



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

August 8, 2011

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Dennis Crane, Paul Christensen and Bob Kunau, Board Members; Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present. Prosecutor Barrus was excused.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioner Minutes for August 1, 2011, were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Kunau, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar.

1. Joint Justice meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2011
2. Gateway West Meeting 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2011
3. Jerome Judicial Annex tour on Thursday, August 11, 2011
4. Idaho Department of Labor listening session from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2011

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Thank you from the Roscoe Ward Family for flowers for Roscoe's funeral.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated August 5, 2011. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and the roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Kunau, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$28,180.99
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$20,583.19
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$901.19
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$1,067.05
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$15,659.51
CASSIA FAIR FUND	111	\$44,027.50
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$1,363.20
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$11,821.91
ELECTION FUND	116	\$47.89
COUNTY BOAT & LICENSE FUND	117	\$600.00
ASSESSOR TRUST FUND	123	\$694.48
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$72,741.70

PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$803.20
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$1,218.73
	TOTAL	\$199,710.54

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed one (1) change of status form from the Sheriff's Department requesting promotion and increase in salary of one employee which was denied. The Board requested additional information for justification.

LAW ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

Sheriff Randy Kidd presented a onetime proposal as an attempt to meet what he has understood as the maximum \$1,350,000 the City of Burley was willing to pay in a law enforcement agreement between them and the County. That proposal included a reduction of \$46,882 with the A budget for patrol from attrition, \$35,500 by terminating an office staff employee, \$50,000 by not purchasing two (2) patrol vehicles in the next fiscal year, and \$47,000 from a cops grant to be allocated to the reduction of the City of Burley's contractual obligation. The onetime reduction would total \$179,382. Chairman Crane was concerned all communications expectations have been met. Commissioner Christensen expressed concern about the cuts as losing ground with staff and vehicle depreciation and desired to see a list of what would be lost at the end of the fiscal year with proposed cuts. Kidd indicated that the City of Burley was having a special budget meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2011, and expressed concern that if the joint law enforcement went away we would never get it back. He desired to give it one more year and do all that could be done to keep the joint agreement. Chairman Crane inquired as to how the City of Burley came up with their proposed dollar amount. Kidd indicated that he was not aware of that. The joint agreement had been in force for twenty-six (26) years. Commissioner Christensen indicated that there hadn't been any citizen express to him a concern about law enforcement and that was confirmed as well by Chairman Crane. Chairman Crane also indicated that there would be no significant financial impact to the County if there was no contract agreed upon. The issue primarily had to do with providing all around better law enforcement to the County as a whole. Though the consensus was to attempt to keep the contract intact, the Board determined that the best interests of the County was paramount. Following this discussion and review, it was determined by the Board to take the matter under advisement until its August 15, 2011 meeting, at which time a decision will be made regarding a dollar figure on the law enforcement contract.

TAX DEED HEARING – TREASURER

Tax Deed hearings began at 9:35 a.m. Administrator McMurray led the hearing following introduction of those present. Treasurer Patty Justesen presented to the Board four properties in question with accompanying affidavits of statutory compliance of fulfillment of requirements and verifying unpaid delinquencies as follows:

1. Parcel No. RPSS0100010040A – Richard Lee Williams and Nancy A. Williams. A motion was made by Commissioner Christensen to have Treasurer Justesen issue a tax deed in favor of Cassia County on said property, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.
2. Parcel No. RP13S25E328157A – Vern E. Hubbard and Evelyn D. Hubbard c/o Glenn Hubbard. A motion was made by Commissioner Kunau to have Treasurer Justesen issue

a tax deed in favor of Cassia County on said property, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.

3. Parcel No. RP13S22E067200A – First Security Bank of Idaho c/o W. B. Whiteley. A motion was made by Commissioner Kunau to have Treasurer Justesen issue a tax deed in favor of Cassia County on said property, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.
4. Parcel No. RPBB001045009AA – Horizon Building and Design, LLC c/o Del Loney. A motion was made by Commissioner Kunau to have Treasurer Justesen issue a tax deed in favor of Cassia County on said property, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.

The hearing concluded at 9:45 a.m.

ASSESSOR BUDGET MATTERS

Assessor Dwight Davis presented that a contract with Whisper Mountain will expire on October 1, 2011. Following that they will be raising their rates as their business emphasis will change. Davis asked about approval on hiring a mapper for his department. Chairman Crane expressed concern of duplicating efforts with mapping and indicated that when mapper Dan Rorris left his employment funds were used for two other employees in the Assessor's office. Davis indicated that when the Whisper Mountain contract ends that those B budget expenditures in the Revaluation fund will be eliminated and he would like it to transfer that to the A budget for an Assessor department mapper. Davis further indicated that response time has gone from a few days to over a week for their mapping needs. 911 Coordinator Kent Searle asked how many hours were needed for mapping. Davis indicated a need for twenty (20) to thirty (30) more hours a week by the Assessor's office and that his focus was to get caught up where they were behind and to be in compliance with the statute.

REDISTRICTING TELECONFERENCE

CASSIA, MINIDOKA, & POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

County officials from Power, Minidoka, and Cassia Counties joined in a conference call to discuss legislative redistricting. The merits of redistricting maps that had been submitted to the Idaho Redistricting Commission were discussed. It was determined that the equitable bipartisan representation of each of the three counties involved was best represented by proposed map L-39. Each county felt that communities of interest and rural representation was best preserved by the division of Minidoka and Cassia County and the combination of Power and Cassia Counties as represented by proposed map L-39. Republican Central Committee Chairman for Cassia County, Wayne Hurst suggested that the Democrat approach was to attempt to keep counties together and the Republican approach was to look at deviation factors and the statute. All three counties felt bipartisan objectives were satisfied and each made a motion and unanimously accepted writing a letter of support to the Redistricting Commission, revocation of previous comments and testimony, and a request for the greatest possible degree of consideration for map L-39.

MINIDOKA & CASSIA JOINT BUDGET TELECONFERENCE

Discussion for joint agreements between Minidoka and Cassia Counties continued with the full Board of each county along with the Clerk of the Board/Auditor. Minidoka County has

determined they will not be funding general A budget wage and salary increases for FY2012. Their approved budgets reflected that decision. Following discussion, the following were approved:

Public Defender budget was approved for Minidoka County at \$218,570. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to approve \$261,980 for the Public Defender budget, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote. The total budget approved is \$480,550 and reflects an increase in salary of \$1500 each for two (2) deputy public defenders.

Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center budget was approved for Minidoka County at \$703,056. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to approve \$1,138,445 for the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center budget, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote. Auditor Larsen provided the Board with a spreadsheet detailing an elevated disparity between increased expenditures and decreased revenues as a comparison from FY2010 to FY2011.

Veterans Service budget proposal reflected an increase of 3% in salary for Veterans Service Officer, Georgianna Greenwell. The total budget of \$14,468 was discussed and divided equally between both Counties. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to approve to the Cassia County portion of \$7,234 of the Veterans Service budget, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center budget was discussed. The allocated amount for Cassia County was \$336,163.97. Following discussion, Commissioner Christensen made a motion to accept the proposed allocation of said amount, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Adult Misdemeanor Probation budget as a self-funded department presented a budget for Cassia County's portion of \$513,550. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to approve said amount, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Juvenile Probation joint budget proposed amount of \$210,000 reflected no change from FY2011. Clerk Larsen indicated that the joint Juvenile Probation Board the previous week voted to approve moving one part time employee to full time status. A motion to approve the Cassia County allotted portion of \$105,000 was made by Commissioner Christensen, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:02 p.m. it was proposed by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Kunau 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 Kunau voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss medical indigent matters. Welfare Director Susan Keck presented the following to the Board: Case # 2011-081 and # 2011-080. The Board reviewed and approved the following: Notice of Continuance of Hearing on Case # 2011-026; Certificate of Approval on Case # 2011-080; and Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case # 2011-091; Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 4:07 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The Board discussed Gateway Transmission Line Issues and their meeting coming up on August 15th. They also briefly reviewed a draft EIS.

2. The Board discussed the Judicial Annex remodel. Commissioner Kunau received information from the judges, Al Barrus, and Linda Wright. Administrator McMurray suggested that all information be gathered for review, to conduct a tour of the Jerome Judicial Annex, and then for input to be provided to the Board to review in the next Board meeting. Clerk Larsen expressed the importance of the essentials of the layout of the building being considered first then work our way out from there.
3. The Board reviewed a South Central Health District Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for enhancement of public health preparedness and response capabilities. Administrator McMurray made suggestions for minor modifications which were incorporated in the MOU. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to accept, sign, and return the modified MOU to the South Central Health District, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.
4. The Board discussed the consideration of an application of Kathy K. Arritt from Paul to serve on the Mini-Cassia Board of Community Guardians. A motion was made by Commissioner Kunau to approve said application subject to Minidoka County Commissioner's approval, seconded by Commissioner Crane, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.
5. The Board discussed a Deed of County Property for surplus property in Strevell proposed to be sold to Denton and Virginia Darrington. Said property had previously been offered and did not sell at public auction. Past due taxes and the costs for preparation to sell property was born by Grantee. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to sign said deed, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.
6. The Board reviewed Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the following: Almo Creek Outpost, Tracy General Store, Sage Mountain Grill, Riverside Park, Snake River Sports and Marina, Clark's for Shopping, Smith's Food and Drug #123, Pit Stop on I-84, Country Store Gas and Deli, and Chadwick Grille. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to accept and sign said licenses, seconded by Commissioner Crane, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.
7. The Board reviewed forty-one (41) CSI residencies. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to approve and sign said residencies, seconded by Commissioner Crane, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.

LUNCH

At 11:35 a.m. the Board departed for Pomerelle Ski Resort for a meeting and lunch with Woody Anderson regarding prospects of a grooming contract for snowmobile trails.

The Board discussed with Anderson and John Burrows what grooming requirements would be. Commissioner Kunau indicated that grooming a couple of times a month would be adequate and the time that is done is not critical. They discussed signage indicating that grooming was taking place. A contract with Pomerelle would eliminate transport of the groomer on roads difficult to navigate with icy roads or inclement weather. If contracted, they would answer to the Snowmobile Advisory Board Chairman, Chuck Larson. Road width measurement needs to take place to accommodate the groomer and contact with the Forest Service to remove obstacles may be necessary. Commissioner Christensen recommended having Administrator McMurray draft an agreement for the County and Anderson to consider. Anderson indicated that \$150 an hour for their services appears to be an industry standard. Once the contract is drafted, the Board will further review the matter with Woody Anderson and John Burrows.

ALMO PROPERTY EXCHANGE – JAY BLACK

The Board met Almo property owner, Jay Black and County Road and Bridge Supervisor, Sam Adams to tour the properties in question for possible exchange between Jay Black and the County. Boundaries of both properties were discussed and gravel on the County's property that would potentially be exchanged could remain there until the highway chip seal is done. Black indicated that he would like the exchange to take place so he could put in a pivot this fall on the property he would receive in exchange. The Board took the matter under advisement until its next public meeting on August 15, 2011 to review statutory obligations that need to be met to effectuate the land swap.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 15, 2011.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Emily Katseanes, The Times News; McCoy Worthington, Weekly News Journal; Ginger Cooper, The Voice; Wayne Hurst, Republican Central Committee Chairman; Kent Searle – 911 Coordinator; Power County Officials – Board Chairperson, Vicki Meadows, Board Members, Delane Anderson and Ronald Funk; Clerk Chris Steinmetz; Minidoka County Officials – Board Chairperson, Bob Moore, Board Members, Sheryl Koyle and Kent McClellan; and Clerk Patty Temple.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board

Dennis Crane, Chairman of the Board