



Cassia County Board of Commissioners

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Monday, July 23, 2012

The Board of Cassia County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 23, 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
	Media:	Jay Lenkersdorfer, News Journal Laurie Welch, The Times News

- 1) 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, REVIEW CALENDAR, MINUTES, CORRESPONDENCE, PERSONNEL, CSI RESIDENCIES, COUNTY EXPENDITURES, BUDGET WORKSHOPS, AND COMMISSIONERS' REVIEW OF BUDGETS
 - a) 9:05 AM CALENDAR
 - i) Elected Clerks and Welfare Directors Meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2012, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Board members and Prosecutors are invited to attend.
 - ii) County Officials PERSI Webinar regarding reporting changes from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2012, for elected officials and department heads.
 - iii) Public Defender Meeting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 24, 2012, in Burley
 - iv) Joint Jail Meeting at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 24, 2012, in Burley
 - v) Cassia Regional Medical Center Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2012
 - vi) Solid Waste Meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2012
 - vii) Burley Idaho Lions Spudman Triathlon at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, July 28, 2012
 - viii) Proposed date for road meeting is Monday, August 6, 2012
 - b) 9:05 AM CORRESPONDENCE
 - i) Email from Ron Law regarding an Idaho State Utilities Commission Meeting to involve County benefits of local utilities council and to form a local council 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at the Asian Buffet. Kunau will attend that event.

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- ii) Class for Public Records and Open Meeting seminar coming up Boise September 25, 2012, from Loriman Associates
 - iii) LCA Architect letter regarding additional fee request. The Board discussed those charges for revisions in the Justice Complex plans.
 - iv) McMurray presented proposed costs for the Board approval for Installation of an emergency generator at the law enforcement building from Travis Worthington
 - v) McMurray presented a proposal for installation of a 1000 gallon propane tank from KAM Gas and to hook up the new generator at the law enforcement building
- c) 9:17 AM CHANGE OF STATUS
- i) Misdemeanor Probation
 - (1) Enrica Molina – Request for change from UA Tech to Deputy Probation Officer with increase in rate of pay
 - (2) Kelly Christensen – Request for hire as a UA Tech

10:53 AM

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

- d) 10:53 AM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10:53 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING IN AMERICAN FALLS FROM JULY 12, 2012. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10:53 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM JULY 16, 2012. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- e) 9:17 AM CSI RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS
 - i) The Board reviewed 6 CSI Residency applications

9:17 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE 6 CSI RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- f) 2:30 PM COUNTY EXPENDITURES

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$7,158.05
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$13,461.79
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$573.82
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$5,300.89
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$711.47
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$1,826.78
COUNTY BOAT LICENSE FUND	117	\$150.09
AUCTION EXCESS TRUST	128	\$582.94
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$37,057.53
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,674.78
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$735.30
	TOTAL	\$69,233.44

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2:30 PM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE COUNTY EXPENDITURES DATED JULY 20, 2012. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 2) 9:18 AM BUDGET WORKSHOPS
 - a) Larsen presented the Board with preliminary estimates for the budget proposal for FY2013 and suggestions for alternative funding.
- 3) 9:19 AM DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES FOR AMERICAN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY – AUGUST 28, 2012, ELECTION
 - a) Larsen presented for the Board’s consideration the Heglar-Yale Vote by Mail precinct and the Cassia County Courthouse Absentee polling place as election polling locations for the August 28, 2012, consolidate election.
 - b) The only election on that date is a Power County School District levy that involves only a few residents from the Heglar-Yale precinct.

9:19 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST 28, 2012, CONSOLIDATED ELECTION POLLING PLACE AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 4) 9:20 AM REVIEW AMBULANCE REPORT FOR JUNE 2012
 - a) The Life Run Ambulance report was read by Commissioner Kunau
 - b) Christensen asked Larsen to look at the wages and operating expenses amount for clarification of what was presented.
- 5) 9:22 AM REVIEW AND SIGN LETTER TO CITY OF BURLEY REGARDING SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION
 - a) A proposed letter to City of Burley Mayor, Terry Greenman was read by Christensen
 - b) On a one-time basis the County would provide a serviceable loader and trailer for the City-proposed facility
 - c) The County would provide a part-time employee to operate the facility for residential customers only from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays.
 - d) Large loads would need to go directly to the landfill.
 - e) The County would pay the haul cost of out-of-city waste that comes in on Saturdays.
 - f) Kunau asked about differentiating between county and city residents

9:28 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO ACCEPT, SIGN, AND SEND THE PROPOSED LETTER TO CITY OF BURLEY MAYOR, TERRY GREENMAN. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6) 9:25 AM REVIEW AND SIGN LETTER TO BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING SITING ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES
 - a) The letter of invitation to Bingham County for them to pursue the cooperating status with read by Kunau

9:29 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE, SIGN, AND SEND THE PROPOSED LETTER FROM THE BOARD TO BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER REGARDING ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COOPERATING STATUS. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 7) 9:30 AM REVIEW AND DISCUSS RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING RURAL SCHOOLS FUNDING
 - a) Two resolutions were prepared and presented by McMurray
 - b) McMurray recommended putting money into title 1 and 2 and not in title 3 and asked for the same contributions since 2008.
 - c) Larsen indicated that this is the last year for SRS funding
- 8) 9:33 AM SIGN CREDIT CARD APPLICATION
 - a) McMurray presented an application with Zions Bank for credit cards for County use
 - b) This will be a direct changeover from current credit cards with US Bank
 - c) McMurray requested from the Auditor's Office a copy of the summary of the last two County audits which Larsen provided

934 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO ACCEPT AND SIGN THE PROPOSED APPLICATION WITH ZIONS BANK FOR COUNTY CREDIT CARDS. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9:36 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. THE BOARD RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 9:48 AM.

- 9) 9:49 AM DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING
 - a) RANDY KIDD – SHERIFF
 - i) Declo Days and Pioneer Days in Oakley proceeded with no difficulties
 - ii) There were a couple of lightning caused fires recently
 - b) PATTY JUSTESEN – TREASURER
 - i) Justesen provided the Board the Treasurer's Cash Report
 - ii) Presented raffle tickets for sale for a quilt to be given away to benefit the IAC Scholarship Fund
 - c) DWIGHT DAVIS – ASSESSOR
 - i) Two appraisers from the Assessor's Office will be attending certification school this week
 - ii) They have just started revaluations
 - iii) A number of personnel are currently on vacation from the Assessor's Office
 - iv) Davis discussed IACI's proposal that Idaho personal property tax may be going away. 5% of our taxes is personal property.
 - d) JOE LARSEN – CLERK
 - i) Larsen and newly hired Deputy Recorder and will be visiting with Land Title and American Title regarding appropriate recording of documents.
 - ii) A taxing district election on will be held on August 28th that will only involve one mail-in precinct with residents who are a part of the American Falls School District.
 - iii) Auditor's Office is in progress with working on the County budget. Larsen expressed appreciation to all department heads for their cooperation and understanding with the funding needs of the new Justice Complex.
 - e) AL BARRUS – PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
 - i) Barrus indicated that his office is busy
 - ii) Talked of the potential changes that could take place with the coming judicial appointments
 - f) KERRY MCMURRAY – ADMINISTRATOR

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- i) 8 building permits were issued during June totaling \$7,511.90 with building valuations totaling \$946,036.72
- ii) Building department is steady with inspections
- iii) Planning & Zoning is not meeting in August
- iv) Zion's Bank Credit Cards will replace County US Bank Credit Cards
- v) LCA Architect is working on design drawings and file storage for the Justice Complex.
- g) AMBER PREWITT – ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION
 - i) Prewitt hired a new UA Tech and a new Probation Officer
 - ii) Training is being provided for the new hires
 - iii) Christensen asked about employees challenging POST but Prewitt's employees do not qualify
 - iv) End of 2013 is the deadline for having all probation officers that were hired before 2011 to be POST certified
- h) DARWIN JOHNSON – MINI-CASSIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER
 - i) 102 county inmates, 50 state and 12 others
 - ii) 65 Cassia and 35 Minidoka
 - iii) Things are going well
 - iv) Interviews were held last week for employment openings
 - v) They are currently working on budget issues
- i) GORDON EDWARDS – WEED AND PEST CONTROL
 - i) Certified hay and straw inspections going on
 - ii) Invasive species cooperation is good
 - (1) State police stopped those who have gone by the inspection station without stopping
 - (2) They need better signage and public information and an education campaign
 - (3) Barges that came through tested clean
 - (4) They are currently using electronic signs on the freeway near Snowville and are working on the Kasota freeway sign.
 - (5) Christensen asked about pictures of the invasive species at rest stop information kiosks
 - (6) Davis suggested information could be in place at the DVM registration office for boats
- j) CRAIG RINEHART – CORONER
 - i) Not present
- k) JOEL PACKHAM – EXTENSION AGENT
 - i) The Extension Office is preparing for the Fair in August
 - ii) They celebrate the 100 year anniversary for 4H. They will have signage and a float in the parade
 - iii) Grain harvest is earlier than it has been in the past.
 - iv) Farmers are reporting average yields with crops.
 - v) There have been some frost damage in the Malta area but no significant hail reported.
 - vi) Potatoes and sugar beets are expecting a large harvest.
 - vii) National drought will likely drive up the cost of hay, corn, barley, and wheat
- 10) 10:30 AM INSURANCE MATTERS WITH KELLY BOWEN
 - a) Bowen explained a 20% increase in the cost of insurance to the employee premium rates as well as to the County's contribution. The County has experienced some large claims recently.
 - b) To correct insufficient funding issues, those costs need to be increased.
 - c) There have been increases of 5% or less in previous years and in some even as low as 3%.
 - d) Bowen stressed that the 20% increase was only a suggestion for the Board to consider.

- e) Bowen indicated that the County had taken 3 premium vacations amounting to over \$300,000.
- f) With what Blue Cross and Blue Shield have experienced in the past 6 years, billing rate savings alone have accounted for a savings of about \$2.5 million.
- g) Barrus asked about comparison with Gem Plan.
 - i) Bowen indicated that Blue Cross administers the Gem Plan
 - ii) Spec is at \$100,000 instead of \$55,000
- h) No benefit changes have taken place for 6 years and that is significant. Some health insurance plans are making changes on an annual basis.
- i) The County Employee Benefits Committee has suggested significant changes
- j) Premium structure change won't adversely affect the overall budget if higher plan participants opt for lower plans.

11) 10:55 AM INDIGENT MATTERS

10:55 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.

Welfare Director Susan Keck presented the following:

- a) Case #2012073
- b) Certificate of Denial on Case #2012066 and #2012062
- c) Certificate of Approval on Case #2012061
- d) Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case #2012074
- e) Release of Medically Indigent Lien on Case #2012055
- f) Order of Reimbursement on Case #2012061

11:48 AM

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 11:48 AM.

12) 11:48 AM BLM/USFS

- a) SCOTT NANNENGA – FOREST SERVICE RANGER
 - i) Finished up Pine Creek sale of timber and they won't do more until winter
 - ii) Sale of timber above the snowmobile parking lot will still be taking place for the next 60 days.
 - iii) The snowmobile group can get with the Forest Service during the time of the timber sale for them to clear timber where a snowmobile trail needs to be accommodated.
 - iv) On Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays there will be fire prevention, detection, and visitor center information and the Mt. Harrison lookout will be manned by a part-time individual.
 - v) Nannenga reported that south of Sublett is really dry and there has been a fire at Black Pine.
 - vi) Notice of non-compliance was sent to Albion Ranch, LLC, for cattle grazing issues.
 - vii) Spurge near the Forest Service boundary poses a risk if the County Weed and Pest doesn't keep control.
 - viii) Drilling at Black Pine will be concluded by the end of 2013
 - ix) Some roads near the Elba Pass have been closed and the Forest Service will still close non-approved roads in the South Hills area and Sublett.
- b) MIKE COURTNEY – BLM DIRECTOR
 - i) Courtney reported on the Little Birch Creek and other fires
 - (1) The BLM will distribute juniper seed and grindings for restoration

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- (2) Manning's private lands were the only private lands affected
- (3) Restoration will also take place on private land as a joint effort
- (4) There was a 20,000 acre fire yesterday near the Kimama area
- (5) Cassia County has been fortunate with avoiding fires
- ii) Courtney provided *A Desk Guide to Cooperating Agency Relationships and Coordination with Intergovernmental Partners*.
- iii) Courtney provided information on a *Cooperating Agency and Coordination Broadcast regarding Building Cooperating Agency Relationships and Maximizing Coordination Opportunities* to take place on July 26, 2012.
- iv) The final draft for the Sage Grouse will be completed mid-September. Whatever alternative is chosen will have the most minimal effect on Sage Grouse.
- v) The power company's preferred route is still 950 South.

12:04 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION WORKING LUNCH

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS UNDER IDAHO CODE SECTION 67-2345(1)(A). A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS WITH CHAIRMAN CRANE, COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN, AND COMMISSIONER KUNAU VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE BOARD RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 2:25 PM.

13) 2:35 PM ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED:

/s/ _____

Dennis Crane, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board