

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

December 20, 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; Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

QUARTERLY JAIL TOUR WITH MINIDOKA COUNTY

Members of the Minidoka and Cassia County Board of Commissioners conducted their quarterly tour of the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center. Deputy Director Russ Rasmussen and Sheriff Randy Kidd conducted the tour. Russ noted that a new policy was adopted to include an escort officer when inmates move from area to area in the jail. Administrator McMurray posed general questions for quarterly review to Russ regarding jail conditions concerning facility security, treatment and conditions of inmates, and sickness or illness among inmates.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Commissioner Minutes for December 13, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Open House for Becky Nourse, the new Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. January 7, 2011, in Twin Falls.
2. Holiday wishes from the Cassia County Extension and Weed Control Staff

ENGAGEMENT OF EVANS & POULSEN AS OUTSIDE AUDITOR

A letter from Evans & Poulsen confirming their understanding of services to Cassia County as outside auditor was reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy to agree with the terms of engagement for auditing services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, with Evans & Poulsen, seconded by Commissioner Christensen. Commissioners Crane, Handy, and Christensen voted yea.

GOOSE CREEK COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT

Weed Control Supervisor Gordon Edwards approached the Board for support of a project proposal for the Goose Creek Cooperative Weed Management area. Following discussion, Commissioner Christensen made a motion to accept and sign the proposal as being beneficial, seconded by Commissioner Handy. Commissioners Crane, Handy, and Christensen voted yea.

ALBION HIGHWAY DISTRICT ROAD VALIDATIONS

The Albion Highway District, with Dwight Parish as spokesperson, approached the Board to explain that the cost of the validation process for some roads in their district may exceed their revenues and they would not be able to pay. They asked that the county map, with some of these roads showing, be declared as an official county map. Administrator McMurray advised them

that the map is for Planning & Zoning purposes only and that accounts for the liability disclaimer excluding it as an official county map. It was the determination of the Board and Prosecuting Attorney Barrus that the Albion Highway District alone has jurisdiction over their district's road and the validation costs. Albion Highway District's attorney, Matt Darrington asked the Board to consider a letter from them regarding their concerns. A private landowner's attorney, Bill Parsons requested to review that letter and present a letter on behalf of his client as well.

HEARING FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR BRUCE AND MARTY BEDKE

(Hearing minutes attached)

BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY AND REVIEW ROAD TO ALMO

Commissioner Crane indicated that the State Highway Department was going to sweep and maintain the new section of road from Connor Creek to Almo. The backcountry byway and review of the road to Almo was cancelled due to weather.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated December 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	\$16,193.86
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$3,671.54
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$767.52
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$911.31
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$13,258.34
ASSESSOR TRUST FUND	123	\$110.50
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$43,416.77
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,838.42
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$534.94
	TOTAL	\$80,703.20

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed 2 changes of status forms. It was requested by the Administration Department that Linda Bohn be promoted from Custodian Level II at \$7.85/hour to Custodian Level I at \$8.25/hour. It was also requested that Maintenance Supervisor Randy Gasaway receive an increase in pay from \$13.46/hour to \$13.75/hour for certification. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:10 a.m. 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. A Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits was

approved for Case # 2010167 and # 2010166, a Release of Medically Indigent Lien was approved for Case # 2010028, an Order of Dismal was approved for Case # 2010028, a Notice of Continuance of Hearing was approved for Case # 2010019 and # 2010040, a Certificate of Approval was approved for Case # 2010152 and # 2010168, and an Order of Reimbursement was approved for Case # 2010152. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:40 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Deputy Administrator of the jail, Russ Rasmussen, presented a request to the Board to pay half the costs of body armor purchased from Skaggs Public Safety Uniforms & Equipment in the amount of \$ 9480.00. The other half will be paid by a grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve payment of \$ 4740.00. Commissioners Crane, Handy, and Christensen voted yea.
2. Clerk Larsen, on behalf of the Auditor's office, asked the Board what the county policy was for employee time off during the Christmas and New Year holiday. Some county departments inquired the Auditor's office whether there would be official time off for a half day on Thursday. The Board determined that with both holidays falling on Saturday, that Friday only is official time off.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy to approve and sign a Sales Tax Resale or Exemption Certificate in behalf of Stephenson Computer Consulting, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Christensen. Commissioners Crane, Handy, and Christensen voted yea.
4. Six letters of support for the proposed funding of various Minidoka Ranger District projects by the Resource Advisory Committee were presented. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Christensen. Commissioners Crane, Handy, and Christensen voted yea.
5. A motion to sign Resolution 2010-029 for new Snowmobile Advisory Board By Laws was made by Commissioner Christensen, seconded by Commissioner Handy. Commissioners Crane, Handy, and Christensen voted yea.
6. A motion to adopt Resolution 2010-030 setting standard reimbursement rates for private vehicle use for county business at 51 cents per mile was made by Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Christensen. Commissioners Crane, Handy, and Christensen voted yea.
7. A motion to sign letters to our Congressional delegates urging their efforts in the permanent reinstatement of the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 was made by Commissioner Christensen, seconded by Commissioner Handy. Commissioners Crane, Handy, and Christensen voted yea.
8. Certificate of Residency applications for CSI were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy to approve 4 applications, seconded by Commissioner Christensen. Commissioners Crane, Handy, and Christensen voted yea.
9. The Board discussed the distribution of coupons to all Cassia County Employees for Christmas to be redeemed for a ham or turkey at Stokes.

LUNCH

At 12:10 p.m. the Board departed for lunch at Angela's, where a general discussion of

county policy and Board assignments and responsibilities for 2011 took place.

GATEWAY PROJECT MEETING

At 2:00 p.m. a meeting of the Gateway Project convened. Those in attendance included the Board of County Commissioners, Administrator, and Clerk; Robert Kunau, Commissioner-elect; Jeff Steele, BLM; Mike Courtney, BLM; Scott Nannenga, USFS; Dan Olmstead, Idaho Power; Rick Astley, Idaho Power; and the following Gateway Task Force members: Kent Searle, Brent Stoker, Von Gibby, and Doug Pickett.

The discussion was led by Brent Stoker. A decision regarding the project has been delayed until at least March. Stoker indicated that the Forest Service and Elko, Nevada, authorities need to meet face to face and accomplish a memorandum of understanding on the appropriate south corridor alternative. Scott Nannenga from the Forest Service talked about roadless issues for maintaining transmission towers on federal ground. Dan Olmstead and Rick Astley from Idaho Power expressed appreciation to the Board for their assistance and work with their company. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:45 p.m. 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 3:05 p.m.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 3, 2011.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Russell Rasmussen, Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center; Stacey Hughey, Weekly News Journal; Laurie Welch, The Times News; Pat McCammon, CS Ranch in Declo; Willaim A. Parsons, CS Ranch attorney; Randy Brackenbury; Eldon Adams, Albion Highway District; Jeff Chatburn, Chatburn Ranch; and George Kelley, Albion Highway District.

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/ _____
Dennis Crane, Chairman