

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#579

November 17, 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 November 10, 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 November 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A Notice of Application from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for Case No. IPC-E-08-19, Re: Idaho Power filed a Petition authorizing them to modify its Power Cost Adjustment mechanism.
2. A letter to the City of Burley Re: Junked automobiles on County Fairground property. It was moved and seconded to sign and execute the letter and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS RAC TELECONFERENCE

At 9:00am the Board participated in a Conference Call Re: History and purpose of the Resource Advisory Committees (RAC) and potential development of a RAC in Magic Valley. The call was hosted by Andy Brunelle, of the USFS. Other participants were Commissioners and Clerks from Blaine, Camas, and Twin Falls Counties and representatives from the USFS. After discussion and explanation of the reasons for formation of a RAC, and the method for choosing the 15 members of the RAC the call ended at 9:42am

HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION

Dorene Sutton met with the Board to discuss a homeowner's exemption on her parent's home that was deeded to her. The home was "quitclaim deeded" to her by her siblings and during the transfer of ownership, the homeowner's exemption was deleted. She requests that the exemption be reinstated and the taxes remain the same as during previous years, with the homeowner's exemption in force. County Assessor Marty Holland explained the reason that the exemption was deleted and the process to reinstate the exemption. The Board moved and seconded that the extra taxes be paid from the Widow's Benefit fund and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board. She will initiate the paperwork to reinstate the homeowner's exemption with the Assessor's Office and they will coordinate with Gayle Erikson for assistance with the tax bill.

At 11:45am County Treasurer Gayle Erikson met with the Board to discuss the issues with Dorene Sutton. Since Ms. Sutton is not a widow, Ms. Erikson's position is that Ms. Sutton does not qualify for the Widow's Benefit. The Board requested that County Attorney Al Barrus discuss the matter with Ms. Erikson to determine the conditions of the Widow's Benefit Fund and the amount of money in the fund.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

At 9:55am 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 request for reduction of property

taxes on the following parcels: # PP16015. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board. Notices will be sent to the property owners.

Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 10:00am.

QWEST SERVICES

Darryl McCall met with the Board to discuss the lack of service by Qwest Telephone Company. The temporary telephone line to his property is lying on the ground and is damaged by vehicle traffic and has not been “buried” as was promised by Qwest. The line became damaged and began making 911 calls, causing public safety concerns. Qwest put in a new temporary line and promised to put in a permanent line. The County will watch to ensure that the work is completed as promised. The Board will send a letter to the Public Communications Commission to ensure proper action is taken.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE VEHICLE MATTER

Sheriff-Elect Randy Kidd met with the Board to discuss the pickup bids that were received last week. He recommends that the County not accept any of the bids because they do not meet the requested specifications and the purchase be made using the State of Idaho contract. The Board was supportive of Randy’s proposal.

CITY OF BURLEY/CASSIA COUNTY CONTRACT

Commissioner Christensen discussed the contract discussion that occurred during the monthly City/County Law Enforcement meeting. The City is agreeable to a 4% increase in the contracted amount for two years. It was moved and seconded to sign and execute the contract with the City of Burley/Cassia County and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:21am 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, the Board returned to regular session at 10:35am.

Following Executive Session the Board took the matter under advisement for further research.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:35am 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, the Board returned to regular session at 10:55am.

Following Executive Session the Board Signed Stipulation for Time Limitations for Case # 208075; Signed Release of Lien for Cases # 208041 and 208129; Signed Notice of Lien for Cases # 208132, 208133, 208134, 208135, 208136, and 208137 Approved Cases # 208110, 208113, 208120, and 208116; Denied Cases # 208117 and 208119; Presented Cases # 208115, 208111, and 208112

ICRMP BOARD

The Board reviewed the ICRMP Board of Trustee’s Member-at-Large election. It was moved and seconded to cast the Cassia County vote for Cleone Jolley, Commissioner, Bingham County and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

FLSA TELECONFERENCE

The Board participated in a FLSA teleconference RE: Fair Labor Standards Handbook for

States, Local Governments and Schools. Mike Miller and Margaret Miller outlined and discussed the entire FLSA Handbook and how to use the materials.

JUNKYARD MATTERS

The matters were tabled until November 24, 2008 because the County Enforcement Officer was ill.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated 11/17/2008. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$3,798.17
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$169.00
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,566.72
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$6,901.62
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$2,181.07
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$3,325.39
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$250.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$9,398.59
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$387.81
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$69.25
	TOTAL	\$28,047.62

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed 3 changes of status forms, 1 for the District Court and 2 for the Sheriff's Office. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status for the District Court and hold the 2 for the Sheriff's Office until the training is completed and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 24, 2008.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Lyle Randall, Jackson;

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Dennis D. Crane, Chairman