall, 12 other agency, 2 INS., 131 are felons, 27 misdemeanors. On March 18, 2008, 3 detention officers will attend Post.

**Sheriff' Department:** Jim Higen reported on the meeting with the City regarding law enforcement. Sheriff Higen discussed issues regarding the potential for possible flooding throughout the area as the snow melts and the availability of sand bags if needed. Also discussed were law enforcement calls to the Jackson area.

**Treasurer:** Gayle Erickson reported a new hire and Sharon Smith will have a retirement party on Friday, February 29, 2008. The Board discussed employing a collection agency to collect on delinquent jail stay accounts.

**Janitorial/Maintenance:** Sharon Higgins reported things are going okay and will order the spring flowers in March.

**Weed Department:** Gordon Edwards reported they will have federal funding. However, he is trying to find a way to fund weed control. Twin Falls will share information with Cassia County regarding mosquito abatement.

**Prosecutor's Office/Clerk's Office/County Administrative Office:** The time for departmental reports being substantially overspent, the Board, in its wisdom and determination to operate effectively and efficiently, determined to work on through its agenda without benefit of reporting from these offices. Though saddened, disappointed, and a little disheartened, the Prosecutor, Clerk and Administrator each silently vowed to trudge onward in pursuit of serving the public interest.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:37 am 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 10:41 am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board took the matters under advisement.

#### **FIRE DISTRICTS**

Kent Searle discussed fire, EMS and taxing district mapping issues in the Jackson area, Albion, Oakley and the City of Burley

#### **PUBLIC HEARING: TAX LEVY CORRECTION**

Hearing was held as provided for in Idaho Code. No public in attendance. Hearing recorded as Tax Levy Correction. The Board determined to send corrected levies to the affected taxpayers.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:11am 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 11:24am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Denied Case #208002; Approved Case #207079, 207006 and 208017; Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #207079, 208017, and 207006; Signed Notice of Lien for Case #208019, 208020, 208021, 208022 and 208023; Signed Release of Lien for Case #205049.

#### **REVIEW INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT**

The Board reviewed Revision 1 of the Independent Contractor Agreement for Whisper Mountain Professional Services. After review it was moved and seconded to approve the agreement and roll call vote was unanimous. The Board also approved Cache Landmark's proposal to perform 911 mapping for approximately 150 residences in Cassia County for a total cost not to exceed \$5,500.00.

#### **USFS**

Scott Nannenga reported on the recreation access fees and the confusion they are causing.

He also discussed the Big Horn Sheep habitation areas.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:44am 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 12:pm. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board discussed the employee salaries with the responsible Department Head and will discuss compensatory time issues with other affected departments.

**COUNTY EXPENDITURE**

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated February 25, 2008. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$4,565.12
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$4,165.00
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,708.34
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$837.05
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$348.23
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$7,149.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,772.74</b>

**CHANGE OF STATUS**

The Board reviewed one change of status form for the Treasurer's Office. 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, March 3, 2008.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

/s/Dennis D. Crane

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Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

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Dennis Crane, Chairman