

## COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#596

March 1, 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.

### COUNTY EXTENSION MATTERS

The Board met with Richard Garrard concerning a letter from Charlotte Eberlein regarding the position that will become vacant once Mr. Garrard retires. Mr. Garrard stated that he believes his successor should have an expansive background in both livestock and crop knowledge. Al Barrus will write a letter in response to Mrs. Eberlein stating that the Commissioners would support someone with a broad background but in the event that is not possible the Commissioners will be more inclined toward someone who has more knowledge in crops.

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

At 9:10 am it was proposed and seconded to convene as the County Board of Equalization. Roll call vote was Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

It was proposed and seconded to approve the deleted Home Owners exemptions on the following parcels: (see attached). Roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea. Notices will be sent to the property owners.

Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 9:11 am.

### PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for February 22, 2010 were discussed and edited by Kerry McMurray. Mrs. Sutherland will make the changes and present the minutes to the Board next week for approval.

### CSI

The Board reviewed and signed CSI Residency Certificates.

### EXECUTE COUTY COPY OF CAD CONTRACT WITH CUSHING, INC.

The Board reviewed and signed the county's copy of the CAD contract with Cushing, Inc.

### CASSIA COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Board met with Wayne Hurst and Julie Greenman of the Cassia County Republican Central Committee regarding the vacancy for the County Clerk position. Mr. Hurst reported that on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 19 of the 25 precincts met and heard the candidate's speeches and were able to ask them questions. Mr. Dee Yeaman received the majority vote and the Republic Committee brought a letter to officially put forth Mr. Yeaman as their choice for Clerk of the Court. It was moved and seconded to approve the Republican Committee's choice and roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea. Mr. Yeaman was then sworn in as the Clerk of the Court and he signed the oath.

### CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed 1 change of status form for the Sherriff'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.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

At 9:32am it was proposed and seconded to convene as the County Board of Equalization for the purpose of signing notification letters for deleted Homeowners exemptions. Roll call vote was Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 9:34am.

**COUNTY EXPENDITURE**

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated 02/23/2010. 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.

INDIGENT FUND	105	\$125.00
COURT TRUST FUND	127	\$1,261.98
COURT RESTITUTION FUND	139	\$1,345.30
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$13,603.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,335.28</b>

**COUNTY EXPENDITURE**

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated 02/26/2010. 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	\$5,354.65
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$5,100.31
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$633.75
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$261.82
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$13,258.34
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$216.71
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$134.83
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$515.42
ASSESSOR TRUST FUND	123	\$120.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$48,195.44
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$16.25
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73,807.52</b>

**WESTERN COUNTIES ALLIANCE**

The Board reviewed and considered information from Western Counties Alliance regarding Federal Considerations of Additional National Monuments. A proposed response letter was drafted in response requesting the Federal Government to work with State and Local Government before consideration of any declaration of monuments. A motion was made to authorize the Commissioners' signatures on the proposed letter. It was moved and seconded to approve the letter and roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

**EMPLOYEE GIFT CERTIFICATE ISSUES**

The Board reviewed issues that had arisen due to expired Christmas gift certificates. Stokes accidentally accepted an expired certificate and another employee asked for compensation due to not using the certificate before the expiration date. A motion was made to pay Stokes and to compensate the other employee with an accounts payable check. In the future, expiration will be more strongly highlighted and enforced. It was moved and seconded to approve the motion and roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

#### **VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD-RESOLUTION AMENDMENTS**

The Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Russell who expressed unhappiness that Cassia and Minidoka Counties decided to move the Veteran Service Officer headquarters. There were changes made to the Veterans Advisory Board Resolution Amendments. The Commissioners will continue to oversee the hiring and discipline of the Veteran Service Officer matters.

#### **REVIEW & EXECUTE ORDINANCE NO. 2010-02-01**

The Board reviewed the poultry CAFO's ordinance and the amendments. Mr. McMurray will make the necessary corrections so that the Board will be able to execute the ordinance.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:06am 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. The Board met with Amy Kramer who presented case # 2010025, 2010027, 2010005, 2010008, 2010030, 2010029, 2010010, 2010007 and 204044. The Board signed the Release of Medically Indigent Liens on case # 2010021, 2009121 and 2009132. The Board then signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on case # 2010033, 2010032, 2010031, 2010030 and 2010028. The Board also signed a Certificate of Denial on case #2010004 and an Order of Dismissal on case # 2009088. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 10:29am.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:29am 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 10:45am.

Following Executive Session the Board determined to authorize only a plaque of Recognition and determined not to authorize any monetary gift to the recently resigned Clerk of Cassia County. A motion was then made to remove Larry Mickelson from all official records including bank records effective this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March at 9:30am, and authorizing addition of Dee Yeaman as an authorized signatory. It was moved and seconded to approve the motion and roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

#### **LETTER FROM BIONOMICS ENVIROMENTAL**

The Board reviewed a letter from Bionomics Environmental Inc. regarding environmental impact surveys about the proposed Golden Triangle Wind Park that will occupy three different areas in Cassia County. The County Administrator will respond by advising them of zoning regulations applicable to the matter.

**LETTERS TO USFS**

The Board reviewed and executed a comment letter that approved of the nature of the proposed action to Mr. Scott Nannenga of the United States Forest Service about the North Heglar-Houtz and Flint Hartley Sheep and Goat Allotment. A motion was made to authorize the Commissioners' signatures on the letter. It was moved and seconded to approve the motion and roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

**LUNCH**

At 12:00pm the Board departed for a working lunch at Burley City Hall for a Mental Health Court presentation.

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 8, 2010.

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

Christina Maxey, Weekly News Journal.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Stella Sutherland, Deputy Clerk

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Dennis Crane, Chairman