

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#589

July 20, 2009

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.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Commissioner Crane excused himself from the meeting until 10:20am. It was proposed by Commissioner Christensen that Commissioner Handy be appointed acting Chairman and Commissioner Handy seconded the motion with roll call vote of Commissioner Christensen voting yea and Commissioner Handy voting yea.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for July 2009.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE MATTERS

Sheriff Randy Kidd met with the Board to discuss matters of concern to the Sheriff related to Courthouse Security and prisoner containment.

He presented a Reimbursement Request for a tow vehicle for the Board to consider. After consideration, it was moved by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy to sign and execute the reimbursement request and roll call vote was, Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea.

Sheriff Kidd also discussed courtroom security related an escape from the Courthouse during the past week. The policies and procedures will be modified and changed to prevent any attempted escapes.

COUNTY ZONING MAP

The Board reviewed the Revised County Zoning Map. After review and discussion it was moved by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy to execute the new zoning map and roll call vote of Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The Board discussed some Building and Grounds issues regarding a new water heater and for handrails on the stairs at the County Apartments. It was moved by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy to ratify the County Administrator's purchases with roll call vote of Commissioner Christensen and Commissioner Handy voting aye.

GATEWAY WEST TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

The Board reviewed the Gateway West Transmission Line Project issues. The issues are related to the routes not yet being firmly established to be able to complete the environmental assessment. It was moved and seconded to sign a letter to the BLM Re: Comments on Right-of-Way Application WYW 174598-01, Gateway West Geotechnical Drilling Project, and a letter to Mr. Donald A Simpson, Wyoming State Director of BLM Re: Gateway West Transmission Line Project with roll call vote of Commissioner Handy voting aye, Commissioner Christensen voting aye, and Chairman Crane voting aye. The affected counties from Idaho, Utah and Nevada have been invited to a meeting at 11:30 am on July 23, 2009 at Conner's Café to discuss the proposed corridors.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUDGET

Rod Smith of the Cassia County Historical Society met with the Board to discuss the budget for the Historical Society. The Historical Society is requesting that the budget be increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 because of increased utility, internet and worker costs.

MINI-CASSIA COMMERCE AUTHORITY

The Board discussed an issue regarding the Mini-Cassia Commerce Authority entering into an MOU to have Idaho Policy Advisors, LLC on retainer for a few months for economic development. It was moved by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve payment to the MCCA once they have executed the MOU with roll call vote of Commissioner Christensen voting yea and Commissioner Handy voting yea.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR SENATOR CRAPO

A.J. Church met with the Board to introduce himself and to ensure that we are aware of Senator Crapo's office in Twin Falls. He also discussed issues of concern to Senator Crapo such as the Gateway West Project and the Cap and Trade bill that is in Congress at this time.

RECORDER BIDS

Sheriff Randy Kidd presented bids for new voice recording equipment to the Board for their review and consideration.

The Board opened and reviewed bids received for the Sheriff's Voice Recording Equipment. Bids were received from White Cloud Inc for \$40,826.00, but were not compliant with the specs; JEI Systems for \$31,601.30 but they are not compliant with the specs requested; and from WesTek Marketing for \$40,250.00 and they are compliant with the specs. Joe Shelton and Anisha Cenarrusa from White Cloud discussed the bids and felt that they were not fair to all bidders and that the award should be to a local company. Following questions and discussion by the Board it was determined that WesTek's bid was the lowest, responsive bid in regard to bid instructions and bid specifications. It was moved by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy to accept the bid from WesTek for \$40,250.00 with roll call vote of Commissioner Christensen voting yea and Commissioner Handy voting yea

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:22am 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 10:40am.

Following Executive Session the Board Approved Case # 2009038; Signed Release of Lien for Cases # 2009044, 2009051, and 2009055; Signed Notice of Lien for Case # 2009079; Presented Cases # 2009031, 2009059, 2009061, 2009063, 2009064, and 2009065;

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed 2 changes of status forms for the MCCJC. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and roll call vote was Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for July 13, 2009 were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve and proceed with publication of an appropriate synopsis. Roll call vote was Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated 07/20/2009. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and the roll call vote was Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$5,046.81
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$910.90
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,453.50
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$2,424.72
CASSIA FAIR FUND	111	\$41,500.00
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$820.00
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$309.49
COURT TRUST FUND	127	\$10.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$31,625.29
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$5,000.00
COURT RESTITUTION FUND	139	\$23.00
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,093.37
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$2,597.41
	TOTAL	\$92,814.49

MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION ISSUES

County Attorney Al Barrus, Mike Waite, Brenda Gruppe and Ryan Torengen met with the Board and discussed some mental health evaluation issues that are a concern for Cassia County. They discussed all of the problems that are encountered with the evaluations that are conducted "after hours." They discussed Dr. Dean and his proposal to conduct D.E.s by video conferencing. Al Barrus will discuss this with the Judges to check on legal and ethical issues with video conferencing and further investigate the alternatives.

MOU WITH BLM

The Board reviewed and gave consideration to a Memorandum of Understanding with the BLM as the Cooperating Agency. It was moved by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Christensen to sign and execute the MOU with the BLM and roll call vote was Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE

The Board reviewed and discussed issues regarding the County Road & Bridge department and the status of construction on Phase 3 of the Byway.

STATUS OFFENDER PROGRAM

The Board reviewed and discussed with County Attorney Al Barrus, the 5th Judicial District Status Offender Program. After review and discussion the Board requested that Mr. Barrus discuss the matter with Judge Duff to see how the new juvenile procedures will impact this program.

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The Board reviewed IPUC Case No. IPC-E-09-15.

RAFT RIVER FLOOD DISTRICT

The Board reviewed and discussed matters pertaining to the Raft River Flood District. Mr. Barrus will send a letter to the Department of Water Resources regarding the issues with some members of the Flood District.

BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES

The Board approved the following applications for Beer, Wine and/or Liquor Licenses:

<u>County #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Doing Business As</u>
#2010-036	Ina DiGrazia	Sage Mountain Grill
#2010-037	Emilio Silva	El Parralito Saloon # 2
#2010-038	Bradi Bennett	Rock City Mercantile

LUNCH

At 12:20pm the Board departed for lunch at, where Kerry McMurray, County Administrator reported on proposed planning and zoning regulation changes, personnel issues and administrative matters during their working luncheon

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 27, 2009.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Margi Owens, Weekly News Journal;

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman