



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

June 13, 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. Prosecuting Attorney, Al Barrus was out of town.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for June 6, 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. IAC Commissioners and Clerks meeting on June 14-16 in Pocatello
2. Veterans Services letter requesting training for Veterans Service Officer.
3. Gateway Meeting on Friday, June 24, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at the Burley City Council Room
4. 2011 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition to be held on July 15-19 in Portland, Oregon.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Letter from Joel Packham to Commissioners and Clerk regarding budget follow up. Commissioner Christensen requested for Administrator McMurray to review.
2. Letter from Auditor Larsen regarding Solid Waste Contract renewal recommendations
3. Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign News Release regarding invasive weeds
4. Bonneville Power Administration June 2011 Journal
5. Footnotes semi-annual publication from the Idaho Area Health Education Center for Summer-Fall 2011
6. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare invitation to apply for grant funds through the Rural Health Care Access Program for rural and underserved Idaho communities
7. PUC denied higher rate for wind power. Rates will have to be negotiated.
8. Email from N.W. Senators in support of Geothermal Changes

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated April 8, 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	\$5,003.77
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$4,919.48

DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$2,541.34
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$6,696.68
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$3,978.86
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$695.65
COUNTY BOAT LICENSE FUND	117	\$1,000.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$245.48
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$58.98
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$4,905.44
	TOTAL	\$30,045.68

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed 3 requests for change of status. The Adult Probation Office presented Michael McDaniel to be promoted from Probation Officer to Senior Probation Officer and receive an increase in rate of pay; the Sheriff's Office presented Deputy Patrolman Matthew J. Love to receive an increase in pay for certification; and the Criminal Justice Center presented Detention Officer Brynn A. Reusze to receive and increase in pay for certification. 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.

DEPARTMENT HEAD BUDGET WORKSHOP

Treasurer (Patty Justesen) – Budget Officer recommendations reduced Travel and Education from \$4800 to \$3700. The Board increased that to \$4300.

Weed and Pest Control (Gordon Edwards) – Budget Officer recommendation reduced Travel and Education from \$1240 to \$1000 concurred with by Edwards and the Board. The Chemical line item was recommended to be reduced from \$26,480 to \$25,000 and concurred with by Edwards and the Board.

Road and Bridge (Sam Adams) – Adams requested an increase on the Equipment Expense line item to account for the purchase of a John Deere 772 road grader totaling \$26,000 a year for seven years. They currently have a ten (10) year old grader that they can receive \$100,000 for trade in with towards a purchase cost of \$250,000. Adams indicated that the grader is the heart of their work with the Road and Bridge Department. After discussion, it was determined that a line item needed to be added for accountability of a \$33,000 magnesium chloride grant.

911 (Kent Searle and Todd Quast) – Kent said next generation equipment is on the horizon and the County has prepared along the way and have the funds to meet those obligations when they come.

Assessor (Dwight Davis) – Davis requested to add an A Budget line item in the Revaluation Budget for a mapper. His desire was to eventually eliminate Whisper Mountain as a contracted party. Mapper Todd Quast and Sara Haynes have done a great job but Davis indicated that they need a full time mapper in their office. Davis requested to replace two older high

mileage mid-sized pickups with one that is newer. He indicated that some of his employees are working two jobs, morale is down with wages being frozen for the third year, and he expressed concern that the County might be a training ground for work elsewhere. Assessment notices have been uneventful.

Clerk (Joseph W. Larsen) – Judge Bevan and Linda Wright from the 5th Judicial District Court discussed budget items on behalf of the District Court. Discussion ensued with the Clerk and Sheriff regarding bailiff and court security issues moving into a new judicial facility. Protection is paramount in the decision of courthouse security. Homeland Security and FEMA grants have provided for courthouse security in other counties. Problem solving courts are the thing of the future according to Bevan and Wright.

The Board postponed budget workshops scheduled for today for the Criminal Justice Center, for the Public Defender, and for Adult Misdemeanor Probation.

SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP – KEN ROBINETTE

The Board met with South Central Community Action Partnership representative, Ken Robinette. Robinette indicated that contracts for 2011 from the Federal Government have still not been appropriated. Robinette discussed Low Income Energy Assistance and Weatherization Programs. Robinette presented statistics regarding Cassia County poverty. 3,485 (16.3%) of Cassia County residents are at the poverty level and 22.1% of the poverty population is under the age of 18. He also addressed the Community Service Block Grant Emergency Services. He indicated that the Weatherization Program is bringing back in savings nearly all money expended and that they had assisted in weatherization to sixty-six (66) County homes from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:00 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 an indigent matter. Coroner Craig Rinehart presented a potential indigent disposition situation. The Board determined to further review to evaluate indigency status. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:12 a.m.

LUNCH

At 12:05 p.m. the Board recessed for lunch until 1:00 p.m.

SEARCH AND RESCUE EMS GRANT FUND REQUEST

The Board drafted a letter in support of the Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue to be considered for EMS Grant Funds. Search and Rescue relies on grants and donations to purchase up-to-date equipment and would appreciate EMS grant supplementation to help in continuing to function effectively, safely, and in the best interest of those they serve.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The Board reviewed a Department of Parks and Recreation Agreement Form specifying the appropriate use of grant funds for half the cost of the purchase of a snowmobile. The matching share and grant request each amount to \$4750 with the total purchase price of \$9500. A motion was made by Commissioner Christensen to sign said Agreement Form, seconded by Commissioner Kunau. Commissioners Crane, Kunau, and Christensen voted yea.
2. The Board reviewed with Clerk Larsen statutory requirements of the County for community college fees on behalf of qualifying County students. Chairman Crane requested that Larsen correspond with Prosecuting Attorney Barrus for interpretation of that statute to assist with, among other things, budgeting for FY2012 for those required expenditures.
3. The Board reviewed recommendations from the Auditor's office regarding date changes on the renewal of the Solid Waste Agreement. That recommendation will be referred to the director of the Solid Waste District as well as their attorney, Steve Tuft.
4. The Board reviewed and discussed law enforcement issues. The executive Board members representing the County will take issues to the joint law enforcement meeting on Monday, June 20, 2011.
5. There were no Board of Equalization matters.
6. One (1) CSI Residency was reviewed and approved by motion from Commissioner Christensen, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
7. The Board reviewed and discussed an anonymous letter Commissioner Christensen had received regarding the landfill.
8. Road and Bridge Supervisor, Sam Adams reported that his department would be finishing new base and gravel on Ottley Lane in Elba today. They also had applied magnesium chloride on some roads. He reported that he had received a bid from Cardwell's in Utah for fuel which provided a \$.34 cents a gallon savings to current costs.
9. The Board reviewed the Conflict Public Defender Report for May 2011 from contracted attorney Clayne Zollinger.
10. The Board considered an offer to purchase unsold tax deed odd lot property, Parcel No. RPOK002013005D from Kent Gardner. As that parcel had been offered at a public sale and not sold, taxes can be cancelled and it can be sold. Chairman Crane recommended a counteroffer letter be drafted and sent to sell said lot to Gardner for taxes owed, with interest and penalty waived.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 20, 2011

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Ginger Cooper, Weekly News Journal.

ATTEST:

/s/
Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/
Dennis Crane, Chairman