

**COMMISSIONER MINUTES**  
**November 22, 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.

**PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES**

The Minutes for November 15, 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 upcoming meetings and events.

1. Public Defender and Jail meeting tomorrow, November 23, 2010, at 7:30 a.m.
2. Solid Waste meeting Wednesday, November 24, 2010
3. Hospital Board meeting tomorrow November 23, 2010
4. Hospital Board Chair meeting December 3, 2010

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Open enrollment for County MBA health insurance from November, 15, 2010 through November 30, 2010 through Auditor's office and Kelly Bowen.

**COUNTY EXPENDITURE**

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated November 22, 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	\$7,941.95
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$26,806.47
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$167.75
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$5,765.64
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$2.15
COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUND	113	\$11,950.00
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$39.34
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$31,580.96
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,300.27
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$27.21
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,581.74</b>

**DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING**

Present: Randy Kidd, Gordon Edwards, Joel Packham, Amber Prewitt, Patty Justesen, Karen Dayley, Russ Rasmussen, Kerry McMurray, Al Barrus, Joseph W. Larsen

Randy Kidd - Rob Neiwert, jail administrator resigned effective December 10, 2010. Denise Hamilton, finance manager resigned effective December 3, 2010. Hired Officer Gailey to be patrolman effective December 6, 2010, who will be paid through grant money. A lot of weather related accidents. Notice has been put out last week until Dec 10<sup>th</sup> for new jail administrator. Some changes in the task force personnel after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

Gordon Edwards - Has been repairing equipment, reseeding, and redoing road shoulders at City of Rocks. Working on grants for 2011. Meeting to be held in Jackson area on getting rid of thistle and reported on the Zebra Mussel problem in our surrounding areas.

Joel Packham – Drafted letter for review of Mormon Crickets and aphids for Board’s review. Alternative #3 was recommended to work with this problem using chemical treatment. McMurray will adapt letter for the Board to approve and send.

Amber Prewitt – All three probation levels staying about the same. Classes need be run to provide help for the domestic violence groups. Looking into implementing the use of GPS monitors. Quotes for them will be brought before the jail committee. Can be used for probationers as well as those being released on bond. Mainly used for domestic violence involved cases at request of Judge Bollar. Satellite training for getting up to speed with GPS will be held soon.

Patty Justesen – Tax notices all sent out. There were a lot of returned letters. Review of the statute revealed that only a single notice in November is required. A sticker mailed out with first mailing as a reminder for June is appropriate. Gayle Erekson’s retirement party will be the afternoon of December 10, 2010, at the Burley City Council room.

Karen Dayley – Mary Holland’s retirement party will be held on December 29, 2010, at the Burley City Council room.

Russ Rasmussen – One graduate from POST academy. One detention officer resigned. Staff is getting adjusted to the new jail management computer system. There have been some login problems that they are having to work through.

Kerry McMurray – Wind towers should go into operation soon. He reviewed last month’s construction report. Planning and Zoning has three terms expiring in December 2010. Also, Renae Wells resigned. Will bring names of those interested before the Board after Wednesday application deadline.

Joseph W. Larsen – Discussed the consolidated elections that go into effect January 1, 2011. Reviewed meeting with Tim Hurst from the Secretary of State’s office on the mechanics, costs, and payment allotments from the State of Idaho for implementing the new law.

Al Barrus – New employee is up and functioning. Two murder trials coming up.

### **SNOWMOBILE ADVISORY BOARD REGULATION REVIEW**

The Board reviewed suggestions from snowmobile club for by-law changes. Conflict of interest issues were addressed to be in compliance with Idaho code. Employees cannot be close family members of the Board of County Commissioners. Minidoka County Clerk, Duane Smith’s questions were addressed. The Advisory Board was discussed and Cassia County is to be designated as the governing power of that Board. The groomer is owned by Idaho Parks and Recreation and items owned by the county should be itemized by the Auditor’s department and not be a part of the by-laws.

Applicants for the Snowmobile Advisory Board are:

1. Roger Wageman – Minidoka County
2. Chuck Larson – Cassia County
3. Casey Larson – Cassia County
4. Mary Home – Minidoka County
5. Jay Heward – Cassia County
6. Joe Goldarez – Minidoka County

### **US FOREST SERVICE/BLM**

Jim Tharp, the BLM Assistant Field Manager expressed thanks for the Board being present to meet their new director, Mr. Ellis. Public comments and input for projects involving BLM should be addressed through Cassia County's Federal Lands Advisory Group (FLAG) and a copy to the Board. He had a question of BLM road west of Oakley near Mullen Ranch that is being maintained by the Oakley Highway District and was told to contact David Shirley, their attorney.

### **CASSIA CREEK WATER DISTRICT HEARING**

(Hearing minutes attached)

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:40 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. Susan Keck presented case # 2010135, 2010137, 2010147, 2010139, and 2010072. The Board deferred case # 2010135 waiting for candidate to present. The Board denied case # 2010137 for non-compliance. The Board approved as medically indigent and signed case # 2010147, 2010139, and 2010072. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 10:52 a.m.

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At 10:55 a.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)(a) 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 personnel matters. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:05 a.m. Thereafter, the matter was taken into advisement.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. A letter from the Board to the USDA APHIS PPQ was reviewed promoting Alternative #3 as being the most effective treatment strategy for the Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Suppression Program. A motion to send that letter from the Board was made by Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea.
2. Ordinance 2010-11-01 was read by Prosecuting Attorney Barrus that proposes to designate The Weekly News Journal as the official publication for Cassia County effective the date of its

publication. A motion to that effect was made by Commissioner Christensen, seconded by Commissioner Handy, with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea.

3. Clerk Larsen provided information regarding the county's budgeted funds for the City of Burley's animal control. \$10,000 had been budgeted for 2009, 2010, and also for 2011. Administrator McMurray was asked to write a letter of response to the City of Burley letting them know \$10,000 would be paid for 2010. An additional amount would be considered during budgeting for 2011.

4. Review of the Environmental Assessment for the "North Heglar – Houtz and Flint-Hartley (S&G) Allotments Analysis" issued by Minidoka District Ranger. Review of IPUC – Case No IPC-E-10-26 re: Idaho Power Application for 20 year firm energy sales agreement with Ag Power Jerome, LLC. The Board determined there was no necessity to respond.

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6. Review IPUC- Case No. IPC-E-10-28 re: Application to change beginning of free-year amortization period in Accounting Order No. 30940. The Board determined there was no necessity to respond.

7. Hearing was held to determine petition sufficiency for the formation of the Cassia Creek Irrigation District. The minutes of that meeting are set out separately from these minutes of general business for the day.

8. Commissioner Handy made a motion to amend last week's motion to adjust the VA local office director, Georgiana Greenwell's salary to that of former director, Dick Dalton in the amount of \$522.91. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Christensen, with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea.

9. Clerk Larsen and Commissioner-elect Kunau reviewed the Idaho Association of Counties orientation and training for newly-elected officials regarding liability and open meeting laws.

10. Three CSI residencies were reviewed and a motion to approve all presented applications was presented by Commissioner Christensen, seconded by Commissioner Handy, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

### **LUNCH**

At 12:15 p.m. the Board departed for lunch at Canton Restaurant, where discussion of duties and assignments of newly-elected officials were discussed during their working luncheon.

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 29, 2010.

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

Jay Lenkersdorfer, Weekly News Journal; and Robert Kunau, Commissioner-elect

**ATTEST:**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk

**APPROVED:**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis Crane, Chairman