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Monday, November 26, 2012

The Board of Cassia County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 26, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Chambers of the Cassia County Courthouse. Commissioner Christensen was excused as he was out of town.

THOSE PRESENT:	County Commissioners:	Dennis Crane, Chairman Bob Kunau
	Clerk of the Board:	Joseph W. Larsen
	Prosecuting Attorney:	Al Barrus
	County Administrator:	Kerry D. McMurray

- 1) 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, REVIEW CALENDAR, MINUTES, CORRESPONDENCE, PERSONNEL, CSI RESIDENCIES, COUNTY PAYABLES, COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE, BUILDING & GROUNDS MATTERS
 - a) 9:05 AM CALENDAR
 - i) Public Defender Meeting at 7:30 a.m. and Joint Jail Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2012
 - ii) South Central Public Health District Legislative Reception from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 28, 2012, in Twin Falls
 - iii) ATI 66th Annual Taxpayer Conference on December 5, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
 - iv) Cassia Health Care Foundation Festival of Trees at the CSI gym from November 28, 2012, to December 1, 2012
 - v) Mid Snake Resource Conservation and Development Annual Meeting on December 11, 2012, in Twin Falls
 - b) 9:05 AM CORRESPONDENCE
 - i) Idaho Community of Trees News Bulletin No. 64, Fall 2012
 - ii) Open House for Chobani Yogurt in Twin Falls at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 17, 2012
 - c) 9:10 AM PERSONNEL
 - i) The Board reviewed a request from Deputy Clerk, Cara Petterson to extend vacation and personal time to be used by January 31, 2013.

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9:10 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE DEFERRING OF VACATION AND PERSONAL TIME FOR CARA PETTERSON AS REQUESTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

d) 9:35 AM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i) Minutes from a Special Board Meeting with Gateway West on November 1, 2012, were discussed.

9:35 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2012. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ii) Minutes from regular Board Meeting on November 19, 2012, were discussed.

10:21 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2012. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

e) 9:13 AM CSI RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS

i) The Board reviewed 7 CSI Residency applications.

9:13 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE 7 CSI RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

f) 10:30 AM COUNTY PAYABLES

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$9,645.16
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$27,760.56
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$181.83
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$2,025.61
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$14,627.50
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$4,794.15
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$3,623.01
	TOTAL	\$62,657.82

10:30 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE COUNTY EXPENDITURES DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2012. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

g) 9:11 AM COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE

i) The Road & Bridge crew is about completed with Bruesch Lane in Almo.

ii) Cattle guard in Almo is completed.

h) 9:13 AM BUILDING AND GROUNDS MATTERS

i) A heater went out last week in one of the County apartments and needs to be replaced.

ii) McMurray presented a proposed No Smoking Policy for all County apartments.

9:14 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO INSTITUTE THE NO SMOKING POLICY AS PRESENTED. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2) 9:15 AM OPENING OF BIDS FOR MCCJC FIRE SYSTEM AND Closed Circuit TV

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- a) White Cloud
 - i) Acknowledged reading all bid documents and agreement with provisions, 5% bid bond paid, and bid at \$125,222.00
- b) PST – Murray Utah
 - i) Acknowledged reading all bid documents and agreement with provisions, 5% bid bond paid, and bid at \$110,535.31

9:22 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO TAKE THE BIDS UNDER ADVISEMENT AND MAKE A DECISION NEXT BOARD MEETING. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 3) 9:21 AM REVIEW AND EXECUTE LETTER TO USFS REGARDING SCOPING COMMENTS ON GRAZING ALLOTMENTS IN KETCHUM RANGER DISTRICT
 - a) A letter from the Board was read by Commissioner Kunau expressing comments supporting grazing on allotments presented and the continued historic use of public lands.

9:24 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO SIGN AND SEND THE SCOPING COMMENT LETTER. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 4) 9:29 AM REVIEW AND EXECUTE ORDINANCE 2012-11-01 AMENDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
 - a) The Board reviewed the proposed ordinance

9:29 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 2012-11-01 AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 5) 9:35 AM REVIEW PUC CASE NO. 1PC-E-12-24: NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY IDAHO POWER
 - a) The Board reviewed PUC Case No 1PC-E-12-24
- 6) 9:39 AM CONSIDER AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS WITH ACCESS IDAHO FOR ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
 - a) The Board reviewed agreement modifications with Access Idaho for the Assessor's Office that detailed a 3% of transaction subtotal plus \$1.00 charge for Vehicle Registration Renewals.

9:39 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT MODIFICATION WITH ACCESS IDAHO FOR THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AS PRESENTED. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 7) 9:46 AM DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING
 - a) RANDY KIDD – SHERIFF
 - i) Murder suspect James Duane Ambrose was apprehended in Las Vegas. Las Vegas will deal with their charges prior to sending the suspect back to Cassia County to face charges.
 - ii) Not a lot of major activities occurred during the Thanksgiving holiday season.
 - b) PATTY JUSTESEN – TREASURER
 - i) Justesen presented for the Board's review a Statement of Treasurers Cash
 - ii) 100 mail pieces came back with bad addresses from the tax drive and they have been corrected and sent back out.
 - c) DWIGHT DAVIS – ASSESSOR
 - i) The Assessor's Office is keeping up with revaluations.
 - ii) There has been interest in the Circuit Breaker program and work has continued with property splits and combinations.

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- d) JOE LARSEN – CLERK
 - i) Canvass of the General Election was concluded and provided to the Secretary of State’s Office.
 - ii) Moves will take place with Election Supervisor Theresa Forthun moving to the court and with that assignment taken over by Welfare Director Susan Keck.
- e) AL BARRUS – PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
 - i) A Lot of jury trials have been scheduled
 - ii) Things are keeping busy in his office.
- f) KERRY MCMURRAY – ADMINISTRATOR
 - i) McMurray indicated that the building department work is steady. They have had their first two permits on accessory dwelling permits, 17 building permits, and five manufactured homes.
- g) AMBER PREWITT – ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION
 - i) Not Present
- h) DARWIN JOHNSON – MINI-CASSIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER
 - i) They have had a lot of mental, medical, and detox cases.
 - ii) Numbers are down with State holds. Current jail population is at 149 with 51 from Cassia County and 42 from Minidoka County.
 - iii) Johnson will address radio purchases at the joint jail meeting.
 - iv) Telmate desires to have a conference call with the prosecutor and the administrator to discuss potential future plans.
- i) GORDON EDWARDS – WEED AND PEST CONTROL
 - i) Knotroot Foxtail weeds are infesting both Burley cemeteries that need to be dealt with.
 - ii) Edwards discussed an \$80,000 Grant and Cooperative Agreement with the BLM. There is a \$20,000 carryover from last year leaving about \$100,000.
 - iii) Edwards is working to reduce comp time.
- j) CRAIG RINEHART – CORONER
 - i) Twenty more cases this year than last year in the Coroner’s Office.
- k) JOEL PACKHAM – EXTENSION AGENT
 - i) Not Present
- l) COMMISSIONER BOB KUNAU
 - i) Commissioner Kunau discussed bids on the CCJC and a decision that would be made later today in awarding the bid to a contractor.
- m) CHAIRMAN CRANE
 - i) Chairman Crane discussed the Christmas Party for Elected Officials
- 8) 10:33 AM JUDICIAL COMPLEX BID DELIBERATION AND DECISION ON GENERAL CONTRACTOR
 - a) McMurray reviewed the bid tabulations of the ten contractors for the Cassia County Judicial Center renovation project.
 - b) Harris
 - i) Lowest bid at \$1,684,000.00 base and \$1,797,084.00 with base and alternatives.
 - ii) Harris failed to sign one addendum which resulted in disqualification.
 - c) Starr Corporation
 - i) Second lowest bid at \$1,700,000.00 base and \$1,823,000.00 with base and alternatives.
 - ii) It was determined that everything was in order as required.

10:40 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO AWARD BID TO STARR CORPORATION AND TO INCLUDE THE FIVE ALTERNATES. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 9) 10:41 AM CONSIDER ADVERTISEMENT FOR VOLUNTEERS ON OPEN BOARD AND COMMITTEE SEATS
- a) FLAG – Mike Poulton set up a meeting in early December to determine if sitting Board members desired to continue.
 - b) Fair Board is in line.
 - c) Veteran’s Board will have information by tomorrow and will not need to advertise for interested individuals.
 - d) Museum Board – Two people contacted the Administrative Office who expressed interested in being considered for that Board.
 - e) Waterways Committee – Shannon Taylor was recommended for that committee by Sheriff Kidd.
 - f) Appeals Board for Building Code issues – McMurray will work with getting a contractor or engineer to fill that capacity as required by Code.

10:44 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPOINT SHANNON TAYLOR TO THE WATERWAYS COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10) 10:58 AM INDIGENT MATTERS

10:58 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING MEDICAL INDIGENT MATTERS UNDER IDAHO CODE SECTION 67-2345(1)(D), SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN CRANE. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS WITH CHAIRMAN CRANE AND COMMISSIONER KUNAU VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Welfare Director Susan Keck presented the following:

- a) Case #2012100 and #2012101
- b) Certificate of Denial on Case #2012105
- c) Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case #2012105 and #2012109
- d) Release of Medically Indigent Lien on Case #2012090
- e) Medical Records/Utilization Management Review on CAT case 4C-2013-00008

11:14 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEDICAL INDIGENT ACTIONS AS PRESENTED. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE BOARD RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 11:14 AM.

11) 10:47 AM FEMA UPDATE

- a) County GIS/Mapper Todd Quast discussed with the Board base flood elevation for Cassia County. FEMA money is paying for floods with free flowing rivers and they are less concerned at the State level with the Snake River where there are a number of dams.
- b) He indicated that FEMA money would be more likely to assist in the event of a flood in the Raft River area than the Snake River plain.
- c) The FIS study along the area of the bluffs in the Springdale area is high enough to scientifically be out of the flood plain.
- d) Quast recommended that P & Z require the establishment of a base flood elevation on development property.

12) 11:30 AM USFS/BLM

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- a) SCOTT NANNENGA – FOREST SERVICE RANGER
 - i) Burn piles of Juniper trees are being burned in Forest Service areas of the County.
 - ii) They have not started on about 100 miles of fencing rehabilitation from wildfires yet.
 - iii) Indian Paintbrush has been taken off the candidate list for endangered species.
 - b) JIM THARP – BLM ASSISTANT FIELD MANAGER
 - i) Gateway West final EIS has been delayed to early March of 2013.
 - ii) Wildfire Rehabilitation has been completed in most areas. Cave Canyon is about half done.
 - iii) Burn piles of Juniper trees are currently being burned in three areas of the County.
- 13) 12:00 PM ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED:

/s/_____

Dennis Crane, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

/s/_____

Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board