



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

August 15, 2011

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

AGENDA ADDITION

The Board needed to address considerations which came up following publication of the agenda regarding the Cassia County Fair parade. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to add said item to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous ye a vote.

DELIBERATION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT WITH CITY OF BURLEY

The Sheriff earlier presented a contract proposal from the City of Burley. It was taken under advisement until this week. Sheriff Kidd indicated that it was his understanding that the City of Burley would pay no more than \$1,350,000 which reflects a \$179,000 reduction from the current obligation. Kidd presented that we accept their proposal on a one year basis based on the following: elimination of one staff member, postponing the purchase of two car purchases, a cops grant to offset, and elimination of \$46,882 in expenses from the budget so there would be no impact financially to the taxpayer. Kidd emphasized that emotions will hopefully have time to settle so that negotiations can carry forward.

The proposal included marking patrol cars indicating city patrol, appointing Undersheriff George Warrell as liaison between the City of Burley and the Sheriff's Department as is currently the case. Commissioner Christensen said some in the County may feel we're subsidizing the City with the proposal which may be true. However, services will be unmatched and he agreed that this be done on a one year basis. He indicated that it would be in the best interest of the City of Burley as well as County residents outside of the City of Burley.

Christensen lent his support to the Sheriff's recommendations in the hopes we could get the numbers back up which would be beneficial to all county residents. He further remarked that the combined law enforcement has paid great dividends to all residents for a number of years.

Commissioner Kunau agreed with Christensen and stressed the need to look after the employees who have given their time and lives to this combined law enforcement effort. He further indicated it would be sad to end the agreement and would be costly to employees who may lose their job. His recommendation was also to support a one year contract at the reduced rate and then look at the economy at that point in time.

Chairman Crane reinforced that the County leaders represent the entire county and the County has bent over backwards to make this work even though it will cost the County more than it has in the past. Crane was in hopes that going forward maybe some of the emotions could be set aside and relations can be worked on to make things better.

Commissioner Christensen made a motion to enter into a contract as proposed by the City of Burley for twelve (12) months from October 1, 2011, at \$1.35 million, seconded by

Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote. Crane asked to keep track of everything regarding service in and out of the City to establish credibility with City and County related expenditures. He felt that documentation would be important for the City of Burley to see. The contract would be provided to Administrator McMurray and Prosecutor Barrus to prepare for presentation to the City of Burley at their meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS HEARING

At 11:00 a.m., the Board convened a hearing regarding zoning and subdivision ordinance amendments as presented by Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kerry McMurray. The Board reviewed the changes. A motion was made by Commissioner Christensen to approve said recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Stacey Camp from Amalgamated Sugar Company commented to the Board regarding their concerns with the proposed amendments.

Mike Privitt from Hy-line NA, LLC presented to the Board the progress of their business and planning in the area.

A digital recording of the hearing was made by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

Visitor Sam Kunau asked questions of the Board regarding the impact of Planning and Zoning changes as part of a requirement for a Citizenship in the Community Boy Scout merit badge.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for August 8, 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. County Fair from August 15, 2011, to August 19, 2011.
2. Glen Beck will be pulling a wagon for elected County officials. They are to meet at Ross manufacturing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2011.
3. Cassia County Fair Queen Breakfast on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at Morey's Restaurant at 8:00 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. BLM development of a travel management plan (TMP) as part of the Shoshone office. Twin Falls meeting will be held in Twin Falls at LaQuinta Inn on August 24, 2011, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated August 12, 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

\$5,721.58

INDIGENT FUND	105	\$20,857.82
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$624.16
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$1,590.80
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$814.59
COUNTY BOAT LICENSE FUND	117	\$1,000.00
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$120.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$11,946.65
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$56.03
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$6,620.61
	TOTAL	\$49,352.24

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed two (2) Change of Status forms. An Extension Office temporary hire was presented. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Kunau, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea. A change of status from the Sheriff's Department for promotion of the Bailiff and increase in salary was delayed until additional responsibilities in court security were required at the new judicial annex.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:10 a.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)(b) with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Kunau 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 9:25 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:35 a.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 # 2011-085 and Case # 2011-086. Following discussion, the Board approved the following: Stipulation for Enlargement of Time Litigation on Case # 2011-057 and # 2011-059; and Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case # 2011-093, # 2011-094, and # 2011-74; Assignment on Case # 2010-068; Certificate of Denial on Case # 2011-081, # 2011-084, and # 2011-086. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:47 a.m.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

1. The Board reviewed twenty-nine (29) CSI residencies. Following review, a motion was made by Commissioner Kunau to approve, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

2. The Board reviewed Liquor Licenses for the following: Rock City Mercantile, Smith's Café, and Albion Café. A motion to approve said licenses was made by Commissioner Christensen, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
3. The Board discussed the need for a new member for the Cassia County Industrial Development Board to replace Mike Cranney. Commissioner Christensen suggested the consideration of Paul Hobson for such. Administrator McMurray was asked by the Board to contact Hobson to see if he would like to be considered.
4. The Board reviewed a land survey completed for a land exchange with Jay Black in Almo. The Board visited the properties in questions as a part of last week's Board meeting. Black called Chairman Crane and said he felt it best to go with the survey that was conducted rather than make further changes. The legal description and survey was presented to the Board by McMurray and the Board requested him to prepare a resolution and deed presentation, review it with Prosecutor Barrus to present to the Board.
5. The Board reviewed a legislative redistricting meeting with IAC last Tuesday in Twin Falls. Commissioner Christensen reported that there were representatives from each county in the valley. There was general support for what Cassia, Minidoka and Power Counties presented to the Redistricting Committee from last week's Board meeting. Jerome County felt they had enough to make a district of their own. Bingham County was called by Christensen to discuss their concerns. It was felt that we made some ground in addressing Cassia County's desires.
6. The Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center presented a request for approval of expenditures for the following kitchen items: a steamer in the amount of \$4660.00 and a dishwasher at the estimated amount of \$12,000. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to approve the recommendation of the joint jail committee on behalf of jail maintenance supervisor, Brandon Salvesen, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
7. The Board reviewed and discussed County mapping following a request from the Assessor's office for a full time mapper in their office. Assessor Dwight Davis indicated that the County currently has a contract with Whisper Mountain for \$10,200 per year. That contract price will be increasing substantially for next fiscal year as they are pursuing other business interests. Commissioner Christensen asked Davis what the additional financial impact would be to accept his proposal. Davis indicated that it would roughly cost an additional \$10,000. Chairman Crane asked mapper Todd Quast to explain how mapping currently is done in the County. Quast explained the importance of having consistency throughout the county by having a mapping department. He further indicated that they have taken on the new consolidated elections, work with weed control, law enforcement, and the Burley and Oakley Highway Districts. They also coordinate with the State of Idaho, the BLM, the Forest Service, Gateway West, the City of Rocks, and with the new Federal Census reports. Skills have been developed and cross training has taken place between he and mapper Sara Haynes to preserve integrity and consistency of the product. Davis presented the concern for timeliness of getting mapping completed for splits. Quast indicated that accuracy was more important than the time it takes. The Board discussed the elimination of Whisper Mountain and whether that presented a need for an additional person for mapping. Quast indicated that efficiency would be lost with another mapper and Christensen questioned why that would be the case if appropriate integration effort was made to make it work. 911 Coordinator Kent Searle presented the role of his department with the mappers to accomplish their needs. Davis indicated that Ada County has mapping department but also have a mapper in the Assessor's office. Quast referred to perpetuation of errors that have occurred in the past with

- a mapper in the Assessor's office and Quast was concerned with potential lack of communications with the Assessor's mapper being in a different location. The Board determined to take the proposal for an Assessor's department mapper under advisement.
8. The Board discussed an approach permit application from Kenneth Knight. Road and Bridge Supervisor Sam Adams approved and signed approval. Following discussion, Commissioner Kunau made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea approval.
 9. The Board reviewed the Conflict Public Defender Report for July 2011. Commissioner Kunau read the report to the Board.
 10. The Board reviewed and approved County Expenditures.
 11. A report was presented on the Jerome Judicial Annex facility toured by Judge Hodges, Deputy Prosecutor Blaine Cannon, Undersheriff George Warrell, District Court Trial Administrator Linda Wright, Commissioner Bob Kunau, and Administrator Kerry McMurray. A desire was expressed to put together a tour of court facilities in Ada County and possibly Bingham County. Some concern was expressed that the judge's bench were not situated to avoid blind spots in the courtroom at the Jerome facility. Additionally, it was expressed that the witness stand needed to be elevated. McMurray indicated that the first step was to decide what is needed then to secure an architect second.
 12. The Board reviewed County Road and Bridge matters regarding installation of culverts in Elba area. A letter was sent to Kimball Adams from the IDOT regarding a crack in the shoulder of the road at the Big Fill in Elba. He indicated that they were aware of it and it would be examined and repaired.
 13. Clerk Larsen presented that the budget would be published in the newspaper next week prior to the FY2012 budget hearing on August 29, 2011. Larsen will prepare details regarding A budget proposals to be discussed on August 22, 2011.
 14. The Board discussed an email from Kerry Ellen Elliot from the IAC regarding a Gateway West meeting with the Idaho Conservation League (ICL) on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. The Board authorized the sending of information on County ordinances concerning transmission lines to the IAC.
 15. The Board read, reviewed, and signed a letter to Steven A. Ellis, State Director of the BLM proposing that no area in Cassia County be included as a "crown jewel" to be designated as wilderness area. A motion to sign and send said letter with those recommendations was made by Commission Christensen, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

LUNCH

At 11:55 a.m. the Board departed for lunch at the Cassia County Fairground, where they toured the grounds and discussed events of this week's fair with the Cassia County Fair Board.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 22, 2011.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Kari Merrill, Weekly News Journal; Laurie Welch, The Times News; Kent Searle, 911 Coordinator; Randy Kidd, Sheriff; George Warrell, Undersheriff; Renee Wells, The Voice; Todd Quast, County Mapper; Sara Haynes, County Mapper; Scott Kunau; Sam Kunau; Andrew

Giesbrecht; Stacey Camp and Donovan Hartley, Amalgamated Sugar; and Mike Privett, Hy-line NA, LLC.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman