

## COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#585

May 8, 2009

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

### **BURLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT/USFS**

The Board of Commissioners met with the Board of the Burley Highway District and representatives of the USFS to discuss the issues regarding the Howell Canyon Road. Galen Smyer, Chairman of the Burley Highway District opened the meeting at 8:00am. Scott Nannenga of the USFS discussed the difficulties the USFS encounters with keeping people from cutting the locks and opening the gate to Lake Cleveland and Thompson Flats, before the road is ready to be opened. Galen questioned liability if someone was to get injured, even if they had cut the lock to get beyond the gate. Robert Nay, Cassia County Sheriff's Deputy, stated that the Judges have said that if there is a sign posted stating the road is closed from beginning to ending dates, those who go beyond the gates can be cited and fined. Scott mentioned with the roads only open with a single lane because of weather conditions, he is concerned of vehicles meeting head-on and are unable to pass. Galen mentioned that a major problem is the roads and surrounding terrain being too wet and soft for vehicular traffic. Scott will draft an agreement for the County Commissioners, Burley Highway District, USFS and Cassia County Sheriff's Department to review and he volunteered to put a sign up that will give dates and places of closure on the roads. The County will develop a resolution stating the authority to close the roads as posted on the signage.

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

Other Members of the Burley Highway District; David Ashby, USFS

### **RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 11, 2009.

#### **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