



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

November 14, 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; and Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board, present.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioner Minutes for October 24, 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.

The Board of County Commissioner Minutes for November 7, 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. Legislative Reception on Thursday, November 17, 2011, from 9:15 to 11:00 a.m. in Twin Falls at CSI.
2. SIDOH Meeting from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, November 17, 2011, at the Twin Falls Public Health Department.
3. Adult Misdemeanor Probation Planning Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2011.
4. South Central Community Action Board Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Letter from John Sexton regarding the free clinic.
2. Sympathy Cards to Judge Walker & Kerry Bristol's wife.

COUNTY AMBULANCE PROPOSALS

The Board received only one (1) response to requests for County Ambulance Proposals. Cassia Regional Medical Center responded and Chairman Crane suggested copies be submitted to appropriate committee members for their review. Hospital Administrator Rod Barton indicated that their proposal included a 3% to 5 % increase as the only change. Everything basically has stayed the same as the previous contract. The Board indicated that the committee should be able to complete evaluation of that contract by next week. A motion was made by Commissioner Christensen to have the committee evaluate the contract proposal, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

CANVASS OF VOTES – NOVEMBER 8, 2011 ELECTION

The Board reviewed with Chief Elections Deputy and Clerk Larsen the results and Canvass of Votes for the November 8, 2011, election as required by statute. The election

included hand written ballots and manual counting which accounted for election results coming in later than if electronic counting was used. Larsen indicated that there was a savings to the tax payer of between \$10,000 and \$12,000 for not using the ES&S electronic counting machines. The elections department will explore retrieving votes cast from polling places earlier in the day to begin the counting process. A motion was made by Commissioner Kunau, to accept and sign the Canvass of Votes, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous ye vote.

SNOWMOBILE BOARD REPORT

Snowmobile Board Chairman, Chuck Larson reported that there was approximately \$62,000 in their account and the anticipate using about half of that this year. The Board needs to secure a grooming coordinator. He indicated that there was a factory recall on the groomer and there would be a week's turnaround getting that issue rectified. The want to insulate the groomer shed to facilitate fully defrosting the groomer after use. They will use a generator to heat the shed. All Board members were present at their last meeting except Commissioner Kunau and Jay Heward. The Board discussed with Larson the prospects of having Pomerelle groom the ski resort area and the expressed a desire to have someone from Pomerelle Ski Resort come to the next Snow Advisory Meeting on December 13, 2011. Groomers Brian Darrington and Kraig Frank will meet at the next advisory meeting as well. Their equipment is stored at Kraig Frank's residence.

WATERWAYS COMMITTEE

The Board met with Waterways Committee proposed members, Dick Randklev and Noah Shiner. The Board discussed proposed by-laws and determined that the formation of a committee would be the appropriate. Brent Winn, Doug Anderton, and James Mullen were also proposed to be appropriate potential members of that committee.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The Board reviewed 24 CSI Residency Applications. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve said applications. A roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Kunau, Commissioner Christensen, and Chairman Crane all voting yea.
2. The Board reviewed the County Expenditure Report dated November 10, 2011. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve said applications. A roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Kunau, Commissioner Christensen, and Chairman Crane all voting yea.
3. The Board reviewed potential committee members for the FLAG Committee. No new names were suggested. The FLAG Committee has also been asked by the Board for suggestions for potential committee members.
4. The Gateway West Task Force lead contact for the County needs to be changed from former Commissioner Handy. The Board determined that Commissioner Kunau would be appropriate for receiving notices and correspondences from Gateway West. Task Force Committee Chairman Brent Stoker indicated that the BLM was going to send a third party person, Gary L. Schneider from Schneider Consulting Service who has served as an extension agent to present to the Task Force and BLM regarding issues of the proposed and alternate transmission line placement. Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus asked that his position be verified on the issue prior to presentation. Stoker indicated that input from him could be far more valuable than other possibilities.

5. The Board discussed County Road and Bridge matters. They are still waiting for a response from the Army Corp of Engineers on the EY Ranch Bridge.
6. The Board reviewed negotiations and discussion with LCA Architects from Boise regarding the proposed Justice Center. LCA Architects met with County officials and did an onsite inspection of the Courthouse and the proposed Justice Center. The Board reviewed the proposed fees for basic services at the fixed cost of \$115,000.00. Commissioner Kunau suggested a meeting with the Justice Center Planning Committee once the Board decides if this is the desired direction the County. LCA was the architect for the Ada County Courthouse. Prosecuting Attorney expressed concerns with their AIA contract which includes sections that would need to be modified. Chairman Crane suggested deferring further discussion until next Board meeting.
7. The Board reviewed Idaho Public Utilities Commissioner (PUC) matters: Case No. IPC-E-11-22; Case No. INT-G-11-02; Case No. IPC-E-11-20; and Case No. PAC-E-11-12
8. A letter from Chad Black from Raft River Electric was read regarding their desire to construct a power line to the Elba Cemetery and an accompanying request for permission to use a County right-a-way. That request was reviewed by Road and Bridge Supervisor Sam Adams. Following discussion of the Board, a motion was made from Commissioner Christensen to approve said permit, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
9. The Board reviewed a request of the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center Director, Darwin Johnson, for approval to purchase fourteen (14) new radios, speaker microphone, and ten (10) ear pieces. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to approve said purchase, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
10. The Board and Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus reviewed the Phase 29 Local Board Plan for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to ratify said plan. Roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Kunau, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the County’s Payables Approval Report dated November 11, 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	\$16,195.51
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$444.50
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$144.36
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$401.76
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$7,635.60
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$1,963.82
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$9,788.78
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$730.96
ASSESSOR TRUST FUND	123	\$165.46
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$41,574.17
D.A.R.E TRUST	137	\$285.31
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$115.00

ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION

149

\$12,020.36

TOTAL

\$91,465.59

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed one (1) Request for Change of Status forms from the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center for Steve C. Jensen for a rate of pay increase 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:18 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 # 2011-113, # 2011-112, # 2011-121, # 2011-104, # 2011-111, and # 2011-163. The Board reviewed and approved the following: Release of Medically Indigent Lien on Case # 2011-106 and # 2011-075; Assignment on Case # 202116, # 201011, and # 2010-030; Medical Review on Case # 20???; Certificate of Denial on Case # 2011-121 and # 2011-104; Order of Dismissal on Case # 2011-075, Stipulation for Enlargement of Time Limitations on Case # 2011-085; Stipulation for Enlargement of Time Limitations on Case # 2011-096; Certificate of Approval on Case # 2011-063 and # 2011-111; and Order of Reimbursement on Case # 2011-063 and # 2011-111. Discussion took place regarding PCIP insurance and was advised by Prosecuting Attorney Barrus to proceed in applicable indigent cases. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 10:50 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:03 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 conduct a medical indigent appeal for denial on Case # 2011-100. Following discussion the Board determined to take the appeal under advisement. Following discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:20 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:22 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 conduct a medical indigent appeal for denial on Case # 2011-086. Following discussion the Board determined to take the appeal under advisement. Following discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:28 a.m.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 21, 2011

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Kari Merrill, Weekly News Journal; Laurie Welch, The Times News; and Renee Wells, The Voice; Rod Barton – Cassia Regional Medical Center; Gavin Stoker – Boy Scout; Brent Stoker – Gateway West; Jared Larsen – Citizen; and Chuck Larson – Snowmobile Committee Director.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board

Dennis Crane, Chairman of the Board