

# COMMISSIONER MINUTES

May 31, 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.

## PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for May 23, 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 following calendar items:

1. Solid Waste District Conference Call
2. Jail Meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.
3. Region IV Development Meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at noon
4. Veteran's Meeting on Thursday evening on June 2, 2011

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Email regarding CAFO
2. Email regarding NACO Election

## COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated May 31, 2011. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Kunau, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$2,364.18
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$22,556.41
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$390.16
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$15,255.08
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$93,283.48
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$1,117.51
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$134,966.82</b>

## CHANGE OF STATUS

There were no Change of Status forms to review.

## DAVID EVETTS - USGS

David Evetts – The US Geological Survey Assistant Director of Hydrologic Data, David Evetts, presented current snow conditions, reservoir capacity, and river discharge. Snowpack is measured from four SNOTEL sites. Snow at sites usually is not present at this time but is at all

four sites even though some are nearly gone. Howell Canyon comparatives were presented with 1997 as a baseline. Information is available on the USGS website. Flood mitigation reservoirs that have been lowered include Palisades and Jackson Lake. Henry's Fork is moderately flooding. There is no danger of overflowing the Oakley reservoir. It is possible for some flooding on the Raft River. The Snake River is running as full as possible right now and will probably not increase. They are preparing for possible flooding in the upper Snake even though we are below peaks of 1997. Evetts cited several web sites to track situations. There are no shortages in water predicted for 2011.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:52 a.m. a motion was made and seconded for the Board to convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(d). Roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Crane, Commissioner Christensen, and Commissioner Kunau all voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss medical indigent matters. Welfare Director Susan Keck presented and the Board approved the following: Order of Dismissal on Case # 2011-021; Stipulation for Enlargement of Time Limitations on Case # 2011-038; Notice of Continuation of Hearing on Case # 2011-040, # 2010-153, and Case # 2011-038; Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case # 2011-064, # 2011-065, # 2011-066; Certificate of Approval for Additional Treatment on Case # 2010-138, # 2011-022, # 2010-126; Certificate of Approval on Case # 2011-060; and Order of Reimbursement on Case # 2011-060. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:22 a.m.

### **OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. The Board discussed upgrade of the 911 telephone system to the ZTRON system. A new bid was exceeded \$25,000 which will necessitate public notice.
2. Letters to property owner involved in the recent tax deed sale were prepared and reviewed. Those letters will be sent certified mail. Treasurer Justesen indicated that the proceeds for the sales will be placed in an interest bearing account for three (3) years. Properties involved included Parcel # RPBB001167009A and Parcel # RP16S27E120175. The Board asked Clerk Larsen to have the Auditor's Office coordinate receipt of those proceeds with the Treasurer's Office. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to sign and send the referred to letters, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
3. The Board discussed tax deed property not sold at public auction. Treasurer Justesen indicated that there had been interest in the purchase of lots not sold following the auction. Administrator McMurray suggested that they send a letter to the Board detailing their desires. He also indicated that those properties could be placed on the County website to see what interest there may be for purchase as well.
4. The Board considered an agreement for Use of School Property for the annual 4H Style Review. Their use of the Raft River School requires the contract be signed by the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Kunau to sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
5. The Board discussed response from the Cache Peak Civic Association regarding preliminary alternatives for the City of Rocks National Reserve. They asked the Board to endorse their proposed plan. Comment time on those proposals has been extended to July 1, 2011.

Chairman Crane indicated that the CPCA proposed plan expressed the desires of the community and generally that was endorsed by the Board. Christensen asked to put it on an agenda at a later date in case there is any further input. The Board's response will be delayed until Board Meeting to be held on June 20, 2011.

6. The Board reviewed an email from Mike Scott, District Right of Way Supervisor for the Idaho Department of Transportation, regarding the transfer of State Highway 77 Spur to the State of Idaho as well as a cooperative agreement regarding maintenance of the Elba to Almo Highway (SH 77-Spur). Commissioner Kunau made a motion to sign the cooperative maintenance agreement, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yeas vote. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to sign the cooperative agreement to transfer SH 77-Spur to the jurisdiction of the State of Idaho, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.
7. The Board discussed the proposed usage by One Wave Networks on behalf of the Cassia Joint School District of a County tower near the jail to install equipment to facilitate a wide area network for the school. Concerns were addressed which included the added weight of the equipment to the tower structure and the future potential County need of the tower to support additional 911 equipment. 911 Coordinator Kent Searle suggested that a tower study would be important to see if the tower could accommodate additional load with potential wind, ice, and snow. The Board discussed costs regarding rental of tower space and Searle indicated that \$800 to \$1000 is the approximate market rate. Commissioner Kunau indicated that where it is a commercial contract, the market rate should be considered. The Board concurred.
8. Commissioner Kunau reported on the South Central District Health budget hearing. The budget was presented with no discussion and it passed as presented.
9. The Board discussed the status of the County's real estate purchase of the property at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Overland Avenue. A Purchase and Sales Agreement was signed and earnest money was paid to the seller. The property will be placed on the County insurance with ICRMP and closing on the sale is scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. The building is available to the County for inspection. The building will be adapted for use as a judicial facility to meet the increasing needs for security not presently afforded with the Court House. A committee is being formed to explore options and receive input from employees and the public at large. Visits with employee counterparts in Jerome, who have a similar facility, will take place and architectural considerations will be reviewed. A press release was prepared by Prosecutor Barrus regarding the purchase.
10. The Board discussed the law enforcement budget and recommend that the Sheriff proceed as in the past with projections including law enforcement as it is currently structured.
11. The Board discussed ideas for a No Smoking Policy for county buildings, grounds and vehicles. Administrator McMurray indicated that there had been a garbage can fire last week behind the Probation Office apartment building that possibly was a result of smoking. The Board discussed which County properties should be included in such a policy and which should be exempted. The current County policy includes the County buildings but the consideration is of extending to the grounds as well. McMurray was asked by the Board to draft a proposal for their review that would exclude some buildings and include County grounds.

12. The Board reviewed concerns of Desert West Survey regarding the public use of GIS information on corner perpetuations. They requested that it be protected to keep other surveyors from utilizing that information. Prosecuting Attorney Barrus suggested the information is public and we may not be in a position to restrict public use. Christensen indicated that as a public project for public purposes using public money, it would be difficult to restrict public's access. The Board concurred.
13. There were no Board of Equalization matters.
14. The Board reviewed three (3) CSI Residencies. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to accept and sign those residency applications, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 4, 2011.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING**

Ginger Cooper – Weekly News Journal

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis Crane, Chairman