

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#571

January 14, 2008

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Dennis Crane, and Paul Christensen, Board Members; Alfred E. Barrus, Prosecuting Attorney; Larry Mickelsen, Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present. Commissioner Clay D. Handy was excused from the meeting.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for January 7, 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 January 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. An invitation to attend a meeting with Newt Gingrich at the IAC Mid-Winter Conference.
2. A request from South Central Community Action Partnership for the annual Cassia County contribution of \$2,000. It was moved and seconded to approve the annual payment of \$2,000 and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.
3. A dividend check from the State Insurance Fund for \$10,046.
4. A letter from the Western Counties Alliance "Looking at the Year Ahead for Counties."

ALBION HISTORICAL BUILDING

Don Danner and Attorney Steve Tuft met with the Board to discuss Cassia County sponsorship of the Albion Historical Building that was the old Cassia County Courthouse. Funding will come by way of a grant application through the Idaho Transportation Department for "Transportation Enhancement Funds" which will finance of the renovation. Matching funds of approximately \$39,607 are needed and the proposal is that they will be funded by the Developer, the Albion Valley Historical Society. Don discussed how the renovated building would be utilized for a museum and office space. The Board will review the Developer Agreement next week and make a determination of how to proceed on funding applications.

EMPLOYEE MATTERS

County Treasurer Gayle Erekson notified the Board that Sharon Smith will retire the end of February.

Cassia County Extension Agent Richard Garrard met with the Board to discuss the work schedule for his office, as directed by the University of Idaho, in comparison to the County holiday schedule. After discussion the matter was resolved by allowing Richard to manage his employee's compensatory time by having them take some days off during the holiday season, using their accrued compensatory time when the University of Idaho wants the office closed.

COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2008-01-2

The Board reviewed County Resolution No. 2008-01-2 calling for the California Big Horn Sheep removal from the public range west of the Jim Sage Big Horn Sheep management area to some other suitable area not in conflict with domestic livestock. After review, it was moved and seconded to sign and execute the resolution and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

RAFT RIVER HIGHWAY DISTRICT

The Board reviewed a Letter of Support for reconstruction of Old Highway 81 from Malta to the Idaho-Utah border, in the Raft River Highway District. After review and discussion, it was moved and seconded to sign the Letter of Support and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

BURLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT

The Board reviewed a Letter of Support for Yale Road Stage Three. After review, it was moved and seconded to sign the letter of support and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

MINIDOKA EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

The Board set January 22, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. as the date and time for Review and Decision on the request for Minidoka County dispatching of emergency responders in the Jackson Area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:04am it was proposed by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Crane that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(d) with Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Crane 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 10:22am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board will send another letter for Case #207091; Signed a Continuance of Hearing for Cases # 207102, 207112, 207117, 207107, 207111, 207109, and 207096; Approved Cases #207100, 207119, and 208001; Signed Findings of Fact for Case #207079; Signed Subordination Agreement for one case; Signed Notice of Lien for Case #208001; Signed Order of Reimbursement for Cases #208001, 207100 and 207119.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE MATTERS

The Board discussed County Road & Bridge Department matters such as cleaning private drives, for which, by statute, the County Roads Department has no responsibility. The matter will be discussed with the entire Road Board. The Board reviewed the request for the purchase of a new pickup for the Road & Bridge Department. Chairman Crane will notify the Road Board to begin the search for a new pickup using the State Bid agreement.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Sheriff Jim Higen discussed the Idaho Homeland Security 2007 (EMPG) Emergency Management Planning Grant, with SHSP receiving \$47,202.90 and LETPP receiving \$33,787.19. It was moved and seconded to sign the grant and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board. He discussed the Homeland Security Grants through the All Hazard Mitigation Funds which will be \$7,750 in unanticipated revenue for the Civil Defense Grants line in the Sheriff's Budget. It was moved and seconded to sign the grant application and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board. It was moved and seconded to amend the Overtime budget line of the Sheriff's Patrol budget by \$2,947.72 and \$9,986.00 and amend the Civil Defense Grants line by \$7,750.00 for unanticipated revenue and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board. Sheriff Higen also discussed an Independent Contractor Agreement with Whisper Mountain Inc. to develop an Evacuation Plan and Emergency Management for Cassia County at a cost of \$15,500. It was moved and seconded to sign the agreement and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board. The Sheriff's office is applying for a Grant to purchase a new boat for the management of the County Waterways. The Waterways Department Head, Lex Kunau will match the grant funds from the State. The complete preparation for the new boat will also be part of the grant funds. The old boat has deteriorated and needs to be replaced.

BURLEY AREA ACTION TEAM

The Burley Area Action Team met with the Board to coordinate the County/City Cleanup. May 10, 2008 was set as the County/City Cleanup Day. Coordination will be made to see if dumping fees can be reduced or eliminated.

BURLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT

The Board met with the Burley Highway District in their Meeting Room to present them with the District's share of U.S. Geothermal lease revenue as forwarded to the County by the State Treasurer's Office.

DISPATCH MATTERS

The Board met with the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center to observe daily operations. Many calls to Dispatch were monitored and were all handled very professionally. The recording of the ER1 dispatch to the Jackson area was played and it was handled in an expedient, professional manner. The Board was pleased with all of the operations they witnessed and the high degree of professionalism displayed by Heather Ottley, Kent Searle and DeAnn Taylor.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated 1/14/2008. 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 | \$14,837.22 |
| INDIGENT FUND | 105 | \$7,217.31 |
| DISTRICT COURT FUND | 106 | \$2,322.82 |
| COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND | 107 | \$5,165.02 |
| WEED & PEST FUND | 108 | \$24.28 |
| REVALUATION FUND | 114 | \$112.25 |
| 911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND | 115 | \$2,246.70 |
| COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND | 118 | \$35,387.97 |
| JUSTICE FUND | 130 | \$84,668.37 |
| PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND | 144 | \$41.83 |
| ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION | 149 | \$372.90 |
| | TOTAL | \$152,396.67 |

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis Crane

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman