

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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August 23, 2010

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; Dee Yeaman, Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for August 16, 2010 were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for June 2010.

1. Hospital Board meeting Wednesday August 25, 2010.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated August 20, 2010. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and the roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$9,496.12
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$18,110.10
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$384.68
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$4.92
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$41,750.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$38,468.56
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$2,715.35
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,928.93
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$596.85
	TOTAL	\$113,455.51

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed 1 change of status forms. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

CASSIA CREEK IRRIGATION HEARING

At 9:05 the Board conducted a public hearing to take public comment on the formation of a new irrigation district on Cassia Creek in the Elba area. Testimony was heard from Matt Darrington, Bill Loughmiller, Kevin Tracy, and Joe Wight. Cassia County has a recorded copy of the hearing. There was some discussion about the need for a bond to be posted to cover the cost

of an election, and which party would be responsible for conducting the election. Motion was made by Commissioner Christensen to move forward with the process, pending the bond issue being resolved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Handy, and the voting was unanimous with Commissioners Handy, Christensen, and Crane all voting yea.

ROAD EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT

At 9:29 the Board viewed a presentation from CESCO Equipment to provide information about a new Grader for the County Road and Bridge Department. No action was taken on the issue.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Christensen was excused so that he could participate in a Catastrophic Health Care Board teleconference. He returned at 11:20 a.m.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

At 10:00 a.m. The board conducted a Department Head Meeting with reports from the following.

SHERIFF: Randy Kidd reported that the fair had a good attendance. He has added two new officers, Michael Acres, and Matt Love. He reported on upcoming monitoring of school crosswalk issues and reported that the CAD computer system was working well.

JAIL: Rob Neiwert reported on the inmate population and that the Food Service being provided by contract was working well. He also reported that the new maintenance person; Brandon Salvison was working well.

Russ Rasmussen reported that they are down 4 people and that he is taking applications to fill the positions. Commissioner Handy suggested using an Exit Survey to try to determine the reasons for the turnover in employees at the jail.

ADULT PROBATION: Amber Prewitt reported that their dept. has hired Mike Jeppeson as a new probation officer.

EXTENSION OFFICE: Joel Packham reported that the fair went very well and he commented on the willingness of people in Cassia County to help. He also reported on their audit policy for receipt documentation.

WEED CONTROL: Gordon Edwards reported on efforts to mitigate various weed problems in the County.

TREASURER: Gayle Ereckson reported that there was a need to visit with Bob Stephenson about the AS-400 program and compare with some other programs available.

ASSESSOR: Karen Dayley reported that the assessors office was functioning well.

CLERK: Dee Yeaman reported that the Clerk's Office is considering options to fill the vacancy of a Deputy Clerk's position which will take effect at the end of Sept. He also reported that a photograph of the County Officials is scheduled for Aug. 30, 2010.

PROSECUTOR: Al Barrus reported that they are experiencing a heavy work load. He also reported on issues with the product being sold under the name PEP-SPICE.

ADMINISTRATOR: Kerry Mc Murray reported that the County has received 2 poultry CAFO applications. He also reported that the Dept. was hosting a Flood Plain Training meeting for the High Desert Chapter of the Idaho Association of Building Officials.

HEARING FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES

At 11:00 a.m. the Board conducted a hearing to address an application for the cancellation of property taxes owed by the Norman Poulton Estate. Testimony was heard from Poulton via teleconference. The County has digital recording of the hearing. Following the hearing of testimony a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Crane to deny the request for cancellation and instruct the owners that a different classification could be assigned to the property following the removal of the building structure. Both Commissioners Handy and Crane voted yea. The Prosecuting Attorney's Office was directed to prepare finding and decision for the Board to review next week.

USFS/BLM

The Board met with Mike Courtney from the BLM and Scott Nannenga from the Forest Service. Mike reported on the proposed Cotterel Mountain Wind Farm. He stated that there was an issue concerning Golden Eagle nesting. Scott introduced Julie Toms who also works for the USFS. He also reported on new camp facilities at Twin Lakes Campground, Big Horn Sheep issues in the South Hills Area, and possible reopening some mining at the Black Pine Gold Mine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:53 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)(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. Susan Keck presented case # 2010096, 2010099, 2010100, 2010101, and 2010098. The Board signed Certificate of Approval on case # 2010096. The Board signed Order of Reimbursement on case # 2010096. The Board signed Assignment to Collection on case # 2009031. The Board signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on case # 2010110, and 2010111. The Board signed Release of Medically Indigent Lien on case # 2009135, and 2010043. The Board signed Certificate of Denial on case # 2010099, 2010100, 2010101, 2010098. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 12:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:40 a.m. 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)(b) with Commissioner Crane 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 10:47.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Crane to table discussion of County Publication Official Newspaper matters until further information on the matter could be brought forth. Both Commissioners Crane and Handy voted yea. Commissioner Christensen was

- absent.
2. Mr. McMurray reported that the Chip Seal Project on the Elba-Almo road was completed.
 3. The Board discussed Snowmobile Advisory Board matters and determined that attendance at the SAB meeting in Paul on August 26, 2010 would be beneficial.
 4. The Board reviewed a letter from Idaho Transportation Dept. in regards to the east hills proposed gravel pit. No action was taken.

LUNCH

At 12:15 pm the Board departed for lunch at Stevo's Restaurant, where the Board discussed upcoming calendar issues.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 30, 2010.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Bill Loughmiller, Matt Darrington, Kevin Tracy, Joe Wight, Stephanie Hansen, Laurie Welch, Renee Wells, Terry Drown, Bob Newel.

ATTEST:

/s/Dee Yeaman

Dee Yeaman, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Dennis Crane, Chairman