

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#589

July 30, 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; Wendy L. Marr, Deputy Clerk, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for July 23, 2009 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.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING/BUDGET REVIEW

Sheriff's Department: Randy Kidd presented his budget for FY2010. They are looking at an overall increase of approximately 12% some of which will come from grant monies. Some possible purchases would include five vehicles, two being purchased through grant funds and three being paid for with County funds, since many of the vehicles currently have high mileage on them, replacement of expired personal protective equipment and replacement of old equipment such as radios and vehicle cameras.

Treasurer: Gayle Erickson presented her budget for FY2010 with few changes from last year's budget.

Road and Bridge: Samuel Adams presented his budget for FY2010 with an increase of 37%. He would like to hire an additional employee and add a vehicle. He will reduce his budget in other areas to cover the proposed increase.

County Administrator: Kerry McMurray presented his budget for FY2010 with few changes from last year's budget. He discussed his various departments such as county buildings, ground maintenance, planning and zoning. The county needs to purchase a new phone system to replace the current system which has had many problems recently.

Prosecuting Attorney: Al Barrus discussed his need for an additional secretary to help with the increase in workload. He proposed that this position would also be a Victim's Coordinator. Grant money will be researched to help pay for the additional employee.

Assessor: Martell Holland presented his budget for FY2010 with few changes from last year's budget. Also discussed was 911 mapping and the value that it has been and will continue to be to the county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:47am 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, the Board returned to regular session at 11:18am.

Fair Board: Jeff Chatburn, Sam Yoshida and Cory Parish presented the budget for FY2010. More discussion is required to determine the budget. Also discussed was the County's 100 year anniversary in 2010. Preparations for this year's county fair are coming along good.

The Board discussed other items in the FY2010 budget which included CSI, Adult Misdemeanor Probation, the upcoming Consolidation Election and Physical Facilities.

LUNCH

At 12:00pm the Board departed for lunch at Perkins Restaurant, where the Gateway Taskforce leadership reported on recent meetings with other neighboring counties and the status and proposed next steps relative to the Gateway project. The Board also met with Commissioner Vicki Meadows and Attorney Doug Balfour from Power County regarding Gateway.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:00pm 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 personnel issues. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 2:08pm. Thereafter, the County Administrator was directed to deliver a letter of instruction, and the Prosecutor and County Administrator were directed to interview two employees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:09pm 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)(j) 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 tortclaims with the County's risk manager. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 2:12pm. Thereafter, the risk manager was directed to send the notices to ICRMP and allow denial of the claim to occur by non-response.

BUDGET ISSUES

The Board discussed budget issues arising from today's earlier work meetings. The Board requested additional information on revenues, departmental adjustments, the status of the building fund and PILT funds, and will work to issue a tentative budget for publication by Monday, August 3, 2009.

GATEWAY TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT MATTERS

The Board reviewed a proposed letter to Walt George, BLM project manager, requesting assistance in transmission line routing and siting in Cassia County for all alternative routes. Motion was made to execute the letter by Commissioner Christensen, seconded by Commissioner Handy, with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea.

FLOOD DISTRICT MATTERS

The Board reviewed a proposed letter to Gary Spackman at IDWR regarding willingness to suggest names for district commissioners when time came for appointment. Motion was made

to execute the letter by Commissioner Christensen, seconded by Commissioner Handy, with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 3, 2009.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Rachael Gifford, KMVT; Cara Petterson, Auditor.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman