



# Cassia County Board of Commissioners

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Monday, April 16, 2012

The Board of Cassia County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Chambers of the Cassia County Courthouse.

THOSE PRESENT:	County Commissioners:	Dennis Crane, Chairman Paul Christensen Bob Kunau
	Clerk of the Board:	Joseph W. Larsen
	Prosecuting Attorney:	Al Barrus
	County Administrator:	Kerry D. McMurray
	County Sheriff:	Randy Kidd
	Coroner:	Craig Rinehart
	Adult Probation Director:	Amber Prewitt
	Treasurer:	Patty Justesen
	Assessor's Office:	Karen Dayley Colleen James
	News Media:	Jay Lenkersdorfer – The News Journal Laurie Welch – The Times News
	Public:	Jim Bryant
	Declo Community Meeting Attendees:	<i>(in addition to those previously listed)</i> Doug Pickett, Idaho Senate Candidate
	News Media:	Renee Wells – The Voice Jaclyn Crane – The Voice
	Public:	Nathan Kenner Kari Kenner

- 1) 9:02 AM CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, PRAYER, REVIEW CALENDAR, MINUTES, CORRESPONDENCE, PERSONNEL, CSI RESIDENCIES, COUNTY EXPENDITURES, ELECTION UPDATE
  - a) CALENDAR
    - i) Welfare Meeting in Idaho Falls, Tuesday, April 16, 2012, through Thursday, April 18, 2012
    - ii) Cassia County Republican Central Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2012

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- iii) Republican Meet the Candidate Night at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2012, at the King Fine Arts Center
- b) CORRESPONDENCE
  - i) Census Bureau requested a form to be filled out regarding Road and Bridge
- c) 9:07 AM CSI RESIDENCIES
  - i) The Board reviewed thirty-four CSI Residency Applications.

**9:07 AM**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE CSI RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2) 9:16 AM HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

- a) Sheriff Randy Kidd presented a 2011 Homeland Security Grant application for the Board to review and approve.

**9:16 AM**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED APPROVE AND SIGN SAID HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3) 9:17 AM BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

**9:17 AM MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO ENTER INTO BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- a) There was no need for Board of Equalization today.

**9:17 AM MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED GO OUT OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4) 9:18 AM HOMEOWNER EXEMPTION ISSUE ON PARCEL NO. RP13S22E309050

- a) The Board reviewed a request from property owners, Karl U. (Bud) and Pat Bedke regarding the inadvertent removal of their 2011 homeowner’s exemption. The erroneous removal of the homeowner’s exemption was due in part to mistaking his son’s new home as his where his son’s name is also Karl. Commissioner Kunau asked if Bedke had received the notice from the Assessor’s Office and if they did, he inquired as to why they didn’t respond. Justesen indicated that Bedke had requested credit or refund on taxes paid based on the elimination of the homeowner’s exemption. She further indicated that it is not an easy process for the Treasurer’s Office where the taxes had already been paid. It was determined that Bedke was notified but did not follow through even though it was an Assessor’s Office error. Crane asked for Prosecutor Barrus to help research what could legally be done to remedy the situation. The Board determined to table a decision to allow for that review.

5) 9:22 AM DEBIT/CREDIT CARD – ACCESS IDAHO

- a) Colleen James from the Assessor’s Office indicated that their office has dealt with Access Idaho for the past 8 years. Whenever there was a problem, they dealt with those issues quickly. Other Assessors offices throughout the state have also had very little problem. Their office is already set up with the Idaho Transportation Department with Access Idaho and they are using the State’s computer, printer, and paper. The convenience fee charged to users will be 3% for the Assessor’s Office, 2.75% for the Treasurer’s Office, and all others would be 3% plus a \$1.00 fee on charges under \$50.00. Each department represented agreed to use accept and use Access Idaho.

McMurray will work through the contracts. Driver's licenses renewals in the Sheriff's Office are also set up and using Access Idaho.

**9:28 AM**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE AND PROCEED FORWARD WITH THE CONTRACTING PROCESS BETWEEN CASSIA COUNTY AND ACCESS IDAHO. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6) 9:30 AM AIRPORT MATTERS

- a) City of Burley mayor, Terry Greenman met with the Board indicating that he needed a letter from Cassia County to the FAA stating that the County can see a need to maintain an airport and to move the Burley airport. Greenman provided the Board with a prepared introduction of Armstrong Consultants, Inc. detailing estimates of building airports Armstrong has been involved with. He indicated that the Federal government would pay approximately 95% of costs and 5% would be left to state and governing entities to pay. Larsen inquired as to what was not included in the government's 95% participation. Greenman explained that hangers, fuel farms, and buildings or anything inside the fence that pertains to a building is not included in the government's participation. He further indicated that they were anticipating ways to take care of that. He also expressed that the Federal government recently stated that they might be reducing their participation from 95% to 90% which would increase the non-federally funded costs by 5% of the project. The previous engineer hired by the City of Burley indicated it would cost \$38 million to move the airport of which 60% would be paid by the federal government. That would include a \$14 million amount that would have to be paid by the City of Burley. The engineer's conclusion was characterized by Greenman as unconscionable.
- b) Three locations have been identified on BLM land and one on private farm ground as potential property for the airport relocation. The private ground would be considered only if the owner is willing to sell. The BLM ground would be purchased for \$50 per acre where it is for public use that would only be required to be turned back to the BLM if it were vacated. Greenman indicated there is no water resource problem with the ground in question. They will narrow their choices down to two prospective sites and then proceed with an Environmental Impact Study. Crane asked if he was at liberty to identify the sites and Greenman said no. He also indicated there were no endangered species problems with the sites in question.
- c) Greenman declared that the Burley airport is unsafe. Larsen, as a pilot based at the Burley airport, indicated that the FAA would shut down the airport if they ever deemed it unsafe. Greenman then emphatically said that the City of Burley would go a step further and petition the FAA to shut down the airport. He further stated that the airport would be moved or it would be shut down.
- d) Commissioner Kunau inquired about the time it would take for the FAA to fund this project and Greenman responded about 8 years to completion beginning with the environmental study, negotiations for the purchase of the property, and then surveying by a City of Burley licensed surveyor. They then would talk with Representative Mike Simpson and he would help expedite the project substantially.
- e) Chairman Crane said it is a passionate subject and there are both sides of the question in dealing with needs and wants. Crane indicated if the Board were to provide the requested letter, they would need to be in on the discussions. Greenman concurred.
- f) Larsen asked what amount it would cost the City to pay back the FAA for their investment in the airport should they follow through with their threat and the FAA determines to close the airport.

Greenman indicated that the FAA generally takes the position to expect to get back the money they put into the land and he understood the land had been donated by the City. He further stated that the FAA did not give money in 1927 to purchase the land. Larsen asked if it was for the land only or if that included improvements and Greenman indicated that it was negotiable and not a hard line amount. The revenue from the sale of the current airport property would go back to offset what the FAA has paid into it.

- g) Commissioner Christensen indicated that what he has heard is that those who use the airport understand there is a risk factor. He further stated that he does not see an outcry from the users or the populace as a whole for relocation of the airport. Kunau indicated that he has heard from users of the airport that he knows that it would be detrimental to our area to have just a single runway. The current airport has four different directions to land and take off as a favorable option to all pilots and only two with the proposed single runway. He indicated that he would be more willing to support relocation if there were considerations with the necessary land for a second runway, as the current airport has, to be considered at some future date.
  - h) Barrus asked where the letter should be sent should the Board decide to write one. Greenman said to send that to the FAA detailing the need for economic development as a reason. Larsen questioned if the primary reason was economic development as he alluded to or safety as he previously mentioned. Greenman reiterated that safety is the primary reason and economic development is just another reason.
  - i) The Board concurred to take Mayor Greenman's request under advisement. Greenman asked if the Board wished to see other letters of support that have been written and the Board responded that they would.
- 7) 10:08 AM DISCUSS POTENTIALLY SEEKING DEQ 319 GRANT WITH DEVEN ELISON
- a) Road and Bridge Supervisor Sam Adams expressed concern about drainage and flooding in the Elba-Almo area. He asked Deven Elison to present some options with grants that he and Adams have been looking at to address the issue. Elison expressed looking at appropriate sized culverts as remediation. He expressed that a DEQ 319 Non-Point Source Water Quality Grant which deals with drainage and watersheds as a yearly grant offering up to \$250,000 maximum. A pre-application is due on May 6, 2012. The final application is due on August 1, 2012. If awarded, 60% of the submitted project is paid by the grant with 40% participation by the County. Christensen asked if in kind contribution can be part of that 40% and Elison wasn't sure. The purpose of the grant is to improve the State's watersheds. Elison indicated that it would be difficult to achieve this grant without a study to prove how that improvement would take place.
  - b) Payment of the awarded grant can be paid over a 5 year period of time with phase 1 being a study, Phase 2 would be to install culverts, and phase 3 would be to do a sediment study.
  - c) Christensen expressed that funding is an issue and we need to know if there is money in the current budget to conduct the study. Adams indicated that there wasn't enough right now and Christensen asked if the flood district would cooperate with financial assistance to do the upgrades. Crane asked if the grant would be possible for just the study since Elison indicated that they were more apt to get the grant with a study already completed. He further indicated that the first phase with the study may be the only option with the lack of budgeted money.
  - d) Adams said that what prompted the concern is a meeting with the flood district where it was expressed that all we were doing was putting in culverts without determining what size was needed. They have received a fair amount of money from the flood district. If the study was done first, then the chances of getting the grant is enhanced. Christensen indicated that the flood

district needs to be a player in this process with off right-of-way issues. Kunau asked if the project could be broken up over a number of budget years to complete the project to minimize the 40% exposure each year and to include in-house labor as part of that obligation. Elison reiterated that it must be completed within a 5 year window. Elison said that a grant might not be as likely to be awarded, but with budget constraints it may be best to apply for the study only. Larsen said that we have lost Secure Rural Schools funding earmarked for rural roads, PILT money has been depleted by costs relative to road and bridge with the recent purchase of a road grader financed by the County, and that budget has more than doubled over the past four or five years. With the Justice Complex costs we will be faced with we may not have the funds to accomplish too much of the desired process. As budget officer, he recommended that the Board look at the flood district as a primary source of funding for the project in lieu of asking for budget dollars we may not have the ability to provide. He said some current budgets are very close the levy limit and with future prospects of a reduction of federal PILT funds there may not be money to draw from to meet the proposed costs. The elections office has had to unfortunately forgo purchasing polling place tabulators even with an 80% HAVA grant fund participation due to budgetary constraints while neighboring counties have been able to purchase them. Crane recommended that application for the grant for just the study might be best.

- e) Crane asked Elison what the costs would be to process the grant. He indicated that he would enumerate the scope of his services to process the grant for a range of \$5000 to \$8000. Larsen asked if this was an administrative grant that would provide for costs of procuring the grant.
  - f) McMurray said that where this would be a substantial benefit to the flood district that it should be a joint flood and highway district issue. Crane recommended that Adams discuss this with Roland Zollinger from the flood district to gauge their level of support.
  - g) Elison offered his assistance to complete the pre-application and working with Zollinger and Adams to present the prospects of splitting costs between both entities for the study and possibly beyond that for the larger parts of the proposed project.
  - h) Adams reported on other items from his department. The Board determined that the check from the City of Rocks would go back into the Road and Bridge budget as historically it has been done. He reported that there may be a better selection of equipment from the Idaho Department of Transportation this year and the Board determined that it would be appropriate to look at that equipment. 80% of roads are graded thus far and they will be putting mag on the roads from the middle of May to the end of June.
- 8) 10:24 AM REVIEW COMMISSIONER BOARDS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIP
- a) The Board reviewed and made corrections and suggestions for the update of Commissioner Boards and Advisory Committees and Memberships.
- 9) 10:41 AM ORDINANCE NO. 2012-004-01 FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES ON SPLITS AND COMBINATIONS
- a) The ordinance was read by Commissioner Kunau and discussed by the Board

**10:45 AM**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO ACCEPT AND SIGN SAID ORDINANCE.  
COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10) 10:46 AM RESOLUTION 2012-006 REGARDING RESOURCE USE POLICY

- a) A preliminary draft of this resolution was read at regular Board Meeting the previous week.

**10:46 AM**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE AND SIGN SAID RESOLUTION. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11) 10:47 AM ARCHIVAL OF RECORDER'S OFFICE RECORDS

- a) Larsen asked the Board to allow his office to determine the location of the storage of archival hard drives. Discussion earlier was to place those records off premise at either the Prosecuting Attorney Office or the Assessor's Office. The Board concurred.

12) 10:49 AM MISDEMEANOR PROBATION MOU

- a) Prosecuting Attorney Barrus will have the MOU redone to address the agreement between both Cassia and Minidoka County Commissioners to provide Adult Misdemeanor Probation the appropriate supervisory role.
- b) Barrus will provide a copy to Adult Misdemeanor Probation Director Amber Prewitt and to McMurray to review.
- c) Barrus reviewed portions of the contract with the Board that could cause issues.
  - i) LSIR's are a waste of resources according to Prewitt.
  - ii) Many questions are subject to the truthfulness of the person being interviewed that cannot be verified with staff of the Adult Misdemeanor Probation.
- d) Barrus recommended holding up with the MOU until details can be worked out.
- e) Christensen will visit with Kerry Haun to see if these problems can be addressed by way of a change in the MOU.

13) 10:52 AM ARBOR DAY APRIL 23, 2012

- a) McMurray indicated that a grant application had been sent out but there was no grant awarded.
- b) The Board recommended that McMurray coordinate planting of trees with Building Supervisor Craig Munoz for Arbor Day.

14) 11:00 AM INDIGENT MATTERS

11:00 AM **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING MEDICAL INDIGENT MATTERS UNDER IDAHO CODE SECTION 67-2345(1)(D). COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- a) Welfare Director Susan Keck briefed the Board on a request for tax assignment relief on Case #2010072. Following discussion, the Board determined to grant relief as requested.
- b) Keck presented Case #2012022 to the Board and the following:
  - i) Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case #2012040 and # 2012041
  - ii) Finding of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Decision on Case #2012011
  - iii) Medical Records/Utilization Management review: CAT Case 4C-2012-00028

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEDICAL INDIGENT ACTIONS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE BOARD RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 11:14 AM.**

15) 11:15 AM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**11:15 AM**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> AND APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

16) 11:22 AM COMMISSIONER RESPONSIBILITY LIST UPDATE REVIEW

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- a) The Board reviewed changes of listings of responsibility for each of them to be placed on the County website.

17) 11:23 AM NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION: REVIEW AND APPROVE FOR COUNTY TAX DEED SALE

- a) A Tax Deed Sale has been approved as scheduled for May 14, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.
- b) Four properties will be listed with minimum bid to meet statutory requirements.
  - i) Hernandez Subdivision, Lot 4 Block 1 aka T 7697A (SENW) S 29 T10 R 22, Parcel number SS0100010040 A. Minimum bid of \$1215.09
  - ii) Burley Townsite, Lots 9, 10 Block 45, (2 lots), Parcel Number RP BB001045009A. Minimum bid of \$2406.32.
  - iii) T 4989A (NESE) S 6 T 13 R 22, Parcel Number RP 13S22E067200. Minimum bid of \$716.60.
  - iv) T3806A (NWSE) S 32 T 13 R 25, Parcel Number RP 13S25E328175 A. Minimum bid of \$496.16.

**11:30 AM**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE TAX DEED SALE AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

18) 11:32 AM HEALTH INSURANCE MASTER PLAN – REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTION

- a) McMurray highlighted plan changes and presented them for the Board’s consideration.
- b) Definitions that were omitted on the contract from last year have been included this year.

19) 11:32 AM CHANGE OF STATUS

- i) Snowmobile Advisory Group requested a change in rate of pay for Grooming Operator Bryan Catmull due to a mix up.
- ii) Snowmobile Advisory Group requested a change in rate of pay and change from Grooming Operator to Grooming Coordinator for Kraig K. Franks due to a mix up.

**11:33 AM**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE SAID CHANGE OF STATUS REQUESTS. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

20) 11:33 AM COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN

- a) Jim Bryant presented a proposition for changing County vehicles to synthetic oil.
- b) Barrus suggested that this be included as an agenda item for the future.

**11:47 AM**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE HEALTH INSURANCE MASTER PLAN AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

21) 11:48 AM SURPLUS PROPERTY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: TRUCK FROM SNOWMOBILE ADVISORY BOARD AND MOBILE HOME FROM FAIR BOARD

- a) Commissioner Kunau indicated that a 1968 Freightliner truck has been used by the Snowmobile Advisory group.
- b) McMurray indicated a need to publish the sale of the truck where it potentially could be sold to the snowmobile organization in Blaine County and where they qualify as a taxing entity.

**11:50 AM**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO LIST THE SAID SNOWMOBILE ADVISORY BOARD TRUCK AND THE FAIR BOARD MOBILE HOME AS SURPLUS PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

22) 11:51 AM COUNTY EXPENDITURES

a) County Expenditures were presented for approval for payment:

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES AS PRESENTED.  
COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$16,153.30
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$28,269.61
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,168.70
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$924.39
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$1,200.00
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$224.00
ELECTION FUND	116	\$158.12
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$3,110.19
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$13,949.62
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$11,216.85
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$76,374.78</b>

**11:54 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION UNDER IDAHO CODE SECTION 67-2345(1)(F). COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, THE BOARD DETERMINED TO LIST THE FAIR BOARD TRAILER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION. THE BOARD RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 11:58 AM.**

23) 12:00 PM LUNCH RECESS

24) 1:37 PM RECONVENE FOR THE DECLO COMMUNITY MEETING

a) INFORMATION ON MAY 14, 2012, PUBLIC AUCTION AT 2:00 PM

i) Treasurer Patty Justesen presented a date for Tax Deed Sale of four properties. She presented the locations of those properties to be sold for the information of the public.

b) REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

i) Chairman Crane reported on proceedings of the Board this morning regarding the adoption of Resolution No. 2012-006 regarding use of County resources and Ordinance No. 2012-04-01 providing that payment be current on all property splits and combinations.

ii) Treasurer Patty Justesen detailed the aforementioned adopted ordinance regarding tax payments being current for splits and combinations. She further indicated that tax notices would be sent out the second week of May, tax collections in December went well, and that delinquencies were down.

iii) Sheriff Randy Kidd detailed the aforementioned resolution regarding the use of County resources. He indicated that services offered from his department for taxing entities are provided at no cost, but that services for private events would fall under this resolution. Kidd also has adopted a new workplace and school violence prevention program.

iv) Coroner Craig Rinehart reported on activity in his department. There had been three times more deaths this year as well as more traumatic deaths compared to last year.

v) County Extension Agent Joel Packham reported on the following:

(1) 4H weigh-ins

(2) Farm management and succession planning classes for farmers

(3) Cooking classes conducted with Cassia High School

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- (4) Receipt of an obesity grant for children with risks to teach physical education at alternative schools and to work with a gardening program
  - (5) 3-4% increase in salaries this year with no other financial cuts
  - vi) Clerk Joe Larsen reported on the following:
    - (1) Elections polling place change for the Declo Precinct to the Declo LDS Family History Center to better comply with ADA requirements for access and parking. Larsen indicated that there were avenues to vote by way of absentee mail-in, absentee voting at the courthouse, and curbside voting at the polling place as well as at the courthouse to accommodate those who prefer not to vote in the polling location.
    - (2) Welfare department continues to see escalating mandatory indigent expenditures.
    - (3) Recording Office has digitized over 225,000 images for computer access.
    - (4) Auditor's Office is readying for the 2013 fiscal year budget.
    - (5) Court Clerks are preparing for the move to the new Justice Complex.
  - vii) District 27 Senate Candidate, Doug Pickett
    - (1) Complimented Board on involving the public in their meetings as the public's input is important.
    - (2) Talked about redistricting which has combined Cassia and Minidoka County in the State legislative elections.
    - (3) Indicated his support for Education reform regarding teacher tenure and recommended public rather than private union negotiations.
    - (4) He expressed the need for compensation for leadership or mentoring in the schools.
    - (5) Voiced support for more technology for the classrooms by way of personal computers with blocks for inappropriate access of material and appropriate implementation by the school districts. He expressed the need for more training at the high school level to make sure students are up to speed on the college level with computer tools.
  - viii) Commissioner Christensen
    - (1) Currently working on an MOU with the Department of Corrections
    - (2) Reported on a Constitutional amendment that will be on the ballot this fall to add appropriate treatment for felony and misdemeanor probationers.
  - c) UPDATE ON STATUS OF PROPOSED JUDICIAL COMPLEX
    - i) The layout of the proposed Judicial Complex was presented to those in attendance detailing the users that will be in that complex. A committee meeting was held last week and those considerations are represented in this revised map layout.
    - ii) Things are getting close to go out to bid for construction
    - iii) Courthouse security has been a large issue in the present courthouse and the District Court could require implementation of appropriate security in the existing courthouse that could prove to be very costly.
    - iv) Space in the courthouse that will be vacated will allow bringing back services that are currently in other areas of the County.
    - v) The Board decided to attempt to schedule a meeting with the Justice Complex Committee Friday afternoon, April 27, 2012. LCA Architects will be contacted to be in attendance as well.
  - d) TAKE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC
    - i) No further matters came before the Board.
- 25) 2:22 PM    ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Crane, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board