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Monday, April 7, 2014

The Board of Cassia County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2014, 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:	Jay Lenkersdorfer, The News Journal Ruthe Hobbs

a) 9:05 AM CALENDAR

- i) Idaho Association of County Commissioners and Clerks (IACC) Annual Meeting will be held June 10-12, 2014, at the Challis Community Events Center.
- ii) Joint Juvenile Meeting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2014, in Rupert
- iii) Joint Justice Meeting at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2014, in Rupert
- iv) DARE graduation for 5th graders will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 2014, at the King Fine Arts Center
- v) Mini-Cassia Transportation Meeting Wednesday morning, April 9, 2014
- vi) DL Evans corporate office open house and ribbon cutting from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2014, with ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m.
- vii) A lunch meeting for the Board and Clerk with the Fifth Judicial District Judges at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 11, 2014, at Twin Falls County West
- viii) Commemoration of the 30 year anniversary of the Oakley Dam Flood will be held at 7:00 p.m. April 17, 2014, at the Art Building at the Cassia County Fairgrounds.

b) 9:05 AM CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Barrus brought up correspondence on a property foreclosure with an indigent case that involves the CAT fund. It will be discussed during the executive session for indigent matters.

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ii) Correspondence was received from Larry Roberts in regards to scheduling a meeting with Commissioner Christensen and Prosecutor Barrus regarding the Ore-Ida expansion. The listing with that Revenue Allocation (RA) area included highway improvement and should be reduced where that is not going to be included. Commissioner Kunau talked of specific things infrastructure-wise that the funding can be used for and said there are minimal water and sewer expenses. He further stated that we need to make sure we have appropriate information and not just a blank check. Barrus indicated that those items need to be discussed. Commissioner Christensen reiterated that funds must only be used only for the RA area. Commissioner Kunau expressed that if there is money not used it should decrease the amount needed.

c) 9:16 AM PERSONNEL

i) CHANGE OF STATUS

(1) SHERIFF'S OFFICE

(a) Increase in rate of pay for Michael Akers for Advanced Certification

(b) Retirement of Brett Wood effective April 18, 2014

9:16 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE SAID CHANGE OF STATUS REQUEST AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

d) 10:30 AM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10:30 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM MAY 31, 2014. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

e) 9:14 AM JUNIOR COLLEGE RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS

i) The Board reviewed 7 CSI Residency applications; 2 adult Residency applications and 5 high school dual credit Residency applications.

9:14 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE 7 CSI RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

f) 10:31 AM COUNTY PAYABLES

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	104	\$21,973.30
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$692.31
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	107	\$2,788.35
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$15,502.50
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$105.26
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$6,081.78
COUNTY ELECTION FUND	116	\$140.72
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$270.54
ASSESSOR TRUST FUND	123	\$489.25
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$88,612.16
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK	136	\$50.00

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D.A.R.E TRUST	137	\$117.10
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$2,337.36
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$1,227.99
	TOTAL	\$140,388.62

10:31 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE COUNTY PAYABLES DATED APRIL 7, 2014. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- g) 9:15 AM COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE (no matters)
- h) 9:17 AM BUILDING AND GROUNDS MATTERS
 - i) The Board will tour the areas of the courthouse proposed for the Extension office later in the day as they will begin appropriate construction in that area soon.
 - ii) Administration will be moving next week from downstairs to the 2nd floor.
 - iii) Barrus brought up concerns with sound carrying through the duct work between Prosecutor's offices.
- i) 9:10 AM GATEWAY MATTERS (no matters)
- 2) 9:10 AM BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (no matters)
- 3) 9:24 AM HERD DISTRICT MATTERS
 - a) The Board is looking to modifying the Jackson Herd District as it may pose a potential liability issue for the County.
 - b) In order to modifying a herd district, to eliminate federal lands, it would require setting up that Board with statutorily required procedures. Eliminating portions of a herd district puts grazing land to open range.
 - c) Christensen recommended forming a committee to comply with the statute. The old list of participants needs to be reviewed.
 - d) Barrus will start the process of gathering information and making notifications.
- 4) 9:34 AM DELIBERATE ON MINIDOKA RANGER DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR RAC FUNDING REQUESTS
 - a) A letter of request came from US Forest Service Ranger Scott Nannenga outlining two projects for which the County is seeking Resource Advisor Committee (RAC) funding.
 - b) Proposed letters to RAC for weed treatment in the Albion, Black Pine, and Sublett Divisions as well as improvements to the Lake Springs area were read by Commissioner Kunau.

9:37 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE PROPOSED WEED TREATMENT AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9:38 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 5) 9:48 AM DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES FOR MAY 20, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION

- a) Recommendations of the Elections Office to the Board for polling locations is the same as the May 2014 election.

9:50 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE POLLING PLACE DESIGNATIONS FOR THE MAY 20, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6) 9:51 AM INDIGENT MATTERS

- a) Keck presented background on two cases where a review of Income Tax Refund Assignments Requests will be considered.

9:51 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.

Welfare Director Susan Keck presented the following cases for review and approval of the Board:

- b) Case Presentation: 2014018, 2014021, 2014029
- c) Certificate of Denial: 2014017, 2014019
- d) Certificate of Approval: 2014016
- e) Order of Dismissal: 2013104
- f) Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits: 2014029, 2014030, 2014031
- g) Release of Medically Indigent Lien: 2013074, 2013104
- h) Determination of Decision Held in Suspension: 2014015
- i) Medical Records/Utilization Management Review: 2014029
- j) Income Tax Refund Assignments Request: 2011041, 2013029
 - i) A request for Case 2013029 to reduce a Tax Refund Assignment Request on Case 2013029.
 - ii) A request for Case 2011041 to reduce a Tax Refund Assignment Request on Case 2011041.

10:28 AM

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 10:28 AM.

10:42 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION UNDER IDAHO CODE SECTION 67-2345(1)(F). COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. 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 11:45 AM.

11:45 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS UNDER IDAHO CODE SECTION 67-2345(1)(A). COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. 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 12:01 PM.

7) 11:30 AM DELIBERATE ON MENTAL HOLD ISSUES AT MINIDOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' CHAMBERS

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- a) The Boards of Minidoka County and Cassia County met to discuss issues pertaining to involuntary mental holds.
 - b) Judge Rick Bollar and Minidoka Memorial Hospital CEO Carl Hanson talked of potential solutions with the Boards regarding involuntary mental holds by working together, along with Cassia Regional Medical Center, using an Emergency Room doctor as a Designated Examiner (DE) that meets regulations of the Department of Health and Human Services.
 - c) Hanson indicated that compensation is a factor in doctors not wanting to provide those services as well as a potential to have to testify in court.
 - d) Larsen indicated that clerks and commissioners in the Magic Valley tried unsuccessfully to establish a reasonably-priced contract rate for area counties with St. Lukes Hospital in Twin Falls.
 - e) As a result, when possible, most area counties try to utilize facilities in Pocatello and Boise at a lesser rate. The problem they face is tying up officers for lengthy periods of time with travel.
 - f) With warehousing the involuntary mental holds until they can be taken to a location where there is a DE, problems include disruptions in the ER and the requirement of an officer to be present.
 - g) It was agreed that a locally-based DE for the Mini-Cassia area would be beneficial which would allow a shortened time in the ER and to talk with St. Lukes further on behalf of the Mini-Cassia area.
 - h) It was pointed out that a Senior DE must be a medical doctor but a Junior DE would be the one that would testify in court.
 - i) The Boards also discussed Adult Misdemeanor Probation no longer being able to be self-funded as it has been in the past. Discussion of the merit of the Level of Service Inventory (LSI) testing as a self-reporting process was also discussed with the Board and Judge Bollar.
- 8) 12:15 PM ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED:

/s/ _____

Dennis Crane, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board