

## COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#571

January 7, 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 28, 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 January 2008.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from the Idaho Community Foundation with an enclosed check for \$2,000 as a grant from the King's Stores Fund to be used for the Bookmobile.
2. A letter from the State of Idaho Department of Water Resources Re: Certificate of Appointment for Eugene Matthews as Commissioner of Division 2 of Flood Control District 16.
3. A letter from the Dept of Homeland Security Re: Emergency Mgmt Program Grant.

### JACKSON AREA E911 CONCERNS

Some of the citizens from the Jackson area met with the Board to express their concerns regarding safety related to E911 calls. (Recorded as Jackson Safety Issues) The Commissioners took the matter under advisement.

### ELECTION PRECINCTS

Cassia County Elections Deputy Donna Bush met with the Board and discussed the election precinct boundaries for the 2008 Primary and General Elections. She reported that the precinct boundaries have not changed since the last election conducted in Cassia County and should not be changed for the upcoming 2008 elections. It was moved and seconded to keep the same Election Precincts for the 2008 elections and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### EXTENSION OFFICE

Grace Whitman and Veronica Gilbert met with the Board to discuss the annual Report to the BoCC for 2007. Grace discussed the FCS/4H Afterschool Programming that was conducted during 2007. She also mentioned some of the programs that will be conducted 2008. Grace discussed the Extension Nutrition Program (ENP) for the youth programs. Veronica discussed the White Pine 4-H Afterschool Program and how it benefits the youth. They also presented a copy of the bimonthly newsletter and informed the BoCC that the newsletter will be sent to the BoCC as it is published. Grace reported that 70% of the students in Cassia County qualify for the reduced or free lunch program.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:47am 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 11:00am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Signed Findings of Fact for Cases #207070, 207077, 207088, and 207089; Signed Notice of Lien for Case #208002.

### **BIG HORN SHEEP MATTERS**

Don Pickett met with the Board to discuss the relocation of the Big Horn Sheep from the South Hills to a more remote location where the Big Horn Sheep would not be grazing near any domestic sheep. He discussed the December 12, 2007 letter from Western Watersheds Inc requesting information as to how the domestic sheep will not be grazing near Big Horn Sheep. He explained that there is no scientific information proving that Big Horn Sheep catch any viruses from domestic sheep. He stated that all Big Horn Sheep losses can be attributed to predators, such as Mountain Lions. He requested that the Board develop a resolution in support of the local sheepmen. Don indicated that the Governor's office is being approached regarding the sheep grazing and apparently agrees with the domestic sheepmen. The Board discussed sending a county resolution to the Governor, with copies to the Fish & Game, recommending that the Big Horn Sheep be relocated to areas West of the Jim Sage Big Horn Sheep area in eastern Cassia County. It was moved and seconded to develop a resolution in favor of the relocation of the Big Horn Sheep and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### **RESOLUTION 2008-01-1**

The Board reviewed Resolution 2008-01-1-Joint Resolution Re: Adoption of Planning & Zoning Commission Rules of Procedure. After review and discussion, it was moved and seconded to adopt and execute Resolution 2008-01-1 and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### **HOWELL CANYON ESTATES**

The Board reviewed the Howell Canyon Estates Subdivision final plan. Upon completion of review it was moved and seconded to approve the final plan and have it executed by signature of the Chairman of the Board and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### **PROPERTY TAX ISSUE**

The Board reviewed the property tax problem caused by the Minidoka County property values. The total tax will be about \$1,800 with varying portions to the different taxing districts in the County. After discussion and review, it was moved and seconded to have the County Treasurer send out the tax notices to the affected citizens and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:35am 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 11:53am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board took the matter under advisement.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:53am 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)(b) 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 employee matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 12:07am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board will have Kerry McMurray send a letter to the employee's attorney explaining the position of the County. Mr. McMurray will advise Idaho Transportation Department that condemnation may be pursued as a final option if negotiations are unsuccessful. The Board will inform the Department Heads that compensatory time must be controlled and kept within the allowed amount.

**COUNTY INSURANCE MATTER**

Kelly Bowen met with the Board to discuss the contract with MBA for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. It was moved and seconded to sign and execute the contract and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

**MEETING WITH BEAR LAKE COUNTY OFFICIALS**

The Board conducted a luncheon meeting with the Bear Lake County Officials to discuss the joint law enforcement agreement with the City of Burley and Cassia County. Bear Lake Officials are interested in developing a similar agreement with the cities within their county.

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 14, 2008.

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

Sven Berg, SIP; (See attached list of attendees)

**ATTEST:**

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

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Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

**APPROVED:**

/s/Dennis Crane

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Dennis Crane, Chairman