



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

December 19, 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.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Two items came in too late to be included on the posted agenda. An email was received from the IAC regarding oil and gas drilling. Also, notice came from the City of Burley requesting cancellation on taxes on City-owned property. A motion was made by Commissioner Kunau to add said items to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

The IAC presented a proposal that preempts local authority's ability to decide on the expansion of exploration in the oil and gas industry. The Board requested that Administrator McMurray forward the email to Prosecuting Attorney Barrus and asked Barrus to respond that the Board opposes such.

The City of Burley requested cancellation of taxes on parcel RP #BB001041001AA located at 759 Overland Avenue. The City of Burley received the property back from a private purchaser. As such, they are exempt from property taxes unless the property in question is in an urban renewal district and they are receiving profit on that property. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to cancel the taxes and grant exemption for future taxes, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioner Minutes for December 12, 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. No Jail or Joint meetings for tomorrow. They have been cancelled.
2. Next Board meeting will be held as a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Christmas Card from the Assessor's Office
2. Letter from the USFS
3. US Department of Agriculture for awarded grant funds.
4. Christmas Card from Bloomquist Hale Consulting employee assistant providers.
5. Library Foundation asking for membership and donation.

6. Mutual Aid Agreement in regards to the Coroner's Office signed already by Minidoka County and needs to be signed by Chairman Crane.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated December 16, 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	\$5,143.10
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$27,997.46
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$2,622.75
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$5,353.89
HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND	112	\$6,250.00
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$37,393.21
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$50.00
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$6,525.85
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$30,441.35
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,843.18
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$11,105.22
	TOTAL	\$134,726.01

SAFE HAVEN HEALTH CARE CONTRACT

Scott F. Burpee, President and CEO of Safe Haven Health Care in Pocatello met with the Board and presented a contract for indigent involuntary mental holds. They have procured numerous assisted living, in-home care, and hospital and skilled nursing facilities in Idaho. They are currently working with other Counties in Idaho in a cooperative agreement for County psychiatric holds at about half the price of other psychiatric facilities at their facility in Pocatello. The Board will take their proposal under advisement.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

George Warrell (Chief Deputy Sheriff) – Chief Deputy Warrell reported on the Sheriff's Department in the absence of Sheriff Kidd who was out of town. He reported on the 2011 funding for interoperable expenses. One of their officers, Jordan Williams will be going to POST in January. Warrell indicated that things have been busy lately. Cassia County is processing the car and is holding a murder suspect from a recent incident in Minidoka County.

Gordon Edwards (Weed and Pest Control) – Edwards advised the Board that Extension Office Director, Joel Packham was teaching farm management classes today and was unable to attend. The Weed and Pest Control Department was working NPDS (clean water) permits which he indicated could cause some serious concerns for farmers that may have difficulty complying with new regulations. He indicated that Congress was currently working on making some things exempt. Edwards reported that he was working on grants with BLM and USFS and working on setting up at the Ports of Entry for the invasive species inspections. Once the Board approves they will begin advertising to hire for helping with those invasive species inspections.

Patty Justesen (Treasurer) – Justesen was unable to attend this meeting today as she is busy in the Treasurer's Office with tax collections. She provided the Board with a report

indicating that we were slightly ahead this year for balances. She also included a Quarterly Investment Report.

Craig Rinehart (Coroner) – Rinehart reported that things have been pretty quiet this fall. Auditor Larsen indicated a joint County agreement with Minidoka County was signed earlier in this meeting by the Board that was presented earlier by Rinehart. That agreement was for joint cooperation in the event of a mass casualty situation Minidoka or Cassia County.

Dwight Davis (Assessor) – Davis indicated his office is currently assessing transient equipment property which is stored in our County for over 30 days. He also indicated that they were very pleased with their two (2) new employees. Two (2) appraisers along with Davis will be going later this week to Boise to a meeting with the State Tax Commissioner regarding agriculture. His office has received a number of calls regarding property valuations that would need to be addressed later in 2012.

Darwin Johnson (Justice Center) – Johnson indicated that they are currently upgrading their security system in the jail. Some security equipment doesn't currently work and they are proposing the purchase of new wands at the cost of \$3872.49 that he presented to the Board for their consideration. Their current equipment has been used for 3 to 5 years. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to approve said purchase, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.

Jail Assistant Director, Russ Rasmussen presented the current jail population which is up compared to last year.

Joseph Larsen (Clerk) – Larsen reported on ongoing work with the Recorder's Office digitizing and indexing records and making arrangements to ship documents to the Historical Society for storage once digitization is complete. He reported on the elections calendar for 2012. The outside independent audit is currently under way and the Auditor's Office is working to provide requested documents and information to auditor, Jeff Poulsen.

Al Barrus (Prosecuting Attorney) – Barrus indicated that they were staying busy in his office. They are also accepting applications for two secretary positions that are opening up in the next few months.

Kerry McMurray (Administrator) – McMurray reported on three (3) Planning & Zoning board member positions they are currently advertising for. Joyce Ward is resigning and two (2) other member's terms are expiring with one of them expressed a desire to continue.

Amber Prewitt (Adult Juvenile Probation) – Prewitt indicated that their lab is up and running and they are waiting to get their email system running correctly by the first of the year. Two (2) people are going to POST training and that will leave two (2) in their office remaining to have their department completely trained.

Dennis Crane (Chairman of the Board) – Crane reported that IDOT Highway Board has designated Highway 77 Alternate, the Elba-Almo Highway, a State Highway. That has been in the making for several years. He also provided all heads of departments a Christmas gift for each County employee. The Board will also visit different departments following Board meeting.

Paul Christensen (Commissioner) – Christensen reported that the Board had met with an architecture firm last Monday regarding the new Justice Center facility. The Board is close to the end of negotiations for a contract with LCA Architects from Boise. Processes will begin to move forward once that is completed.

BLM/ FOREST SERVICE REPORT

Scott Nannenga (USFS) – Nannenga was not present and did not report at today's Board

meeting.

Mike Courtney (BLM) – Courtney reported on a project in the Milner area where they will be doing major work. They received funding in the amount of \$200,000 for that project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:14 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 # 2011-131, # 2011-130; # 2011-132, # 2011-127, # 2011-124, # 2011-123, # 2011-118, and # 2011-122. The Board reviewed and approved the following: Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case # 2011-135, # 2011-136, # 2011-137, # 2011-138, # 2011-139, # 2011-140, and # 2011-141; Release of Medically Indigent Lien on Case # 2011-121; Certificate of Denial on Case # 2011-124, # 2011-123, and # 2011-118; Certificate of Approval on Case # 2011-122; and Order of Reimbursement on Case # 2011-122. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:38 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The Board discussed six (6) CSI Residency applications. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to approve said applications, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by unanimous yea vote.
2. The Board reviewed and approved County expenditures.
3. The Board reviewed an application for assistance from the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security in the amount of \$57,191.94. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to accept and sign said application, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
4. The Board reviewed County Road and Bridge matters. Road and Bridge Supervisor, Sam Adams reported that there had not been significant snow removal yet. Devin Rigby from the IDOT said the State Advisory Board met and approved the agreement as presented.
5. The Board reviewed equipment for the Administrative Office. Administrator McMurray indicated that the rent has run out on their copier. Their desire was to contract for a Xerox WorkCentre 7500 Series Multifunction Printer at a price of \$383.01 per month which is a reduction in cost of what they are currently contracting. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to accept and sign said agreement, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
6. The Board discussed the names of the Farwell Road and EY Road. They reviewed an email from Joyce Ward and referred to a visit from Gary Farwell with mapper Todd Quast who petitioned a change in the name of the North Heglar Road to the Farwell Road. There are no homes on that road portion in Heglar that would necessitate address changes. One address will need to be changed in addition to Joyce Ward's on the EY Road name change proposal.
7. The Board discussed the Ambulance Contract with CRMC. Rod Barton, administrator from CRMC sent a letter to Administrator McMurray regarding the issuance of a security bond. The Board made a recommendation to determine if we have had a security bond in

the future and if we have not, we would proceed with completing the contract as in the past.

8. The Board discussed the County's position regarding charging a motor vehicle day use fee at the City of Rocks National Reserve. They determined that landowners within the reserve should not be charged. The Board is against the proposal of instituting a fee. Administrator McMurray was asked by the Board to respond to Wallace Keck by email.
9. The Board discussed County web-based mapping issues with County GIS Director, Todd Quast. He proposed as an inexpensive approach to utilize map overlays for various departments in the County on cross-platform devices. Cushing Technologies would set it up and we make whatever changes we want to for an amount not to exceed \$5000 initially to work on Andoid-based devices such as the County-owned Motorola Xoom tablets. It would also include an 18% per year maintenance fee. The costs would be shared by the following departments: Assessor, Weed & Pest Control, Consolidated Elections, GIS, and Law Enforcement. The maintenance fee would be paid from the general fund. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to approve expenditures not to exceed \$6000 for this first year for services for said web-based mapping program through Cushing Technologies, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.
10. The Board reviewed the Conflict Public Defender Report from December 14, 2011, from Clayne Zollinger, II.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 3, 2012, when a Special Board Meeting will be held. Both December 26, 2011, and January 2, 2012, are legal holidays and no Board Meetings will be held on those dates.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Kari Merrill, Weekly News Journal; Laurie Welch, The Times News;

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board

Dennis Crane, Chairman of the Board