



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

February 13, 2012

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Dennis Crane, and Bob Kunau, Board Members; Alfred E. Barrus, Prosecuting Attorney; Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

Commissioner Christensen was excused as he was out of town today.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for January 30, 2012, 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. Juvenile Justice Meeting in Rupert, 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 13, 2012. Commissioner Kunau will attend on behalf of Commissioner Christensen and Chief Deputy Clerk Cara Petterson will attend on behalf of Clerk Larsen as they both will be out of town.
2. South Central Community Action Retreat on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in Twin Falls.
3. Planning & Zoning Meeting and hearing on Thursday, February 16, 2012.
4. Mid-Snake Advisory Group Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012.
5. Snowmobile Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 14, 2012.
6. There will be no Board Meeting next Monday, February 20, 2012, as it is President's Day and the Courthouse will be closed.
7. Recognition for Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Blaine Cannon as Prosecutor of the Year will be held at 4:00 p.m. today.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. BLM Gateway West Sage-Grouse Public Information Meetings on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and on Friday, February 17, 2012, in Boise.
2. Flyer regarding retirement reception for Lt. Loyal Egbert to be held on Friday, February 17, 2012, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Burley City Hall.
3. Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Source Water Protection Program Grant application deadline of March 23, 2012.
4. NACo April 2012 Publication booklet.
5. Keith Russell Judd for President correspondence regarding Judd vs. Secretary of State of Idaho; Idaho Democratic Party, et al., Game-over Economics.
6. Bonneville Power Administration Journal for February 2012.

FLAG COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT – MIKE POULTON

(Mr. Poulton did not appear before the Board)

EAST & WEST CASSIA SOIL CONSERVATION – REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Mark Streeter from East Cassia Soil Conservation District introduced Megan Heward. He reported that projects haven't changed much from last year. They are working with Bonneville Power for energy saving programs. Southside, United, Riverside, and Eastside Electric will meet with utilities to work with them to get projects going. Tree sales went better this year than they have in the past and the amount of trees offered for sale was reduced to a more reasonable number and they made money this year. Streeter went over funding and payments including volunteer hours put in and discussed the CRP program.

Richard Kunau from West Cassia Soil Conservation District paid out \$40,112.00 in incentive payments to sixteen (16) landowners on a per acre basis. They are going to join with East Side to work with Bonneville Power for efficiency evaluations. They reported on poster and speech contests held at the schools. Both districts submitted a request to the Board for increased funding for FY2013 from \$2500 to \$3000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- INDIGENT HEARING

At 11:13 a.m. it was proposed by Commissioner Kunau and seconded by Chairman Crane that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(d) with Chairman Crane voting yea, and Commissioner Kunau voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to conduct an indigent hearing on Case # 2011104. The Board took the presentation and findings under advisement. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:48 a.m.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated February 10, 2012. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and the roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Kunau and Chairman Crane both voting yea.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$33,357.09
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$11,361.38
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$968.09
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$6,800.67
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$2,777.78
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$14,627.50
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$689.83
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$14,519.49
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$485.83
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$336.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$61,022.41
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$319.85
D.A.R.E TRUST	137	\$443.15
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$872.43
CASSIA COUNTY BENEFITS TRUST	148	\$126,359.00
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$14,605.50
	TOTAL	\$289,546.00

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed three (3) Request for Change of Status forms. Rhonda Talbert was approved as a temporary part time hire in the MCCJC as a detention deputy, Enrica Molina was disapproved as a UA Tech for the Adult Misdemeanor Probation and Ned Carter was disapproved for an increase of pay with the Adult Misdemeanor Probation until further review and discussion. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Kunau accepting the aforementioned decisions, seconded by Chairman Crane, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:58 a.m. it was proposed by Commissioner Kunau and seconded by Chairman Crane that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(d) with Commissioner Christensen voting yeas, Commissioner Crane voting yeas, and Commissioner Kunau voting yeas. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss medical indigent matters. Welfare Director Susan Keck apprised the Board of specifics regarding hearings to be held at 11:00 a.m. this morning on Case #2010053, #2011115, #2011118, and #2011104. She also presented Case #2012009 for medical review, #2012016, #2012003, and #2012002. The Board reviewed and approved the following: Certificate of Denial on Case #2012011, #2011143, and #2011085; Certificate of Approval on Case #2012014, #2011085, #2012015, and #2012012; Order of Reimbursement on Case #2012014, #2011085, #2012015, and #2012012; Order of Dismissal on Case #2011096 and #2011134; Notice of Continuance of Hearing on Case #2011125 and #2011066; Assignment on Case #208082; Release of Medically Indigent Lien on Case #2011096 and #2011131; Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case #2012016; Assignment on Case #208082; Stipulation for Enlargement of Time Limitations on Case #2011125. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:43 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)(a) with Commissioner Crane voting yeas, Commissioner Christensen voting yeas, and Commissioner Kunau voting yeas. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss personnel matters. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:54 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:55 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)(f) with Commissioner Crane voting yeas, Commissioner Christensen voting yeas, and Commissioner Kunau voting yeas. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss

pending litigation. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 12:05 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Board reviewed ten (10) CSI Residency Applications. Following review, a motion was made and seconded to approve said applications. A roll call vote followed with Chairman Crane and Commissioner Kunau both voting yea.
2. The Board reviewed and approved County expenditures as enumerated.
3. The Board discussed County building matters. Administrator McMurray indicated that spreadsheets were sent out to those involved with space considerations in the new Justice Center. He requested to know if everything had been included in that consideration from those involved. Clerk Larsen discussed break rooms and storage considerations for deputy clerks. He indicated that there would be a deadline sometime this week for information. An asbestos and lead paint report had been received and problems were less than anticipated. Those considerations will be part of bid documents that need to be rectified during construction. Some floor tiles and some mastic contained asbestos and there was some lead based paint. The asbestos portion should be easy to remove but will be required to be appropriately disposed of.
4. The Board discussed a Gateway meeting to be held in Boise this coming Friday. The Board determined that they need to let the Gateway Task Force Committee know so they can have representation there.
5. The Board had no Board of Equalization items today.
6. The Board reviewed a request for record destruction from the Assessor's Office and considered Resolution No. 2012-001. That request was presented by Assessor's Office representative, Chalena Rice to destroy Assessor 2006 copies of titles which the State of Idaho already has microfilm copies of, as well as 2005 and 2006 daily reports. Administrator McMurray indicated that these were semi-permanent records that would be appropriate to shred. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-001 for the destruction of said Assessor records, seconded by Chairman Crane, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
7. The Board reviewed the Conflict Public Defender Report from Clayne S. Zollinger, Jr. for January 2012. Said services totaled 52.3 hours for that time period.
8. The Board discussed election matters and the consideration for realigning voting precincts in the County. Currently, Cassia County has 25 precincts with 6 of them vote by mail. With the new Consolidated Elections law requiring counties to conduct additional taxing district elections each year, the cost will continue to escalate. By the consideration of reducing the number of precincts and eliminating vote by mail precincts, those costs can be minimized. GIS mapper, Todd Quast presented a rough draft proposed map of how that precinct consolidation could look. Clerk Larsen indicated that consideration of registered voters and voting history needs to come into play with demographic considerations. After discussion with the Secretary of State's office, Larsen recommended that it would be advisable for consideration to take place after the Primary Elections in May. The Board determined that the political parties should be invited to participate in that process as well inasmuch as there would be a decrease in the number of party Precinct Chairpersons. Comments would be entertained by political party representatives.

9. The Board discussed County Commissioner Redistricting maps decided upon in the last Board Meeting. They also reviewed the cleaning up of the boundaries and legal descriptions completed by the mapping department.
10. The Board discussed IAC/IPAA meetings. Clerk Larsen reviewed discussion in the Clerk and Judges meeting in Boise of vehicle citations given in Minidoka County by Cassia County Sheriff's officer within the North Burley area. Appropriate categorizations from within ISTARs by Minidoka and Cassia deputy clerks would insure that proceeds of said citations would be distributed to the appropriate entities. Elected clerks participated in committee testimony to recommend not changing the date of the Primary elections. Treasurer Justesen's report from their meetings included that report recording of affidavit of compliance has to list all itemized costs and indicate that there may be more costs added.
11. The Board discussed County Road Department matters. Things are currently going smoothly. Road and Bridge is working with the Department of Water Resources in securing a permit for the Narrows Bridge.
12. The Board discussed Misdemeanor Probation matters. Prosecuting Attorney indicated a need to discuss some matters with Amber Prewitt, Adult Misdemeanor Probation director, regarding items discussed in the IPAA Meetings in Boise last week.
13. The Board reviewed vehicle purchases for the Sheriff's Department with Undersheriff George Warrell. The low bids on vehicles came from Bonanza Motors and were for two (2) 2012 Dodge Police Charger 5.7 liter vehicles totaling \$47,945.92 and for one (1) 2012 Dodge Ram 1500 ST 4x4 4.7 Liter V8 pickup totaling \$23,361.41. The total cost was \$71,307.33. They considered three (3) different bids. They are replacing three aged vehicles that have been in service for a number of years. Warrell indicated that they will sell those used vehicles and that there was money in the budget for said purchases. Chairman Crane verified that these purchases were under the Idaho State Contract. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to approve said purchases of three (3) vehicles, seconded by Chairman Crane, followed by a unanimous yea vote. Auditor Larsen indicated that Sheriff Kidd had reduced budget amounts for vehicle purchases to accommodate a onetime reduction in negotiated contract costs for law enforcement services with the City of Burley.
14. The Board discussed matters concerning a proposed Burley airport. Commissioner Kunau reviewed with the Board what occurred in the Transportation Committee Meeting in Boise at the IAC Meeting. Kunau advised the Board that current information suggests that the FAA present level of funding currently does not include enough money to fund the Burley airport. Available money may be up to five years in the future. Most funding is provided for big airfields such as Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello. Next in line for what funds may remain are for secondary level fields and the rest gets no funding. He indicated that there were thirty (30) airstrips that the Transportation Department funds for emergency usage. Money is very tight right now for this type expenditure.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Jay Lenkersdorfer, Weekly News Journal; Laurie Welch, The Times News; Brent Stoker and Richard Kunau, West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District; Mark Streeter, East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District, and Megan Heward, East and West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District; and Jared Larsen, citizen.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ _____
Joseph W. Larsen
Clerk of the Board

/s/ _____
Dennis Crane
Chairman of the Board