



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

March 19, 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; and Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board, present.

Administrator Kerry McMurray was out of town and unable to attend today's meeting.

QUARTERLY JAIL TOUR

A quarterly jail tour was conducted at 8:00 a.m. with the Minidoka County Board. Inspection report questions were conducted by Chairman Crane. Noted was the need for locking of the electrical panel in the laundry room. The Board discussed complaints received by two inmates regarding treatment and conditions at the jail. The only sickness reported had been minor cold and flu experienced among inmates.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for March 12, 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. Department of Correction Meeting Friday, March 23, 2012 in Boise
2. MSTI Meeting in Power County on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. South Central Community Action Partnership letter of thanks for the County's financial support of \$2000.00.
2. Letter from Life Run Ambulance Coordinator, Doug Adams regarding a request for a letter of recommendation from the Board to help secure a grant. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to provide the requested letter, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote. Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus prepared the requested letter.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated March 16, 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	\$15,871.97
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$17,876.95

DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$78.39
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$3,661.06
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$14,627.50
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$558.25
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$461.19
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$252.30
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$31,107.22
D.A.R.E TRUST	137	\$215.99
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,370.44
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$2,322.54
	TOTAL	\$88,403.80

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed five (5) Request for Change of Status forms. The Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center (MCCJC) presented Jason Loveless to be promoted from Senior Deputy to Corporal with an increase in pay, Joshua Bradley Crockett to be promoted from Senior Deputy to Corporal with an increase in pay, Conrad H. S. Setoki to be promoted from Senior Deputy/Training Deputy to Corporal with increase in pay, and Jennifer Marie Lee to be promoted from Senior Detention Deputy to Sergeant with increase in pay; the Cassia County Sheriff's Office presented Deputy-Patrolman Jordon Douglas Williams to receive an increase in pay for certification; and Temporary Employee Personnel Action Forms from the MCCJC to hire Bobby Von Lowder and John Robert Stumph, both to replace employees on leave at \$13.40 per hour. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Kunau, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

TOUCHPAY UPDATE

Assessor Dwight Davis presented to the Board a decision of a committee formed to evaluate credit/debit card payments for Cassia County departments. The decision was to terminate services with TouchPay as they have not delivered on their promises. Prosecuting Attorney Barrus prepared a letter of termination of service to send to TouchPay. The committee determined to pursue the consideration of services of Access Idaho/PayPort as a service for credit and debit cards. The committee will meet on Thursday, March 22, 2012; at 1:30 p.m. with Access Idaho/Pay Port. Auditor Larsen indicated that their provided service includes appropriate treatment of small as well as large expenditures through that service. Following that meeting, their proposed contract will be reviewed by Prosecuting Attorney Barrus and Administrator McMurray then presented to the Board for approval.

MT. HARRISON LOOKOUT

Glen E. and Linda A. Anderson presented to the Board the prospects of the County helping to man the Mt. Harrison lookout tower. They were hoping that the lookout would not be closed but indicated that the Forest Service does not have the funds to provide for manning the lookout as in the past. Andersons, along with three other couples, have volunteered to provide their service to man the lookout. Mrs. Anderson provided a list of those outside of Idaho who have visited the lookout over the years. They have stayed at the lookout since it is equipped with

sleeping quarters and they have been bringing their own food. The Forest Service will now only provide someone for the lookout if there is a fire. The lookout is maintained for four different radio repeaters so additional electricity demand is minimal for the Forest Service who now only uses satellites to detect fires. In the past, lookout personnel have reported on farmland fires and tornadoes in the valley. Chairman Crane will visit with Forest Service representatives and discuss the issue in their next meeting with the Board. Commissioner Christensen inquired as to costs and Anderson indicated that gas money to get there is their only concern. It is approximately 66 miles of travel and the Forest Service had paid \$300.00 to \$600.00 per season to cover those expenses. The Board will take this consideration under advisement.

CANVASS OF VOTES

Chief Elections Officer Larsen and Chief Deputy Elections Officer Theresa Forthun presented the Canvass of Votes to the Board from the March 19, 2012, taxing district election for their acceptance. The Board discussed the proceedings of the election which included one ballot item. The Joint School District No. 151 Cassia, Twin Falls, and Oneida Counties' supplemental levy election passed the required simple majority plus one vote. A total of 1,588 votes were cast with 907 voting yes (57.12%) and 681 voting no (42.88%).

Clerk Larsen indicated that costs relative to consolidated elections are reimbursed by the State while they determine the financial impact to counties for conducting these statutory-required elections. Commissioner Kunau made a motion to accept and sign the Canvass of Votes, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:32 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 10:42 a.m. Thereafter, the Board authorized the County Administrator to resolve the matter at the lowest possible level.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:50 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 briefed the Board on a request for relief for assigned tax proceeds on Case #2010007. Keck also presented the following: Case #2012027. The Board reviewed and approved the following: Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case #2012026, #2012027 #2012028, and #2012029; Release of Medically Indigent Lien on Case #204121, #2011138, and #2011143; Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision on Case #2011123; Order of Dismissal on Case #2011138; Certificate of Denial on Case #2012026; #2012010; Certificate of Approval on Case #2012010; Order of Reimbursement on Case #2012010. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 11:20 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:04 a.m., the Board invited the medical indigent recipient to Case #201007 in conjunction with Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(d) already in session under medical indigent matters to discuss income tax assignment relief. The Board determined to comply with the medical indigent recipient's request for some relief where regular payment history had been consistent. Following the discussion, at 11:15 a.m. the Board returned to the closed portion of the Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. There were no CSI Residency Applications to review and discuss.
2. The Board reviewed and approved County Expenditures as detailed.
3. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to enter Board of Equalization at 9:21 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote. Assessor Davis provided the Board with a list of all the changes, allowed and disallowed Homeowner Exemptions up to and including March 16, 2012. Davis indicated that 180 letters need to be signed including those who didn't qualify for the exemption because of address issues and others which include change of ownership, those who are deceased, as well as other disqualifications. Commissioner Christensen read changes from February 23, 2012, to March 16, 2012. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to approve said Homeowner Exemption list as presented, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote. The Board returned to regular session at 9:32. a.m.
4. Clerk Larsen provided an elections update. Larsen reported on those who had filed for open election positions for the Primary Election. He also reviewed with the Board the results of the election conducted on March 13, 2012, for the override levy on behalf of the Joint Cassia School District. The levy needed to pass with a 50% plus one vote. The election results, as canvassed by the Board included the success of the supplemental levy.
5. The Board discussed a County deed to Kent and Linda Gardner. Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus sent a letter to Gardner's who presented a check to pay for a small odd lot parcel not sold at public auction. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to accept and sign the offer, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
6. The Board reviewed and approved a letter to the Cassia Regional Medical Center (CRMC) regarding inmate billings at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center (MCCJC). In response to a recent County audit, the Board requested that invoices to the jail from CRMC list the officer who accompanies inmates to their facility as there will always be an officer with an inmate. The jail had received and paid billings on non-inmates that had been pointed out in the audit.
7. The Board reviewed and approved 2012 Parcel Exemptions. Those exemptions were read by Commissioner Kunau. Following discussion, Commissioner Kunau made a motion to sign said approvals, seconded by Commissioner Christensen, followed by a unanimous yea vote.
8. The Board previously approved a letter of engagement for the 2012 external audit to be performed by Evans and Poulsen, CPA's.
9. Treasurer Patty Justesen provided the Board with a Statement of Treasurer's Cash.
10. The Board reviewed IPUC Case No. IPC-E-12-08 and Case No. IPC-E-12-09, notices of applications from Idaho Power Company to increase rates.

11. Treasurer Justesen, Assessor Davis, and Clerk Larsen reviewed with the Board procedures for public records requests and information requests as contained on the County website. Discussion included improvements needed to meet the public's request for easy access of appropriate information and to facilitate the timely presentation and updating of that information by departments themselves as needed.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 26, 2012.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Jay Lenkersdorfer, Weekly News Journal; Laurie Welch, The Times News; Assessor Dwight Davis; Treasurer Patty Justesen; and Glen E. and Linda A. Anderson – former Mt. Harrison lookout workers.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

/s/ _____
Dennis Crane
Chairman of the Board