

## COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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July 28, 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, present. Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, was excused.

### PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for July 21, 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 July/August 2008.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from the Idaho Sheriff's Association Re: Team inspection results and recommendation that the MCCJC receive a Certificate of Compliance.
2. A letter from Williams Governmental Affairs, Western Region, Re: high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline in our area, with a map and information providing information about their facilities.
3. A letter from Region IV Development Re: 2009 Budget contribution of \$2,844.00, it was moved and seconded to approve the budgeted amount and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.
4. Case No. IPC-E-08-10 Notice of Application to increase electrical rates an average of 9.89% effective July 27, 2008.

### MIDDLE SNAKE REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Board reviewed the names of those on the ballot for reappointment to the Water Resource Commission. After review, it was moved and seconded by the Board cast the ballot for the Jerome & Twin Falls County members for reappointment to the commission and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30am 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 10:00am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Presented Case # 208073, 208074, 208082; Denied Cases # 208063, 208065, 208066, 208068, and 208080; Signed Notice of Lien for Cases # 208081, 208082, 208083, 208084, and 208085; Signed Release of Lien for Cases # 206044, 208004, and 208061; Signed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision for Case # 208037; Approved Case # 208070; Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case # 208070.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

**Detention Center:** Dennis Dexter reported on the numbers in detention as 144 total inmates, with 47 from Cassia, 39 from Minidoka, 48 from the State, 5 for US Marshall and 9 from other jurisdictions. There are 110 males and 34 females and 124 felonies. Discussed the medical co-pay for in-house medical services. The State does not believe they should have to pay the fee. The matter will be discussed further.

Rob Neiwert reported they are down 4 staff and also have 4 uncertified officers on staff. This can create some scheduling problems.

**Sheriff' Department:** Sheriff Jim Higen reported on the Spudman Triathlon conducted last Saturday. A 60 year old man from Provo died during the swimming portion of the Triathlon. Have had a very busy month with all of the activities in the County and next month does not appear to be any better. Commissioner Crane discussed the changes in the parking areas. The Sheriff's Department has 1 deputy on light duty and is still short in patrol deputies. They have apprehended the 2 individuals who broke into the Junior High school.

**Treasurer:** Gayle Erekson discussed parking for the Fair. She presented and discussed the statistics for the quarterly report.

**Janitorial/Maintenance:** Sharon Higgins reported that all things are going normal. There has been improvement with the sprinkler system.

**Extension Office:** Richard Garrard reported that all is going well and they are very busy getting prepared for the upcoming Cassia County Fair.

**Clerk:** Larry Mickelsen reported the proposed budget will be presented this afternoon and the final budget hearing will be on August 25, 2008.

**Prosecuting Attorney:** Al Barrus reported that they are very busy with 3, 9-day trials scheduled during the next 30 days.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: E911 FEE ANNUAL REVIEW**

The Board conducted a Public Hearing for the E911 Annual Review. The hearing is recorded as E911 Annual Review. After the review it was moved and seconded to accept Sheriff Jim Higen's recommendation to include the Cassia County 2009 Emergency Communications Fund proposal as part of the FY 2009 published budget and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### **BUDGET**

Clerk Larry Mickelsen presented the proposed budget for FY 2009 in preparation for it to be published in the South Idaho Press during August. Clerk Mickelsen explained the budgeted amounts and the increases and decreases in the department budgets. Clerk Mickelsen presented the total salary of the county employees and the number of full time employees. He also presented the Indigent revenues and total budgets for the past 5 years. After presentation and review, it was moved and seconded to set the Indigent budget at \$731,500.00 and increase the PILT fund and then publish the tentative budget as presented and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### **USFS**

Scott Nannenga met with the Board to discuss Forest Service issues. The corral in Elba was discussed and the USFS would like to sell the corral in Conner Creek. The USFS can sell their property to municipal and county governments without using the bid process. A company is preparing to install 9 109 foot windtowers on USFS property near Cottonwood creek as a test. The county will receive a letter from the USFS regarding fees for RVs and summer homes. The water systems at the campgrounds are giving problems with reliability and bacteria in the water, and the water systems are not closed down. They are anticipating drilling a well at Lake Cleveland to provide water there. They are anticipating starting to charge camping fees at 4 campgrounds in Cassia County. The USFS will send a letter to the county informing the Board of the charges for each of the campgrounds. Scott discussed the fire damage of last year and this year and how the land is recovering, and the impact of cows grazing on the forest lands.

### **ROAD & BRIDGE**

The Board reviewed a quote from Bonanza Motors for a new Dodge 2500 Quad Cab 4 X 4 for the County Road & Bridge Department. The purchase price, under the State of Idaho purchase contract is \$29,322.00 minus a \$3,400.00 trade in allowance for a 1996 Dodge 2X4 for a total purchase price of \$25,922.00. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

**COUNTY EXPENDITURE**

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated July 28, 2008. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$210.44
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$30.01
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$433.95
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$8,890.36
ASSESSOR TRUST FUND	123	\$111.10
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$12,485.21
COURT BOND FUND	138	\$100.00
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$306.06
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,567.13</b>

**BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES**

The Board it was moved and seconded to approve the following applications for Beer, Wine and/or Liquor Licenses, and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board:

<u>County #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Doing Business As</u>
#2009-035	Tom & Ina Degrazia	Sage Mountain Grill
2009-036	Byron Barrett	The Ravine
2009-037	Albion Country Store LLC	Creekside
2009-038	Sandra J Anderson	Pomerelle Ski Area
2009-039	Jay & Lesa Fox	Country Store & Gas
2009-040	Juanita L Sorg	Cheers
2009-041	Bradi Dawn Bennett	Rock City Mercantile
2009-042	Charlene Carrick	Snake River Queen
2009-043	Onorio Jose Zavala	El Torito Market
2009-044	Danelle Jones	Annie's Saloon
2009-045	Snake River Sports & Marina	Snake River Sports & Marina
2009-046	Swensens Inc.	Swensens

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 4, 2008.

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

Damon Hunzeker, SIP; Lyle Randall, Patricia Randall, Mary Walton, Dan Walton, Jack Duncan, Janet Duncan, Stan Buckley, Ron Hepworth, Gary Fowler, all of Jackson; Randy Kidd, Cassia County Detective.

**ATTEST:**

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

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Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

**APPROVED:**

/s/Dennis D. Crane

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Dennis Crane, Chairman