

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

January 18, 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.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

There was a discussion of protocol for amending the Board's agenda. Prosecuting Attorney Barrus presented that there must be good faith reasons for making amendments to the printed and publicly posted agenda.

Commissioner Kunau made a motion to add the following agenda items:

1. Oakley Highway District Grant Application – Wes Hawkes (grant application was received January 17, 2011 by Oakley Highway District)
2. Teleconference with Rep. Bedke and Rep. Wood – Gateway Corridor Discussion (information was not received regarding this teleconference until January 18, 2011)

That motion was seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

OAKLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION – WES HAWKES

Wes Hawkes from the Oakley Highway District presented to the Board an application for a grant to rebuild the Golden Valley road, one of three Cassia County collector routes. He indicated that the increased usage with new dairies and two new beet dumps, the road has been difficult to maintain. Since the application deadline is today, he was seeking the approval of the Board. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to approve the grant application, Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

TELECONFERENCE WITH REP. BEDKE AND REP. WOOD ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR

Rep. Fred Wood and Rep. Scott Bedke led a discussion with the Board and the Power County Board concerning the principle of eminent domain as it pertains to the Electrical Transmission Corridor. It was suggested that the concerns of the counties involved would best be addressed with a base of support from the Idaho Association of Counties and our constituency.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Commissioner Minutes for January 10, 2011, were discussed. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kunau. Roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Kunau, Commissioner Christensen, and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Correspondence from the Gooding group requesting concerns of the Board
2. EAP information to employees detailing free consulting benefits given to employees
3. Letter from Bowen Insurance Group regarding adding dependents to health insurance

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Drug Court Institute in Boise on Thursday, January 20, 2011, in Boise
2. Adult Misdemeanor Planning Meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2011, in Boise
3. Mini-Cassia Commerce Committee Meeting at noon on Thursday, January 20, 2011
4. Department head meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2011, in the Juvenile Court Room
5. Lincoln Day Celebration in Twin Falls with Dick Morris on Saturday, February 12, 2011
6. Lincoln Day Celebration in Burley at Morey's on Saturday, February 12, 2011

INSURANCE MATTERS – KELLY BOWEN

Postponed for future Board Meeting

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

No county expenditures were presented to the Board.

CHANGE OF STATUS

Sheriff Kidd requested to extend accrued vacation and personal leave time for two weeks for Jeanette Hayden. She went through POST training and was unable to use her time prior to the required February 1, 2011 date.

A Request for Change of Status was presented for promotion of Kirk Craner from Detention Officer to Senior Detention Officer, for hiring Wanda Ann Morris as Financial Manager, for hiring Jacob John Hirsch, III as a Detention Officer, all in the Sheriff's Department; and for hiring Sheri Bedke as Deputy Treasurer. 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.

CSI RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS

Sixteen CSI Residency Applications were reviewed and a motion to approve those applications was presented by Commissioner Kunau, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:30 a.m. it was proposed by Commissioner Kunau 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 Kunau voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss medical indigent matters. County Welfare Director, Susan Keck presented current medical indigent cases. The Board approved an Order of Dismissal on Case # 2010-123; Findings of Facts/Decision on Case # 2010-121; Notice of Liens on Case # 2010-007, # 2010-006, # 2010-005, # 2010-004, # 2010-003, and # 2010-002; Assignment of Collections on Case # 2010-057, # 2010-051, and # 2010-071; Release of Lien on Case # 2010-123; and Denials on Case # 2010-163 and # 2010-160. The Board discussed the medical review on Case # 2010-068. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 10:50 a.m.

TOUR OF 72 HOUR TEMPORARY HOLD UNIT IN GOODING

At 10:00 am. the Board, Clerk Larsen, and Prosecuting Attorney Barrus departed for Gooding to tour the proposed 72 hour temporary hold unit for mental health evaluations. Prosecuting Attorney expressed concern that the approval of the judges was necessary for the proposed remote video mental health evaluations. Lunch was provided for those attending the tour.

TOUR AND REVIEW OF THE JEROME COUNTY JUDICIAL ANNEX

At 1:30 p.m. the Board, Clerk Larsen, and Prosecuting Attorney Barrus toured the Jerome County Judicial Annex and observed the security measures used at that facility.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The Board reviewed concerns expressed by inmates of the jail regarding the food served there. Administrator McMurray indicated that those receiving items of concerns from inmates need to make sure that person signs their name to their concerns.
2. The Board reviewed and declined an invitation from Mark Mitton from the City of Burley for municipal leadership training. However, the Board agreed to invite Debbie Dane with Southern Idaho Tourism to train county personnel in customer service at no cost.
3. The Board reviewed applications for Idaho Power for approval of revisions to the Irrigation Peak Rewards Program, approval of a 15-year Firm Energy Sales Agreement between them and SE Hazelton A LP, a 20-year Firm Energy Sales Agreement between them and Hidden Hollow Energy 2, LLC, and a 20-year Firm Energy Sales Agreement between them and four projects near Rogerson.
4. The Board reviewed the Veteran's Service Quarterly report. Administrator McMurray had a conversation with Ron Beedle about the need for a copy machine as theirs was not working and was not repairable. Dennis Peterson had provided a used one for them and was to follow up on that concern.
5. The Board reviewed areas of responsibility for Commissioners, made some assignments, and are working towards solidifying the final division of responsibilities.
6. The proposed agreement on outsourcing some janitorial work was discussed by the Board. The decision of the Board was to consider hiring part time help in lieu of a contractual agreement to outsource those services. Commissioner Kunau referred to and encouraged a process like that of Jerome County having one full time janitorial supervisor with the rest as part time help to curtail employee benefit costs to the county. It was decided to have Administrator McMurray talk to previous applicants.

RECESS

At 4:25 p.m. the meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 24, 2011.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Stacey Hughey – The News Journal and Wes Hawkes – Oakley Highway District

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman