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Monday, February 11, 2013

The Board of Cassia County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 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:	Dwight Davis, Assessor Patty Justesen, Treasurer
	Gateway West Task Force:	Brent Stoker Vaughn Gibby Doug Pickett
	News Media:	Jay Lenkersdorfer, The News Journal Laurie Welch, The Times News

1) 9:23 AM AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

- a) A letter from Department of Army, Walla Walla District , Corp of Engineers Idaho Falls Regulatory Office to the City of Rocks National Reserve was reviewed by Prosecutor Barrus to determine if that item should be added to the agenda.

9:24 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO ADD TO THE AGENDA DISCUSSION AS THE LETTER CAME IN TOO LATE TO BE INCLUDED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b) The City of Rocks National Reserve desires to bury power lines and there are wetlands issues crossing Cassia Creek. Permit conditions and compliance certifications were enumerated in that letter.
- c) The City of Rocks was advising the County in the beginning stages as eventually they will need to cross the County road to accomplish placement of that line.

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- 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
- a) 9:05 AM CALENDAR
- i) SIEDO annual planning meeting in Twin Falls at the Taylor Building from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013
 - ii) Fair Board Meeting to be held Tuesday night, February 12, 2013
 - iii) Mini-Cassia Transportation Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013
- b) 9:05 AM CORRESPONDENCE
- i) Business Review Magazine
 - ii) Burley West Stake Seminary Graduation invitation
 - iii) Department of Army City of Rocks letter
- c) 9:05 AM PERSONNEL
- i) CHANGE OF STATUS
 - (1) There were no Change of Status requests today
- d) 9:22 AM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9:22 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM JANUARY 28, 2013. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9:23 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM FEBRUARY 4, 2013. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- e) 9:18 AM CSI RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS
- i) The Board reviewed 22 CSI Residency applications; one CSI for fall 2011, one CSI for spring 2012, three CSI for spring 2013, 16 CSI for spring 2013 high school dual credit, and one CWI for spring 2013.

9:18 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE 22 CSI RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- f) 11:58 AM COUNTY PAYABLES

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$25,387.90
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$17,064.34
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,451.07
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$4,187.25
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$6,601.57
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$716.33
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$343.44
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$214.19
COUNTY BOAT LICENSE FUND	117	\$35.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$62,071.16

D.A.R.E TRUST

137

\$182.38

TOTAL

\$118,254.63

11:58 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE COUNTY PAYABLES DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2013. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

g) 9:19 AM COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE

i) Chairman Crane reported on snow conditions following a discussion with Road Supervisor Sam Adams

h) 9:27 AM BUILDING AND GROUNDS MATTERS

i) McMurray discussed the progress at the CCJC. Some difficulty has been experienced with moisture in the ground and ground compaction.

ii) A meeting will be held to discuss specifications for phones and cabling. A determination needs to be made as to whether there is a need for bids or if what is needed can just be an expansion of the current phone system with PMT.

iii) A discussion of audio/visual preparations for the courtrooms will be discussed in that meeting as well.

iv) The need for appropriate raceways to be in place to accommodate future expansion if needed.

v) The City of Burley will be consulted as to the right-of-way to bring cabling to the CCJC.

3) 9:10 AM BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

9:10 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO GO INTO BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

a) There was no BOE business to conduct today.

9:11 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO GO OUT OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b) HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION ON PARCEL NO. RP10S24E221949

i) Assessor Davis presented to the Board a letter dated January 7, 2013, from Alfred E. Woolstenhume regarding erroneous removal of homeowner's exemption from his property based on information provided to the Assessor's Office by the Treasurer's Office of a published death notice. The death notice was that of Woolstenhume's father who has the same name.

ii) Davis indicated that there was no response to a letter sent from the Assessor's Office to Woolstenhume regarding removal of the homeowner's exemption or from the mailing of the assessment notice in June of 2012.

iii) A taxable value of \$62,099 was not exempted.

iv) Treasurer Justesen calculated the adjustment and requested that the Board cancel 2012 taxes in the amount of \$550.78 for the said parcel.

9:14 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO CANCEL TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550.78 FOR 2012 ON PARCEL NO. RP10S24E221949 DUE TO THE ERRONEOUS REMOVAL OF HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 4) 9:20 AM DISCUSS REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FOR THE EXPLORATION OF FORMER SILVER HILLS UNDERGROUND MINE IN BLACK PINE MINING DISTRICT
 - a) McMurray read a letter from Minidoka District Ranger for the BLM, Scott Nannenga seeking comments on the preparation of an Environmental Assessment for exploration in the Black Pine Mining District by George Kelley. Kelley desires to evaluate mineralization and obtain samples which will require access to BLM roads for a two year time period.
 - b) A scoping document was attached to the letter for the County to provide comments if desired.
- 5) 9:34 AM REVIEW CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER REPORT FOR JANUARY 2013
 - a) The Board reviewed said report prepared and presented by attorney Clayne Zollinger.
- 6) 9:35 AM REVIEW IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION CASE NO. INT-G-13-02
 - a) The Board reviewed this notice of application for authority of Intermountain Gas Company to sell excess liquefied natural gas to non-utility customers.
- 7) 9:35 AM REVIEW IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION CASE NO. INT-E-12-27
 - a) The Board reviewed this notice of application for authority of Idaho Power Company to modify its net metering service and to increase the generation capacity limit.
- 8) 9:40 AM REVIEW AND EXECUTE DESIGNATION OF DULY AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL FOR RAFT RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC
 - a) A duly authorized individual representing Cassia County Road Unorganized needs to be designated as a voting member of the Raft River Rural Electric Co-op, Inc. Chairman Crane has previously been designated as such. Following discussion, the Board determined to make no changes from that designation.

9:34 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO RETAIN CHAIRMAN CRANE AS THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE WITH RAFT RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 9) 9:39 AM DISCUSSION OF POSTAL METERING MACHING USAGE
 - a) McMurray discussed a request for postage stamps from the Auditor's Office.
 - b) A discussion took place regarding the use of the County's postage metering system that is located in the Treasurer's Office.
 - c) It was determined that usage of that system would be available during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 10) 9:57 AM REVIEW AND EXECUTE IDAHO JABG GRANT MONEY REQUEST
 - a) Commissioner Kunau read a letter from Dixie Tate from the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Probation Department requesting that Cassia County transfer this year's Cassia County JABG funds of \$3,200.00 to Minidoka County as has been done for the past 12 years.

9:58 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO ACCEPT AND SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER \$3,200.00 IN JABG GRANT FUNDS AS REQUESTED TO MINIDOKA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 11) 9:55 AM IDAHO TERRITORIAL SESQUICENTENNIAL
 - a) Chairman Crane suggested participation in the Idaho 150 Celebration Committee of Southeast Idaho special banquet on Monday, March 4, 2013. Those who will attend would need to leave here by 4:30 p.m. to get to the new Shoshone-Bannock Hotel and Events Center in Fort Hall for that event.

- b) Larsen suggested linking Cassia County activities regarding the Idaho Territorial Sesquicentennial with the Bannock County & Eastern Idaho website at <http://www.southeastidaho.us>. Commissioner Kunau will contact Rod Smith's son to coordinate that with Larsen.

12) 10:00 AM IAC REPORTS

- a) The Board reported on correspondence that needs to go to our legislators expressing concerns about elimination of personal property tax.
- b) County-wide there could be about \$300,000 loss to taxing districts with a \$100,000 exemption.
- c) Justesen reported on the Treasurer's meetings.
- d) Davis reported on erroneous information from the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (IACI) and issues regarding a proposed MOU from the Idaho Transportation Department.
- e) Davis and Commissioner Kunau attended the IAC Transportation Committee Meeting where the issue of a 50 foot right of way was discussed and the ramifications cost-wise to highway districts and counties.
- f) Larsen attended IAC Intergovernmental Affairs and the Health and Human Services Committees. Discussion concerned Medicaid Expansion and the State-run Insurance Exchange under Obamacare.
- g) Christensen reported on the CAT Board Meeting and mental health issue under the Medicaid Expansion.
- h) Sheriff Heward indicated that the sheriff's office adopted the stance of support to the second amendment and talked about the potential of advanced concealed weapon legislation.
- i) Prosecutor Barrus discussed training he received at the State Prosecuting Attorney Meetings and reported on a movement with Planning and Zoning changes taking authority away from counties.

13) 11:00 AM INDIGENT MATTERS

11:01 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. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS WITH CHAIRMAN CRANE, COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN, AND COMMISSIONER KUNAU VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

- a) Case No. 2012061 – Income Tax Refund Assignment
 - i) Welfare Director Keck briefed the Board on Case No. 2012061
 - ii) A request for permission had been submitted for the requesting party to keep a portion of income tax refund that has been assigned to the County.
 - iii) Barrus conducted an interview with the requesting party.
 - iv) The Board agreed to refund half of the assigned amount to help the requesting party with immediate necessary expenses.

Additionally, Welfare Director Susan Keck presented the following:

- b) Certificate of Denial on Case #2012129
- c) Certificate of Approval on Case #2012123 and #2012101
- d) Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits on Case #2012130, #2012131, #2012132, #2012133, #2012134, #2012135, and #2012136
- e) Release of Medically Indigent Lien on Case #2012047, #2012087, #2012102, and #2012105
- f) Order of Dismissal on Case #2012047, #2012087, #2012102, and #2012105
- g) Notice of Continuance of Hearing on Case #2012083 and #2012084
- h) Order of Reimbursement on Case #2012123 and #2012101

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i) Stipulation for Enlargement of Time Limitations on Case #2012083 and #2012084

11:28 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEDICAL INDIGENT ACTIONS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE BOARD RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 11:28 AM.

11:29 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 11:48 AM.

14) 12:10 PM GATEWAY WEST UPDATE AND WORKING LUNCH AT PERKINS

- a) Gateway West Task Force Chairman Brent Stoker advised the Board that it is important the EIS should not close without consideration of underground DC power.
- b) The Task Force would like to solicit identified experts' assistance regarding underground power.
- c) The funding of experts through stakeholders, companies, and the County were discussed.

15) 1:52 PM ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED:

/s/ _____

Dennis Crane, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board