

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#596

February 8, 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; Stella Sutherland, Deputy Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for January 25, 2010 were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve and proceed with publication of an appropriate synopsis. Roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT/MASS FATALITY TRAILERS

The Board met with Paul Young regarding the Memorandum Agreement of a Mass Fatality Trailer between Cassia County, Minidoka County and the Minidoka Hospital. The trailer will be stocked with all the necessities for a mass fatality and will be housed at Minidoka Hospital but will be available for use by both counties. A motion was made and seconded for Cassia County to enter into this agreement and for Chairman Dennis Crane to sign the agreement. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

CSI RESIDENCY MATTERS

The Board reviewed the CSI Residency applications. A motion was made and seconded to sign the applications. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated January 27, 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	TOTAL	\$2034.50
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COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated January 29, 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	\$8,651.24
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$400.82
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,178.80
CASSIA FAIR FUND	111	\$47,745.00
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$128.50
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$9,734.37
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$9.21
COUNTY BOAT LICENSE FUND	117	\$2,500.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$276,805.18

MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$1,868.78
D.A.R.E TRUST	137	\$105.97
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,001.20
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$176.36
	TOTAL	\$350,305.43

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated February 8, 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	\$17,479.13
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$5,928.34
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$2,128.86
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$3,019.48
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$6,864.47
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$13,258.34
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$10,863.50
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$242.73
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$32,835.22
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$1,588.86
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$674.56
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$4,826.59
	TOTAL	\$99,710.08

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS

The Board reviewed the amended Master Plan Document for the Employee Medical Benefit Plan and motion was made and seconded to sign the amended Master Health Plan Document.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Board met with Todd Quast and Sheriff Randy Kidd regarding the Emergency Notification System (reverse 911). Mr. Quast explained to the Board how the system would be beneficial in case of emergencies, Amber Alerts or other uses since it can call several phones at one time. The system is able to work with both land lines and cellular phones although cell phones will need to be registered with the County. The system will be funded with 911 funds. A motion was made and seconded to send the matter out to obtain at least three quotes, inasmuch as the contemplated expenditure is between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

DRUG TASK FORCE CREDIT APPLICATION

The Board met with Dan Renz who was present on behalf of the Mini-Cassia Task Force Board. Mr. Renz stated that he was looking for approval from the Board to apply for a credit card that would be used specifically for the task force and not have to use the card designated for the Sheriff's office. A motion was made and seconded that Mr. Renz should go forward with the application for a credit card for drug task force use. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

EXCESS LOSS INSURANCE

The Board reviewed the Schedule of Excess Loss Insurance for the County with MBA Benefit Administrators, Inc., the County's health plan insurance administrator, and a motion was made and seconded to sign the schedule.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

By motion made, seconded and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board convened as the Board of Equalization (BOE) for Cassia County. The BOE reviewed a list of deleted Homeowners provided by the Assessor's Office, then by motion made, seconded and approved by roll call vote on the motion with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen. (See attached list).

EXECUTE AMENDED ORDINANCE

The Board reviewed the Amended Ordinance #2010-01-01 for the electrical transmission corridor overlay zoning to provide for authorizing a map change to show the electrical transmission corridor overlay zone. A motion was made and seconded to sign the amended ordinance. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

COUNTY FAIR PARADE COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR FACILITY USE

The Board reviewed a request from the Cassia County Fair Parade Committee asking for the use of the Courthouse on August 16, 2010 to prepare for the annual Cassia County Fair and Rodeo Parade. A motion was made and seconded to allow the use of the Courthouse from 6 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the evening the committee requested. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

COUNTY BUILDING MATTERS

The County Administrator addressed the Board regarding the cost of bringing the Courthouse elevator up to code. The Administrator explained the needed improvements and associated estimates of costs. He asked for permission to begin the improvements on the elevator with the money available in the Cassia County Courts Equipment Maintenance fund (106.602.02.030.00). A motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditures from that fund. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

The County Administrator also addressed the Board concerning the repairs that need to be made at the fairgrounds, and which had been discussed in budget preparations for this year. The repairs are to be made on the beef barn roof, food booth roof. The estimated cost of these projects is approximately \$12,629.00. There are also power lines and transformers that need to be replaced which is estimated at around \$6,000.00. A motion was made and seconded to approve the repairs on the fairgrounds. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ANNUAL REPORT

The Board met with Mark Webb, Richard Kunau and Mark Streeter of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Mr. Webb reported that they have a few projects and the 319 grant. He

also reported that they are meeting with the Idaho Transportation Department regarding wind break projects affecting Interstate 84. The discussion then turned to Marsh Creek and the plan to repair the stream banks. This project has the approval of both BAG and Super BAG and will expectantly begin this summer. Mr. Kunau addressed the Board about West Cassia nitrate sampling and plans about how they might reduce these levels. Both West Cassia and East Cassia Soil and Water Districts presented the Board with letters of intent for funding intended for fiscal year 2011. A motion was made and seconded to preliminarily approve the funding of \$2,500.00 for each district. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:06 AM 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. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 10:58 AM. The Board signed the Release of Medically Indigent Liens on case # 201010, 2009114, 2009126, 2009125, 2010001, 2009045, and 202145. The Board approved and signed the Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on case #2010015, 2010012 and 2010008. The Board heard case #2009113. The Board signed a Notice of Dismissal on case # 2009114 and Stipulation for enlargement of Time Limitations on case # 2009108, 2009088, and 2009080. The Board signed Certificates of denial on case # 2009137, 2009139, 2010011 and 2009130. The Board signed a Certificate of Approval for case # 2009136 and Certificate of Approval in case # 2010014 and 2010013 which the Commissioners agreed to write off. Amy Kramer also discussed case # 2010015 and 2010003 with the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board will take case # 2009113 under advisement.

ELECTION MATTERS

The Board reviewed a request from the Chief Elections Deputy, Wendy Marr, to designate the Heglar-Yale area a mail ballot precinct. A motion was made and seconded to sign the request. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed 1 change of status form for a shared employee by the Courts and Prosecutor's office. It was moved and seconded to approve the change of status and roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER MATTERS

The Board contacted Minidoka County Board of Commissioners by conference phone call to discuss Veteran Service matters. It was determined to turn all matters now over to Minidoka County. They will advertise for someone to fill the Veterans Service Officer position that Richard Dalton has filled. He has tendered his resignation.

DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL POLICY

The Board will continue the discussion of personnel policy regarding temporary employees until the next Commissioner's meeting on February 22, 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:21 am 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 11:26.

Following Executive Session at 11:27 am it was proposed and seconded to accept Larry Mickelson's resignation effective February 26, 2010. Roll call vote was Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

COMMISSIONER HANDY EXCUSED

At 11:30 am Commissioner Handy was excused due to his having to travel to Boise to testify before the Transportation Department.

SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from South Central Community Action thanking the Commissioner's for their support and formally applying for funds again this year. A motion was made and seconded to approve South Central Community Action's request. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane voting yea, with Commissioner Handy being absent.

FEMA APPROVAL OF MITIGATION PLAN

The Board reviewed a letter from FEMA on its approval of the Cassia County Multijurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

MINI-CASSIA BOARD OF COMMUNITY GUARDIANS

The Board discussed how Ray Coyle and Jeanne Baker-Clark's terms were almost over as Community Guardians. A motion was made and seconded to reappoint both Community Guardians. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane voting yea, with Commissioner Handy being absent. Mr. McMurray was directed to contact Minidoka County and the Mini-Cassia Community Guardians Board on these reappointments.

SEARCH AND RESCUE GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was proposed and seconded to ratify the letter of support for the Search and Rescue Grant Application. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane voting yea, with Commissioner Handy being absent.

REVIEW OF IPUC CASES

The Board reviewed documents from The Idaho Public Utilities Commission. IPC-E-09-35 is regarding Idaho Power Company's Application for Approval of a Replacement Special Contract with Micron Technology, INC. IPC-E-10-01 is regarding the Application of Idaho Power Company to Establish its Base Level for Net Power Supply Expenses for 2010.

COUNTY OFFICER MATTERS

The Board met with Wayne Hurst of the Cassia County Republican Party to talk about the Clerk of the Court position which is currently filled by Larry Mickelson. The Board explained to Mr. Hurst that they had accepted Mr. Mickelson's resignation today. Mr. Hurst and the Board discussed how to go about replacing Mr. Mickelson and stated that the next Cassia County

Republican Party Central Committee meeting will be held on February 25, 2010 where they will discuss this matter further and work toward nominating three (3) names to the Board for consideration of appointment.

LUNCH

At 12:00pm the Board departed for lunch at Angelas, where Kerry McMurray, County Administrator reported on personnel and operational matters during their working luncheon,

CASSIA COUNTY/FOREST SERVICE MATTERS

The Board reviewed a document regarding Notice of Intent to Rewrite Forest Service Planning Rules. Mr. McMurray composed a letter in response to the notice and a motion was made and seconded for the Commissioners to sign the missive. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous with Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane voting yea, with Commissioner Handy being absent. Commissioner Handy will be contacted later to determine if he wishes to also sign the letter.

IAC REPORT

Commissioner Paul Christensen attended the Mid-Winter's Conference for the Idaho Association of Counties and made reports on the meetings.

SENATOR CRAPO

The Board was reminded of the upcoming meeting with Senator Crapo to be held at Idaho Pizza on February 19, 2010 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:30 pm it was proposed by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Crane that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(b) and 67-2345(1)(F) with Commissioner Crane voting yea and Commissioner Christensen voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss employee and legal matters. Following executive session, them matters were taken under advisement.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Dale Dorman and Margie Owens of the Weekly News Journal;

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Stella Sutherland, Deputy Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman