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Monday, August 12, 2013

The Board of Cassia County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2013, 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
	Others:	Zach Simmons, Boy Scout Darwin Johnson, MCCJC Ruthe Hobbs, Concerned Citizen Jay Lenkersdorfer, The News Journal Jay Heward, CCSO George Warrell, CCSO Patty Justesen, Treasurer

1) 9:04 AM AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

- Information regarding the contract for law enforcement came too late to be included on the agenda.
- Information regarding taxes paid for Road and Bridge did not come forward until after the posting of today's agenda.

9:05 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO ADD DISCUSSION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT AND ROAD AND BRIDGE TO THE AGENDA DUE TO INFORMATION COMING TO THE BOARD AFTER POSTING OF TODAY'S BOARD AGENDA. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2) 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, REVIEW CALENDAR, MINUTES, CORRESPONDENCE, PERSONNEL, CSI RESIDENCIES, COUNTY PAYABLES, COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE, BUILDING AND GROUNDS MATTERS, GATEWAY MATTERS

- 9:05 AM CALENDAR
 - Cassia County Fair and Rodeo will be all this week, August 12-17, 2013.

CASSIA COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR SESSION

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- ii) The Fair and Rodeo Queen's breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at Morey's.
- iii) The Fair and Rodeo Parade will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2013.
- iv) First newspaper notice of the FY2014 budget will be on Thursday, August 15, 2013, and the final newspaper notice will be on Thursday, August 22, 2013
- v) The FY2014 budget hearing will be held at the regular Board meeting on August 26, 2013.
- vi) IAC Clerks and Records Annual Meeting from August 20-22, 2013, in Pocatello.
- vii) The Last day for absentee ballots requests to be received by the Clerk's Office is August 21, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. for the August 27, 2013, election.
- viii) Final newspaper notice of the August 27, 2013, election to be published by August 22, 2013
- ix) Notice of Candidacy for the November election must be published by cities and counties during the week August 22-30, 2013
- x) Last date of absentee or early voting for the August 27, 2013, election is by 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 23, 2013
- xi) First day of filing for candidacy in the city elections is Monday, August 26, 2013, through the city offices
- xii) Election Day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, 2013, for the Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy election for the Cassia School District.
- xiii) Joint Juvenile Justice meeting will be 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 13, 2013, in Rupert
- xiv) Joint Jail meeting will be at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, August 13, 2013, in Rupert
- xv) CAT Board phone meeting will be on Wednesday, August 14, 2013, for Commissioner Christensen
- xvi) State Adult Misdemeanor Probation Planning meeting will be on Thursday, August 15, 2013, for Commissioner Christensen
- xvii) Pipeline Meeting will be held in American Falls on August 27-28, 2013
- xviii) A special meeting of the Board will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 15, 2013
- b) 9:05 AM CORRESPONDENCE
 - i) Thank you note from the Davis Vasant, Sr. family for flowers sent in memory of former Cassia County employee, Davis Vasant
 - ii) Mid Snake Regional Water Resource Commissioner Second Annual Legislative Dinner with Justice Jim Jones will be held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 19, 2013, at the Jerome Senior Center
 - iii) A tour for Weed and Pest will take place in Blackfoot
 - iv) A letter from the Cassia County 4-H/FFA Market Animal Sale Committee announcing the Buyers Appreciation Breakfast that will be held at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, August 17, 2013, at the outdoor livestock show ring.
 - v) A letter from attorney Bill Parson's to the Cassia County Commissioners and to Mayor Greenman from the City of Burley was read regarding the utilization of the County Prosecutor and the attorney for the City of Burley in law enforcement contract negotiations. That notion had previously been rejected by the City of Burley in their last City Council Meeting.
 - vi) IAC has dedicated litigation funds for defending a lawsuit regarding natural resources that was filed against Shoshone County currently on appeal with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals
 - vii) A letter of concern to the Board from a citizen with concerns with Telmate at the Jail was discussed.

- c) 9:06 AM PERSONNEL
 - i) No Change of Status Issues today.
 - ii) No Time Sheets to review today.
- d) 10:41 AM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10:41 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM JULY 29, 2013. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10:41 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM AUGUST 5, 2013. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10:41 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM AUGUST 7, 2013. CHAIRMAN CRANE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- e) 9:14 AM CSI RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS
 - i) The Board reviewed ten CSI Residency applications; one for 2012-2013 and nine for 2013-2014.

9:14 AM

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

- f) 11:16 AM COUNTY PAYABLES

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$266,241.28
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,461.98
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$7,986.05
SOLID WASTE FUND	109	\$272,255.50
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$4,210.92
ASSESSOR TRUST FUND	123	\$699.40
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$76,228.47
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$115.39
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$892.63
	TOTAL	\$630,091.62

11:16 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE COUNTY PAYABLES DATED AUGUST 10, 2013. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- g) 10:43 AM GATEWAY MATTERS
 - i) The BLM has dismissed Governor Otter's comments. The next steps to take are unknown according to attorney Doug Balfour. Their premise is that the State has no jurisdiction over Federal lands.
 - ii) Their website indicates what changes have been made in the EIS.

3) 9:15 AM UPDATE FY2014 BUDGET MATTERS

- a) Larsen presented the tentative budget that will be published later this week. The budget was reduced overall from FY2013, but due to decreased budgeted Federal revenues from PILT and grants, there was a shift towards local taxation. Funding was increased in the budget to meet the needs of security at the new CCJC facility.
 - b) Larsen discussed the Veterans Service Officer with Barrus and requested that the verbiage of the contract be revisited to clearly spell out obligations under the contract that clarifies that the VSO is not an employee of either Minidoka or Cassia County.
 - c) The Board discussed with Larsen and Treasurer Justesen the taxes collected for the Almo-Elba Highway that is provided for Road and Bridge funding.
 - d) Grant funding for magnesium chloride for roads has been lost.
 - e) Larsen met with Gary Houde from the Idaho State Commissioner on budgeting matters and he indicated that it would be beneficial tax-wise for both the County and for residents in the rural area of Almo and Elba to create their own highway district. The Board will follow up on the matter.
- 4) 9:37 AM REVIEW AND DISCUSS SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FY2014 BUDGET
- a) Chairman Crane discussed law enforcement needs with Sheriff Heward in the event the agreement for law enforcement services for the City of Burley expires. Heward detailed the minimum number of personnel they could get by with in the absence of that agreement.
 - b) The Board determined that they would stand firm on \$1.5 million to continue with the agreement between the CCSO and the City of Burley for law enforcement. If the City of Burley would not agree to that then it would necessitate a reduction of services in the same amount to carry forth with the contract.
 - c) The Board discussed with Sheriff Heward the prospects of discontinuing services beyond the County line. Heward indicated that stopping at the river would result in minimal cost reductions.
 - d) Chairman Crane referred to a letter the Board received from a citizen suggesting the use of the city attorney and county prosecutor like what was done when the agreement was put in place.
 - e) Larsen again cautioned the Board that a reduction in revenue must be accompanied with reduction in costs to meet the budget as presented and to not cause further financial stress to the County with the reductions in federal funding.
 - f) The Board determined to honor the amount presented to the City of Burley even though enumeration of actual costs documented was over \$1.8 million.
 - g) Barrus read a proposed letter to the City of Burley detailing to them that the contract for law enforcement must include a cost of \$1,500,000 or an attendant reduction of services for a lesser amount.
- 5) 10:27 AM REVIEW AND DISCUSS GUARDIAN AD LITEM
- a) McMurray indicated that the County received three letters and two responses to take care of the Guardian Ad Litem vacancy.
 - b) Interviews will be set up for the respondents with the Board.
- 6) 10:45 AM INDIGENT MATTERS

10:45 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Welfare Director Susan Keck presented the following:

- a) Certificate of Denial on Case #2013058
- b) Certificate of Approval on Case #2013022 and #2013049
- c) Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case #2013061
- d) Notice of Continuance of Hearing on Case #2013029
- e) Release of Medically Indigent Lien on Case #2013030 and #2013043
- f) Order of Dismissal on Case #2013030
- g) Order of Reimbursement on Case #2013022 and #2013049

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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 11:06 AM.

- 7) 10:36 AM REVIEW AND DISCUSS LETTER REGARDING OAKLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT LHTAC INVESTMENT GRAND MONIES
 - a) The Board tabled this matter until a later Board meeting.
- 8) 10:33 AM HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOLLOW-UP
 - a) Commissioner Kunau reported on a fundraiser dinner that will be held on Thursday September 5, 2013, at the Fairgrounds Art Building.
 - b) The Board will assist with providing the meal for that dinner.
- 9) 10:35 AM FAIRGROUNDS REVIEW
 - a) The Board met with Fair Board members to review the Cassia County Fairgrounds
- 10) 12:00 PM WORKING LUNCH AT THE FAIR BOARD OFFICE
- 11) 1:30 PM TOUR CASSIA COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER
 - a) The Board toured the CCJC to review the completion of the majority of the construction work.
 - b) Upon arrival at the facility, the Board found that many items needed to be completed before the Board could efficiently review the completeness of the construction. The Board opted to hold a special meeting Thursday, August 15, 2013, to conduct a walkthrough of the facility.
- 12) 2:10 PM ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED:

Dennis Crane, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board