



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

January 30, 2012

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.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

An election precinct polling place agreement arrived in the Clerk's Office too late to include discussion of polling places for Commissioner approval for the March 13, 2012, election. In order to meet a statutory deadline for approval discussion needs to take place today. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to add said discussion to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Following of review and discussion of polling places, a motion was made by Commissioner Kunau to approve polling places for the March 13, 2012, election as presented, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes for January 23, 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.

The Minutes for January 24, 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. IAC Meetings for elected officials will be February 6-10, 2012, in Boise
2. Commissioner Christensen will be gone from February 13-18, 2012. Commissioner Kunau will attend the Justice Meeting on February 14, 2012, in Rupert.
3. Dinner hosted by County elected officials with state legislators as invited guests will be held at Goodwood Barbeque in Boise at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2012.
4. Barbara Mai requested items of County interest for the Red Hat Ladies for their state convention that will be held on May 4-6, 2012. The County will provided items to Mai.
5. Minidoka and Cassia County Lincoln Day Celebration to be held at the Burley Best Western Inn at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2012.
6. Joint Juvenile Probation Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, in Rupert.
7. No Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. University of Idaho Ag Knowledge Newsletter #269/2012
2. Thank you note from Gary Farwell regarding the naming of the Farwell Road in Sublett.
3. Notice from the Idaho Housing and Finance Association regarding workshops to be held October 9-10, 2012 in Boise.
4. Invitation to the Twin Falls County Lincoln Day Celebration to be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, February 11, 2012, at the Canyon Crest Event Center in Twin Falls.
5. Response letter prepared by Administrator McMurray to signatories of letter dated 12/20/11 regarding signage removal on the 1125 East Road read by Chairman Crane.
6. Sponsorship request from The Cloud Seeding Committee of the High Country Resource Conservation and Development area, Inc.

INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTION MOU – GORDON EDWARDS

Weed and Pest Supervisor, Gordon Edwards met with Administrator McMurray and Prosecutor Barrus regarding an MOU with the State for invasive species inspection. There were items of concern within the agreement that left responsibility to the County of items that the State would not fund. Barrus will re-write the contract and the County needs to decide if they really want to do it as the MOU is written strongly in favor of the State. Commissioner Christensen indicated that if we can do it for no expense to the County, Edwards should be approved to carry forward. Barrus suggested calling the State to advise them that the MOU must reflect changes to accomplish that or the County will be unable to provide the services. The services in question would necessitate significant travel and does not take turnover in employees into consideration for a lesser income job that only includes three (3) days training. Edwards will follow up to see if there is any consideration the State would consider. Barrus will provide a new draft to Edwards later today. Additionally, Edwards will check with others who have entered into a similar contract to see how it has been done.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – ASSESSOR DWIGHT DAVIS

At 9:15 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Kunau to go into Board of Equalization, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote. Assessor Davis reported that there were no appeals by the deadline this past Monday regarding property values. Needs to be signed by Clerk and Assessor and Treasurer can send out notices. At 9:17 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Kunau to go out of Board of Equalization, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Davis discussed an MOU from the Idaho Transportation Department with the County regarding collection of personal information. ITD clarified, following some concerns, that the MOU did not specify that information must be collected; it simply stated that any information collected must be protected. That will be discussed further with Assessors at the IAC meeting next week.

The Board discussed with Davis taxing of wind turbines and geothermal properties in Cassia County. In response to the Board's request for Davis and Clerk Larsen to follow up on taxes that have or will be paid, it is noted for the record that tax on gross receipts from the wind turbines that went into operation during 2011 will begin in 2012. Also, the Raft River Geothermal paid the County \$133, 557.81 in 2011.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated January 27, 2012. 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	\$18,158.09
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$11,756.10
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,084.58
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$1,695.02
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$2,336.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$32,955.20
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$73.92
	TOTAL	\$68,058.91

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:37 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)(b) with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Kunau voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss employee matters. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 10:53. a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:48 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: Case #2012012. The Board reviewed and approved the following: Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case #2012012, #2012013, #2012014; Certificate of Denial on Case #2012005, #2011139; Certificate of Approval on Case #2011140, #2011141; Order of Reimbursement on Case # 2011140 and #2011141; Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 10:07 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:54 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 yea, Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Kunau voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss pending litigation. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:12 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Board reviewed nine (9) CSI Residency Applications. Following review, a motion was made and seconded to approve said applications. A roll call vote followed with Chairman Crane, Commissioner Christensen, and Commissioner Kunau all voting yea.
2. The Board reviewed and approved County expenditures as enumerated.
3. The Board discussed disposition of old tax deed parcels at Park Place and in Oakley that were not sold at the last deed auction. Treasurer Justesen joined the discussion with the

Board. The Park Place property incurred \$318.42 in costs for litigation and mailings. There is \$74.04 in back taxes due as of this date. The Board discussed who these properties might affect the most. Prosecutor Barrus suggested selling the parcels just for tax costs to whomever it would benefit the most. The Board determined to have Barrus send a letter to adjoining and interested property owners. The Oakley property costs for litigation and mailings were \$307.34. The Board determined to offer that property for \$75.00 which would include partial recovery of costs incurred. Four (4) properties are scheduled for tax deed sale for May 14, 2012.

4. The Board discussed Legislative redistricting matters. The Redistricting Committee officially adopted proposed Map L93 for legislative redistricting boundaries pending no further litigation. The said map combines the whole of Cassia County with that of Minidoka County as District 27. The ramifications of that decision are that the new District 27 will be represented by one (1) state senator and two (2) state representatives. Currently, those boundaries include two (2) sitting state senators (Sen. Dean Cameron and Sen. Denton Darrington). Additionally, there are three (3) sitting state representatives (Rep. Bert Stevenson, Rep. Scott Bedke, and Rep. Fred Wood). The upcoming Primary Election and General Election will resolve the number of legislators.
5. The Board discussed a County Commissioner Districting Map that was redrawn based on the 2010 U.S. Census. Commissioner Kunau represents District 2, Commissioner Christensen currently represents District 1, and Chairman Crane represents District 3. Mapper Todd Quast presented proposed boundary changes to each district comparing existing districts with those proposed. Quast balanced the districts with the redrawn boundaries to within less than one (1) percent population deviation between districts. Following review of the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Christensen to accept the proposed Commissioner District Map, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.
6. The Board reviewed a request for the purchase of a new water softener at the MCCJC to replace one for which parts are no longer available. A bid was received from Sunrise Plumbing of Heyburn in the amount of \$4900.00. Budgeted funds are available to make said purchase. Following review, a motion was made by Commissioner Christensen to approve said purchase, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.
7. The Board travelled to Elba to review flood damage. The Board met with Road & Bridge Supervisor, Sam Adams to go over proposals for culvert replacement and repairs that will be necessary. The Board then travelled to the EY Ranch road near Almo to review a bridge replacement project.

LUNCH

At 1:30 p.m. the Board conducted a working lunch at Bake Central Convenience Store in Malta where further discussion took place regarding Road and Bridge matters.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 13, 2012.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Jay Lenkersdorfer, Weekly News Journal; and Renee Wells, The Voice.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ _____

Joseph W. Larsen
Clerk of the Board

/s/ _____

Dennis Crane
Chairman of the Board