BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
August 29, 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.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY AND BOARD MEETING SHEDULE

Commissioner Christensen will be gone out of town until September 12th. There will be no meeting on Monday, September 5, 2011, as it is Labor Day. There will be a Special Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. with the Road and Bridge Department to review the water situation in Elba.

PROPOSED AGENDA ADDITION

Extension Office Supervisor Joel Packham had information he wanted to present to the Board regarding the Cassia County Fair that was prepared after the publication of the minutes. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to add said item to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Packham reviewed with the Board the number of 4-H projects and the total value of market animal sales for the past 5 (five) years. The 2011 Cassia County Fair exceeded any of the past years in both the number of projects completed at 87% and the total animal sales at $482,324.95.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for August 15, 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. Economic Development meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2011, at 7:00 a.m. at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.
2. Mini-Cassia Veterans Quarterly meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.
3. RAC meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2011, in Shoshone.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed one (1) Request for Change of Status. The Sheriff's Office presented Court Security/Bailiff Sr. Deputy Shannon J Taylor to be promoted to Court Security/Bailiff Corporal and receive an increase in pay for certification. Following discussion, the Board desired to wait for the completion of the judicial annex building and additional courtroom security implementation and review the request at that time.

INSURANCE REPORT – KELLY BOWEN

Kelly Bowen from Bowen Insurance Group presented on behalf of the County an overview of the County's insurance programs. He indicated that for the entire insurance package of benefits to employees, the County should anticipate an increase of 5.35% in premium costs for the calendar year 2012. He detailed the annual benefit in premium portions paid by Cassia County on behalf of employees under each of the four health insurance plans offered to County employees. He also presented current health insurance monthly premium percentages of participation by employees that ranged from 0% for basic coverage to 12.30% paid for premium coverage. The balance of those premium charges are paid by the County. The Board discussed the split of premium costs between the County and the employee and pointed out that there had been no premium increases passed on to the employee. Chairman Crane enquired what the result would be if the Board made no change in premium cost to the employee and Bowen indicated that the County would continue to experience increased financial exposure. Bowen presented a suggested employee premium percentage increase for the Board to consider. Crane suggested that the Cassia Employee Benefits Committee consider what to do and asked Deputy Auditor Cara Petterson to arrange for a meeting with that committee during September 2011.

Commissioner Christensen inquired as to the cash reserve account balance. Bowen indicated that there was a $253,000 reserve and that the County has taken 3 (three) premium holidays over the past 6 (six) years which amounted to $105,000 to $110,000 per premium. Bowen indicated that overall costs have been close to what the Gem Plan has experienced and that he felt the current plan has done well for the County and provided savings to the taxpayer. The first of November is open enrollment for employees to make adjustments to their insurance plan. Christensen enquired about the additional exposure to the Obama administration mandates for coverage of children to age 26. Bowen indicated that there were no sizable claims.

REVALUATION BUDGET MATTERS – ASSESSOR DWIGHT DAVIS

Assessor Dwight Davis presented his desire for a mapper in his department. Mr. Davis is concerned with being in compliance with Idaho Code and presented how having a mapper in his office would facilitate such compliance. Concern was raised about maintaining the strides that have been made with current mapping, and not wanting to undo what has been done. Following discussion Commissioner Christensen made a motion to allow Davis to hire a fulltime mapper under his supervision to be paid approximately $32,000 annually, to have mapper Todd Quast on the selection team, and for Quast to assist with training to maintain the established standard as set forth by the County. The motion was never seconded and the Board determined to take it under further advisement before allocating funds within the published budget.

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing was held on the tentative and proposed County budget for FY2012, pursuant to notice given as prescribed by statute. Auditor Larsen presented the tentative budget in the total amount of $17,280,493; with $3,889,292 representing property tax funding, the balance coming from other revenue sources.

No taxpayers appeared or offered testimony with regard to the tentative budget. The Board addressed questions to Auditor Larsen and discussed details of the budget. After due consideration, Commissioner Christensen made a motion to approve and fix the final budget for FY 2012, setting the total budget at $17,280,493, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote. Appropriations concerning mapping issues remained unsettled and

were therefore not fixed by the Board at this time. Thus, the fixing of appropriations to each office and department was taken under advisement.

COUNTY CAFO REGULATION COMPLAINT – REED GIBBY

Concerns were presented by representatives of Gibby Farms. Owner Reed Gibby introduced to the Board Matthew Thompson, Consultant; Monte Quast, Operations Manager; Ben Gibby, owner; and Dustin Olsen, Farm Production Manager. Thompson described briefly their pig farm operations and their proposed building of a structure to facilitate a longer period of time between birth and weaning of the piglets. He indicated that said proposal did not include an increase in the livestock count. They proposed a 96'x76' building connected to an existing structure by hallway to facilitate 3 (three) farrowing rooms. Thompson indicated that a designation of that building as a commercial building rather than as an ag building would increase their costs of construction by 5% to 10% under IBC. Compliance Officer Melissa Price presented to the Board that County Building Code calls for a commercial building designation where employees work in the structure. Gibby indicated that employees are only used to move the pigs from one location to another and that the structure is just for housing the pigs and not processing them. Thompson referred to the appendix of the IBC as to why their interpretation favors an ag building designation. Administrator McMurray said that the designation is at the discretion of the building official. Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus said that the Cassia County Building Department Board of Appeals should address the issue and McMurray will help Gibby's work through that Board for review.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated August 26, 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	$12,359.07
INDIGENT FUND	105	$21,008.35
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	$248.26
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	$918.78
ASSESSOR TRUST FUND	123	$59.30
JUSTICE FUND	130	$9,778.39
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	$3,990.81
	TOTAL	**$48,362.96**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:35 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)(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. The Board heard concerns and recommendations from Sheriff Randy Kidd regarding employee matters which they will take under advisement. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 10:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:45 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 and the Board discussed and approved the following: Certificate of Denial on Case # 2011-085 and # 2011-091; Certificate of Approval on Case # 2010-145 and # 2011-079; Certificate of Approval for Additional Treatment on Case # 2011-079; and an Order of Reimbursement on Case # 2010-145. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:00 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The Board reviewed 27 CSI Residencies. Following a general discussion, Commissioner Kunau made a motion to approve said applications, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
2. The Board reviewed County expenditures as presented by the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to approve said expenditures, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
3. The Board reviewed a Homeland Security Grant application in the amount of $19,555.26 presented by Sheriff Randy Kidd that would be used for emergency management performance. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to approve and sign said application, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
4. The Board reviewed a proposal for appointment to the Mid Snake Regional Water Resource Commission of Mary Brand from Twin Falls County as a new member representing their Planning & Zoning. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to approved said proposal for appointment, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
5. The Board reviewed an Agreement for Pathology Services Between Cassia County and Ada County on behalf of the Coroner's Office. Coroner Craig Rinehart presented the importance of this contractual agreement with Ada County and indicated that his office currently utilizes pathology services locally from Dr. Hauser who will be leaving at the end of this year. Prosecutor Al Barrus indicated that Ada County is really good to deal with. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to approve and sign said contract, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
6. The Board reviewed IPUC Case No. INT-G-11-01, an annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment application from the Intermountain Gas Company requesting authority to decrease its annualized revenues which they contend will also decrease its customer rates.
7. The Board reviewed a request to comment to the BLM regarding climbing restrictions at Massacre Rocks. BLM desires to curtail this activity expend taxpayer funds to close nearly 600 acres near Massacre Rocks. Commissioner Christensen expressed desire to maintain multiple use of the area. Chairman Crane suggested including the Castle Rock area with that consideration. Administrator McMurray was asked to prepare a draft letter to that extent.
8. The Board reviewed an IAC information teleconference regarding FERC establishing National Electrical Transmission Corridors set for August 30, 2011. 9:30 a.m.
9. The Board discussed the Judicial Annex progress. Administrator McMurray indicated that they are currently requesting qualifications for an architect to be hired for that project.

10. The Board discussed County Road & Bridge matters. ITD using Wallace as a pass between ITD to the County. On hold until it is worked out by park service and ITD.
11. The Board discussed matters pertaining to the revised law enforcement agreement that needs to be completed with the City of Burley. Prosecutor Barrus indicated that he had not heard back from City Attorney Kelly Anthon. The Board requested that he make contact with Anthon.

RECESS

The meeting was recessed until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 6, 2011, when a Special Meeting is scheduled to be held with the Road and Bridge Department regarding water in the Elba area.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Kari Merrill – Weekly News Journal; Ginger Cooper – The Voice, Laurie Welch – The Times News; Kent Searle – 911 Coordinator; Kent Severe, Karen Dayley, Mart Adams, and Barney Greener – Assessor's Office; Patty Justesen – Treasurer; Darwin Johnson and Russell Rasmussen – Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center; Todd Quast – 911 Mapper; Cara Petterson – Deputy Auditor; and Melissa Price – County Compliance Officer.

ATTEST:

/s/_____
Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/_____
Dennis Crane, Chairman