

## COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#585

May 18, 2009

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

### PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for May 11, 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.

### CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for May 2009.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from the US Department of the Interior, BLM Burley Field Office Re: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Milner Wildland Urban Interface.
2. Cassia County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Activities log for the Jackson area for April 2009.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

**Assessor:** Marty Holland reported that they are very busy getting the real property rolls entered into the computer and will be out the first of June. This will give the tax payers time to resolve any problems that they have with the taxes. Some of the changes that the legislature made will impact their office. He needs to hire another member of the revaluation team to begin training and certification before the two current appraisers, who are planning to retire soon, leave the office. He needs another vehicle to accommodate the new hire. He will coordinate with Kerry McMurray to see if he can utilize the Jimmy Blazer being retired by the Building Department.

**Detention Center:** Rob Neiwert reported the jail had their first transport for the US Marshall Service last Friday and there were no problems. He discussed the installation of some new software that will assist them with bookings; the cost will be \$1,796 self installed and \$2,000 if installed by the contractor, Gordon Enos. He discussed some possible changes to the jail commissary and the method of payment. Current population is 166, with 44 from Minidoka County, 68 from Cassia County, 38 from the State, 11 from the US Marshal Service, 2 from Ada County, 1 from Lincoln County, 1 from Twin Falls County and 1 from the Border Patrol, with 143 Males and 23 Females.

Russ Rasmussen reported that they are having difficulty getting qualified applicants to fill their open staff positions. Posting through Job Services has not been very successful.

**Sheriff Department:** George Worrell discussed the security enhancements they have installed and the benefits from them. They were notified they have received their JAG grant for \$61,000.00 and they are busy as usual.

**Treasurer:** Gayle Erekson reported that they have prepared the reminder notices for property tax and they will be out this week. She discussed the way the post office delivers mail to the Courthouse and there is no consistency with delivery.

**Janitorial/Maintenance:** Randy Gasaway reported that being new he is enjoying his job and

getting to know everyone. He might need some tools for projects that he can do rather than hiring sub-contractors.

**Weed Department:** Gordon Edwards reported that the zebra mussel might be coming into our area. They are very difficult to eradicate and they come in attached to boats. They are in Southern Utah now and are moving north. They will have stickers for boats of 12 feet or longer and the revenue will be used to help eradicate the zebra mussels. The Boat must be washed prior to coming into the State to help control their entry into the State. They are doing a lot of PR work with the public regarding Scotch Thistle. They have been informed they will have a \$150,000 grant to control weeds in the Goose Creek area for the next 3 years.

**County Administrator:** Kerry McMurray reported that building inspections and permits are starting now that the weather has improved. P&Z is very busy with hearings for subdivisions, CAFO expansions and gravel pits. Mapping is going very well and the agreement with the Assessor's Office has been a benefit to the involved departments.

**Clerk:** Larry Mickelsen discussed the responsibilities and efforts of Ernie Hale. Reminded the Department Heads about their budgets being due and requested they be conservative with their obligating the entire budgeted amount for FY09.

**Commissioners:** Chairman Crane discussed a photo of the 1908 County Elected Officials and taking a photo of the current elected officials 100 years later.

#### **PUC CASE NO. IPC-E-09-12**

The Board reviewed the Notice of Applications for PUC Case No. IPC-E-09-12 from Idaho Power Inc.

#### **LIQUOR APPLICATIONS**

The Board reviewed a proposal to modify the applications for Liquor/Beer/Wine licenses. The Board requested that County Attorney Al Barrus review the form and ensure that it was still met the required state statutes. After review it was moved and seconded to approve the revised form and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

#### **MCCJC INSPECTION**

The Board reviewed the results of the quarterly MCCJC Inspection with no significant deficiencies noted.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-05-01**

The Board reviewed and discussed Ordinance No. 2009-05-01 Re: Zoning Amendment and Fur-Bearing Animal Unit Amendment. After review and discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve and execute Ordinance No. 2009-05-01 and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

#### **GATEWAY PROJECT**

The Board discussed the Gateway Project of Idaho Power to construct power lines through Cassia County. Kerry McMurray prepared a letter to Idaho Power-Facility Siting in Boise, Re: Gateway West Transmission Line Project stating that the power lines should be located on public lands. It was moved and seconded to sign and execute the letter and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

#### **NFCSC IDAHO DUES 2009**

The Board reviewed an email from IAC Re: County Assessment for 2009 National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition Dues. Cassia County's assessment is \$329.73. It was moved and seconded to approve payment of the dues and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

#### **COURTHOUSE EMERGENCY CLOSURE**

The Board discussed the Planning for Emergency Closure of the Courthouse. The

discussion will be continued next time the Board meets so that Sheriff Kidd can be in attendance.

### **BUDGET ISSUES**

Kerry McMurray requested authorization to purchase a new GMC Canyon Crew Cab 4x4, costing \$23,312.00, for the Building Inspector and pass his vehicle to the Compliance Officer. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of the vehicle and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

### **COUNTY EXPENDITURE**

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated 05/15/2009. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$1,230.90
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$9,832.58
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,762.90
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$781.28
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$309.19
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$10,866.75
COURT RESTITUTION FUND	139	\$25.00
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$4,449.87
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,258.47</b>

### **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>
#2009-021	Walgreen Co.	Walgreen's, #13673 – transfer from Rite Aid #5404

### **VETERAN'S ISSUES**

Darrell McCall met with the Board to discuss the potential for a Veteran's Cemetery in the Mini-Cassia area which would serve Central and Eastern Idaho. The Board requested that Darrell continue with his efforts to possibly get the cemetery in our area.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:03am it was proposed by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Crane that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(d) with 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 11:20am.

Following Executive Session the Board Denied Cases # 2009035, 2009037, 2009038, 2009039, 2009044, 2009051; Approved Cases # 2009024 and 2009043; Signed Order of Reimbursement for Cases # 2009024 and 2009043; Signed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision for Case # 2009024; Signed Notice of Lien for Cases # 208035, 2009052, 2009054, 2009055, and 2009056; Signed Release of Lien for Cases # 204090, 205103, 208026, and 208035; Presented Cases # 2009040, 2009041, 2009042, 2009052, 2009054 and 2009055; Approved Writing-Off Case # 202006 as Uncollectible.

### **TREASURER ISSUE**

County Treasurer Gayle Erekson met with the Board to discuss tax issues with a citizen of the county. The Commissioners asked Gayle to remind the citizen that she must pay her tax bill and that she may be able to qualify for the circuit breaker in 2010.

### **BLM**

David Ashby met with the Board and discussed the Gateway meeting on June 1, 2009, the format of the meeting and be prepared to answer questions from the commissioners and the

public. He also discussed the Milner FLAG tour that was well attended and lasted for 3 hours. They discussed law enforcement issues with Under-Sheriff George Worrell. He discussed the Economic Stimulus and the projects that benefit from the stimulus monies. He gave an update of the Battle Creek Lawsuit Re: The Jim Sage Mountain and the grazing that is permitted. He discussed the Permit Renewal Status on North and South Cottrell, Declo Hills south of Albion, the Dairy Springs allotment which is a sheep allotment.

**USFS**

Scott Nannenga met with the Board and discussed the Howell Canyon project which will get started this summer. The USFS is trying to decide which campgrounds will be open on Memorial Day, but Lower Rock Creek should be open. The USFS is receiving a lot of input regarding wind towers. They have received input regarding allowing unlicensed drivers to drive ATVs. They will restrict some roads from having unlicensed drivers using ATVs. The USFS wants to schedule a meeting with the Board and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

**LUNCH**

At 12:00pm the Board departed for lunch at Perkins Restaurant, where they met with a citizens group concerning the Gateway West Project during their working luncheon.

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 1, 2009.

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

Margi Owens, Weekly News Journal;

**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