



## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

### **Monday, March 5, 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 AGENDA**

An email from the IAC came too late to include on the publicly posted agenda pertaining to a hearing regarding roads. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to add said item to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote. There will be a field hearing to be held 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time on March 12, 2012, at the Elko Convention Center in Elko, Nevada. Testimony will be put together by Administrator McMurray to be sent to be read at that meeting regarding the preservation of travel and access on public lands.

Information was received from the BLM that came in late Friday asking for an official letter of comment from the Board. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to add said item to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote. Alternative Segment 7I includes only the Gateway line that progresses up the Goose Creek drainage. The Board stressed that they desired to keep the present state corridor for future transmission lines.

#### **PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES**

The Minutes for February 27, 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 Probation meeting at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2012, in Rupert
2. IHC Board of Directors Conference in on Friday March 9, 2012, in Salt Lake City, UT.
3. Government Coordination meeting in Pocatello from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2012.
4. Department Head meeting at 12:00 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2012.
5. Republican Caucus at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at the King Fine Arts Center.
6. Gateway Conference call on Tuesday morning, March 6, 2012.
7. Commissioner Christensen made a suggestion to put disaster preparation procedures on a future Board agenda.
8. FFA banquet on March 13, 2012.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed the following:

1. IAC email regarding hearing in Elko, Nevada.
2. Numerous emails from the Cassia County Republican Central Committee regarding the

Republican Caucus on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

3. City of Rocks notification regarding availability of summary of public comments.

### **COUNTY EXPENDITURES**

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated March 2, 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	\$17,303.66
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$13,607.49
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$763.01
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$126.59
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$14,627.50
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$28.10
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$25,113.65
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$746.82
CASSIA COUNTY BENEFITS TRUST	148	\$0.00
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$1,409.67
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73,726.49</b>

### **CHANGE OF STATUS**

There were no Request for Change of Status forms for the Board to review.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:08 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 #2012101, #2012021 and #2012009. The Board reviewed and approved the following: Notice of Continuance of Hearing on Case #2011126; Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case #2012021 and #2012022; Release of Medically Indigent Lien on Case 208073; Certificate of Approval on Case # 2012009; Order of Reimbursement on Case #2012009; and Assignment on Case #206011, #2009097, #2011037, #2011039, and #2011054. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 10:22 a.m.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. The Board reviewed 15 (fifteen) CSI Residency applications. It was moved and seconded to approve said applications and roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Kunau, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.
2. The Board reviewed and approved County expenditures as detailed.
3. At 9:47 a.m. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to go into Board of Equalization, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote. Homeowner Exemption removals and address changes were presented by Assessor Dwight Davis to the Board. Chairman Crane read the names of those home owners listed on the exemption

list. At 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to go out of Board of Equalization, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yeavote.

4. The Board reviewed a healthcare contract from Safe Haven. Prosecutor Barrus commented on the fact that there had been three mental commitments last week that present a financial obligation to the County. Administrator McMurray and Barrus presented costs to the County for mental commitments as per the contract as another potential alternative mental health facility. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to sign said agreement, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yeavote.
5. The Board reviewed an MOU with the ISDA for invasive species boat check. Prosecutor Barrus indicated he had a conversation with Weed & Pest Control Supervisor, Gordon Edwards regarding said MOU. Edwards indicated to the Board that the ISDA had accepted MOU changes as proposed by Administrator McMurray. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to approve and sign said MOU, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yeavote.
6. The Board reviewed County Road and Bridge matters. Since there had been snow over the weekend, Road and Bridge crews had done some plowing. They will be working on the EY road bridge next week. Since there had been some moisture, they had graded some. The bridge had a deadline to be completed by March 18, 2012. Working on preliminary items only as the weather had slowed them down. They have requested permission for the permit to be extended for one (1) year.
7. The Board reviewed an MOU between IDPR and the County Road and Bridge proposal regarding County roads. Administrator McMurray presented concerns of some of the verbiage of the contract. The Board discussed proposed changes in the contract language and asked McMurray to make those changes to the draft to get back to Wallace Keck.
8. The Board reviewed a proposed contract presented from Twin Falls County with St. Luke's Canyon View Mental Health Services. Prosecuting Attorney Barrus went through the contract with the Board. Barrus asked that Welfare Director Susan Keck read through the agreement and Barrus will check with the Sheriff for any potential concerns as well. Chairman Crane requested that Clerk Larsen contact the Twin Falls County Clerk, Kristina Glascock, to let them know of our County's interest.
9. The Board reviewed a pesticide use proposal from the BLM. Commissioner Kunau presented concerns and questions regarding the proposal. They provided Weed and Pest Control Supervisor, Gordon Edwards with the proposal and asked him to review it and bring it back to the Board with recommendations.
10. The Board reviewed County building issues. The Board discussed the LCA Architects presentation regarding the new Justice Center. The company who conducted the Hazardous Assessment requested permission to be allowed the use of their Cassia County study with the City of Boise. The Board approved allowing use of the study as an example of work product.
11. Clerk Larsen updated the Board on the Caucus, voter registration, party affiliation deadlines, and other items regarding the upcoming election on March 13, 2012, and May 15, 2012.

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 12, 2012.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING**

Jay Lenkersdorfer, Weekly News Journal; and Gordon Edwards, Weed and Pest Control Supervisor.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph W. Larsen  
*Clerk of the Board*

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis Crane  
*Chairman of the Board*