



Cassia County Board of Commissioners

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Monday, July 27, 2015

9:00 AM

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Cassia County Courthouse.

THOSE PRESENT:

County Commissioners:

Dennis Crane, Chairman
Prosecuting Attorney:
Doug Abenroth

Paul Christensen
Administrator:
Kerry D. McMurray

Bob Kunau
Clerk of the Board:
Joseph W. Larsen

Others:

(Attendance Log Attached)

INFORMATION AND ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND PRAYER
- 2) 9:03 AM REVIEW CALENDARS AND MEETINGS
 - a) Joint Public Defender meeting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, 07/28/2015
 - b) Joint Justice meeting at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, 07/28/2015
 - c) Solid Waste District Board Meeting this week for Commissioner Christensen
 - d) U.S. Forest Service Question and Answer session at Board Meeting on 08/03/2015
 - e) Auditor's Office presentation of the FY2016 preliminary budget on Monday, 08/01/2015
 - f) County and County Road and Bridge Budget Hearing on Monday, 08/31/2015
 - g) Idaho Association of County Treasurer's (IACT) Annual Meeting 08/03/2015 through 08/07/2015
 - h) Idaho Association of County Recorders and Clerks (IACRC) Annual Meeting 08/18/2015 through 08/20/2015
 - i) Idaho Association of County Assessor's (IACA) Annual Meeting 08/25/2015 through 08/27/2015
- 3) 9:08 AM REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE
 - a) A letter from the Board was received from Ron Kelsey
 - i) Kelsey desires creation of a fund to allow him to have control of payments to Adult Misdemeanor Probation (AMP).
 - ii) A fund similar to this has been established for the Box Elder Bookmobile. Abenroth expressed concerns over issues concerning the creation and management of a fund that is managed by the County, but the payout is managed by a citizen. Not having a fund would be his recommendation
 - iii) Commissioner Christensen inquired of Abenroth If probationers could not pay their required fees, would it be possible for them to be referred to Kelsey independent of the County. Abenroth said

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probation officers could do that. The Board agreed it would be best to be done that way rather than having an individual manage that type of County Fund.

- iv) The Board felt that would best be addressed by a letter.

9:12 AM

MOTION: BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, MOVED TO HAVE ABENROTH ADDRESS IN A LETTER TO RON KELSEY THE AFORMENTIONED DECISION OF THE BOARD. PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- v) A second letter from Kelsey expressed his concern regarding drug and alcohol testing and procedures. He felt an audit conducted last year was unsatisfactory. He felt chain of custody is not in compliance with requirements.
- vi) Kelsey desired to get on the Board's agenda to address the issues.
- vii) Additionally, Kelsey met with Abenroth two weeks ago expressing concerns and was advised by Abenroth under the Idaho Constitution and the Statute that decisions have to be made by the Board of Commissioners as well as the Mini-Cassia AMP joint powers board.
- viii) Abenroth felt the best method to challenge chain of custody is through the courts.
- ix) Commissioner Christensen inquired of Abenroth if the audit of AMP was sufficient legally.

9:16 AM

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED TO HAVE ABENROTH ADDRESS IN A LETTER TO RON KELSEY ADVISING HIM THAT ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION WILL UPHOLD THEIR CURRENT PROCEDURES AND TO ADVISE HIM THAT THE APPROPRIATE COURSE FOR HIS CONCERNS SHOULD BE THROUGH THE COURTS AND THAT OTHER MATTERS CAN BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS IF APPROPRIATE. BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b) Letters were received from John Horejs
 - i) Abenroth advised the Board that Horejs's course of time for the appeal process began 07/13/2015
 - ii) He further stated that Horejs process includes his concerns being addressed with the District Court or the State Tax Board of Appeals.
 - iii) Horejs has 30 days to file an appeal.

9:07 AM

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED TO HAVE ABENROTH WRITE A LETTER TO JOHN HOREJS REGARDING THE MATTER AS AFOREMENTIONED IN ANSWER TO HIS CONCERNS. BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4) 9:17 AM PERSONNEL MATTERS

a) CHANGE OF STATUS

i) SHERIFF'S OFFICE

(1) Promotion of Jordan Williams from Patrol to Drug Task Force with increase in rate of pay.

(a) Increase in rate of pay was not included in budget talks from Friday, 07/24/2015

(b) If that is included, a revenue source needs to be identified.

(c) Chairman Crane said to hold on this recommendation.

(2) Promotion of Jason Rogers from Drug Task Force to Patrol Lieutenant with increase in rate of pay.

(a) Increase in rate of pay was not included in budget talks from Friday, 07/24/2015

(b) If that is included, a revenue source needs to be identified.

(c) Chairman Crane said to hold on this recommendation.

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- ii) EXTENSION OFFICE
 - (1) Hiring of Courtney Wells part time to cover shifts during the Cassia County Fair and during holidays
 - (2) Larsen commented on recent training regarding Affordable Care Act (ACA) reporting. It was recommended to terminate employees who have lapses in time of service so as not to financially harm the County. They could then be rehired at a later time if desired.
 - (3) Chairman Crane said to hold on this recommendation.
- iii) PROSECUTORS OFFICE
 - (1) Voluntary resignation of Prosecutor's Office Secretary Robin Bronson

9:22 AM

MOTION: BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, MOVED TO APPROVE SAID CHANGE OF STATUS REQUEST FOR ROBIN BRONSON AS PRESENTED. BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11:59 AM

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED TO APPROVE SAID CHANGE OF STATUS REQUEST FOR COURTNEY WELLS AS PRESENTED. BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b) The Board recommended holding the Sheriff's office Change of Status Requests until after the budget is finalized and determine how Change of Statuses Requests will be handled.
- c) PAYOUT OF ACCRUALS - none today
- d) TIME CARDS – none today

5) 9:24 AM REVIEW JUNIOR COLLEGE CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

- i) The Board reviewed 11 junior college Certificate of Residency applications
 - (1) College of Southern Idaho approvals:
 - (a) High school dual credit: 1
 - (b) Non-dual credit: 9
 - (2) College of Western Idaho approvals:
 - (a) High school dual credit: 0
 - (b) Non-dual credit: 1

9:24 AM

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED TO APPROVE 11 JUNIOR COLLEGE RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS AS PRESENTED. BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6) 9:23 AM COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT WEEKLY WORK SCHEDULE

- i) Working on roads today and tomorrow.
- ii) On Thursday, they will be used to help with a County compliance issue. They will also assist with gravelling at the Fairgrounds.
- iii) Commissioner Christensen asked about the possibility of attaching the costs for Road and Bridge personnel work with the compliance issue and McMurray said they would.

7) 12:00 PM PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET

- i) Larsen recommended that the Board look long and hard at Change of Status Requests and the establishment of a protocol for that. Many have come in late and each of them have implications for additional costs that have to be recalculated for FY2016 with the "A" and "D" budgets that should have been established some time ago. A concrete decision as per procedure needs to be considered.

- ii) Uniform allowance costs that are not included in base pay need to be considered as a potential reduction of expense allocation. Most counties do not have that expense and it would also be consistent with other departments in the County. Evans said that would amount to a total reduction of \$3,000 in the Law Enforcement Investigation budget.
- iii) Chairman Crane recommended papers with additional increase in rate of pay requests that were brought over to the Board by the Sheriff and the Undersheriff be cut out and taken care of with the rate of pay increase allocated across the County.
- iv) Chairman Crane said Change of Status Request considerations need to be looked at. He personally felt that should just be eliminated.
- v) Larsen said the biggest harm we may see at this point with the reallocation of PILT funds to the Justice Fund from other areas in the County, will be with FY2017 carryover money. We are eroding carryover money with each decision to allocate expenditures. Actual cuts in expenditures help remedy the problem, where shifts of allocations do not. If we do not actually cut expenditures, we are further exacerbating the problem.
- vi) Increases in rate of pay throughout the year come from a certification line item. When that is exhausted, it is customary to borrow from other lines in the "A" budget as a catchall to accomplish those change requests.
- vii) Commissioner Christensen said if there are no other counties offering uniform allowances, he would recommend eliminating that. He also suggested a discussion independent of the budget to work on Change of Status protocol revision. Commissioner Kunau said that a plan has to be in place such that they can know what to put in the budget. If status changes are going to be allowed, it has to be included in the budget.
- viii) Evans said that current budget's do not include the allocated expenditures for the recent requests. It also does not include increases in the "D" budget to cover that County liability as well.
- ix) McMurray said there is nothing in County policy that requires additional pay for POST certification. It just has been a long-standing practice. McMurray and Abenroth stated concerns if a new hire has had a promise made for increase in rate of pay for POST certification. It was determined to include \$7,200 for those six new employees for POST certification. Certified instructors are also paid more to receive that instructor certification to keep from sending officers to a different location.
- x) The Board felt there were some management suggestions and revenue production ideas that could be discussed with law enforcement to help cover their continued request for additional fund allocations.
- xi) Larsen reminded the Board that adding expenditure allocations with late requests, need to either be reduced from other budget allocations in the budget or with depletion of reserves.
- xii) It was recommended by the Board to request that the Sheriff identify additional revenues by way of citations, grants, or other areas in order to provide revenues needed.
- xiii) Christensen said approval of \$7,200 for six new employees once they receive POST certification even if it is from reserve funds would be in order.

12:35 PM

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED TO APPROVE INCREASING A LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENDITURE ALLOCATION OF \$7,200 FOR THE FY2016 BUDGET FOR SIX POST CERTIFICATIONS AS AFOREMENTIONED AND WORK WITH THE SHERIFF IN OTHER AREAS TO ENCOURAGE THE GENERATION OF ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO FACILITATE ANY ADDITIONAL PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS. BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- xiv) The Board instructed Evans to put increases in the FY2016 budget for increases in the rate of pay for Jason Rogers and Jordan Williams for their proposed Change of Status Requests but not include the 3% or \$0.50 per hour cost of living/merit pay for FY2016.
- 8) 9:25 AM GATEWAY TRANSMISSION LINE UPDATES
- i) Commissioner Kunau said integration of maps of Sage Grouse populations in relations to the County's proposed corridor still needs to be done.
 - ii) Chairman Crane received a call from Commissioner Funk in Power County regarding their desire to continue funding attorney Doug Balfour in that process. McMurray stated amounts were retained in the FY2016 budget to do such.
 - iii) Commissioner Kunau will report back to Power County that we will continue funding Balfour regarding the Gateway Transmission Line.
- 9) 9:26 AM REVIEW REQUEST FOR STORAGE BUILDING AT THE MCCJC
- i) The storage building construction request for approval was read by MCCJC Deputy Director Russ Rasmussen. The building included an overhead rollup door at a total cost of \$13,000.
 - ii) That cost is \$1,000 less than buying and putting in a cargo storage unit according to Rasmussen.
 - iii) Toilet paper has been purchased that is in the top of their penthouse at the jail. They desire to put records in that location.
 - iv) Commissioner Christensen recommended this request be part of the conversation with Minidoka County to place funds into the requested camera equipment and software. Commissioner Christensen and Commissioner Kunau said discussion of this could happen at a later date based on budgetary constraints. Commissioner Christensen offered storage space at his private facility seven miles away at no cost if they desired.
 - v) Larsen commented that a plausible solution for storage in the County could be at the County-owned apartment buildings as rented out apartments are more of a cost than an income to the County.
- 10) 9:29 AM REVIEW REQUEST FOR SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADE
- a) The Board determined to discuss the MCCJC security system upgrade with the Minidoka County Board on the conference call this afternoon
- 11) 9:40 AM REVIEW AND EXECUTE ORDER CREATING AND NOTICE TO COMPLY EXTERMINATION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS
- a) McMurray explained the order for listing noxious weeds by name for extermination compliance.
 - b) The proposed order needs to be posted.
 - c) The order requires that noxious weeds listed be destroyed by those with jurisdiction, possession, or control where those noxious weeds are found.
 - d) Tax will be levied on land where weed destruction does not take place.

9:42 AM

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED TO APPROVE AFOREMENTIONED ORDER AND NOTICE FOR EXTERMINATION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AS PRESENTED. BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 12) 9:42 AM REVIEW AND EXECUTE RESOLUTION WITH D.L. EVANS REGARDING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORS FOR CASH MANAGEMENT/INCREASE ACH LIMITS
- a) McMurray explained the request is for the Board's renewal of authorized signators for the ACH agreement with D.L. Evans.
 - b) It also expands ACH daily limits to \$200,000 and monthly limits of \$400,000 in regards to payroll.
 - c) Larsen explained that takes care of payroll limits when we have more than two payrolls during a given month.

9:44 AM

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTION WITH D.L. EVANS BANK FOR AUTHORIZED SIGNATORS AND EXPANSION OF ACH DAILY LIMITS AS PRESENTED. BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13) 10:05 AM REVIEW AND EXECUTE XEROX RENTAL AGREEMENT

- a) The Administration office contract with Xerox is up in September. The current rate is \$327.09 per month and the new rate will be \$319.17 a month.
- b) Where it is a rental agreement, there is not requirement to purchase at end of contract. If it doesn't work during the contract, it can be traded in for a new machine.
- c) The current copy charge will be reduced slightly.

10:06 AM

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE RENTAL AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE. BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14) 10:06 AM REVIEW PUBLIC UTILITIES IPC-E-15-17

- a) Idaho Power is desiring to enter a long term contract for a gas powered generation plant.
- b) Commissioner Kunau said there was no reason to respond.

15) 10:07 AM DELIBERATE ON ECIVIS PROPOSAL GRANTS NETWORK

- a) ECIVIS contacted McMurray this past week with information regarding technology to improve finding sources of grant funding.
- b) Their proposal included knowledge base full access as well as tracking and reporting. It is basically a database to assist the County in looking for grants.
- c) The cost for two users with unlimited access is \$3,077 per year with the purchase of a three year plan.
- d) This could be used across the County. It takes 12 to 18 months to approve and receive grant funding.
- e) Commissioner Christen said he would like to see the contract. It is hard to see what the return on the investment would be.
- f) Larsen commented on the substantial drop off of grant funding in the County. Judge Hodges has brought up on a number of occasions about grants available for Juvenile Probation related matters asking if we had a grant writer in the County. Obtaining one or two grants could pay the costs involved if the Administration office could be the go to entity for that. Other counties are finding a number of grants and we could probably count on one hand the number we have in the County.
- g) Commissioner Kunau said the budget is in need of resources. If there is potential, it may be worth the investment.
- h) Chairman Crane said to hold this for further discussion on next week's agenda.
- i) Commissioner Christensen asked Larsen to see if he could identify what grants are being received from other counties.

16) 10:22 AM REVIEW MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- a) Minutes from the special meeting of the Board from Friday, 07/24/2015. Minutes from the regular Board meeting on Monday, 07/20/2015 will be presented for approval next Board meeting. Draft minutes will be available if requested before that date.

10:22 AM

MOTION: BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM 07/17/2015. PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

17) 11:27 AM REVIEW COUNTY PAYABLES FOR APPROVAL (*attachment included*)

11:27 AM

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED TO APPROVE COUNTY PAYABLES DATED 07/27/2015. BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SCHEDULED INFORMATION AND ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

18) 10:49 AM TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH MINIDOKA COUNTY REGARDING MINI-CASSIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER BUDGET

- a) Commissioner Christensen said items that were not included in funding considerations during discussions of the Board on Friday, 07/24/2015 and that need to be gone over with Minidoka County include:
 - i) \$37,500 for the MCCJC camera upgrade
 - ii) \$97,000 of anticipated carryover money from two line items in the FY2015 budget that would be expended for the camera upgrade needs to be considered
 - iii) \$14,000 for the Zuerker Jail Management software
 - iv) Elimination of one full time employee at the MCCJC
 - v) \$3,800 request for Undersheriff George Warrell for additional responsibilities at the MCCJC
 - vi) \$13,000 for the storage building proposed
- b) The telephone conference with Minidoka County was delayed until 10:49 a.m. due to difficulties with connecting with the Minidoka County Commissioners.
- c) Zuercher's software costs for law enforcement dispatch is covered by 9-1-1 funds. The MCCJC does not receive funding from 9-1-1 for the jail management software. The best situation would be to have Zuercher's at the jail as well. Some deal with different solutions which requires additional data input.
- d) The camera upgrade is difficult in that it is a substantial cost. If we have a camera system that is not functional at all areas of the jail, the County could be negligent or there could be a wrongful act. Liability could be an issue more costly than the equipment. They could hold that back and do the best with the system we have. This is a changeover from analog to digital that we have already completed the initial phase with.
- e) The camera could be added onto in phases with time but it would be just throwing money away according to Maintenance Supervisor Marshall Worthington.
- f) Commissioner Christensen said we won't be in a better position next year, but the liability is an issue.
- g) Larsen recommended that where there has been an extreme amount of concern expressed regarding the company not fulfilling their obligation, even though it was with a different area. Where there are a lot of unanswered questions about what can be done, what should be done, or what it might cost, it might be prudent to have them come in and address both Boards directly as to what can be done where there are budgetary problems in Cassia County. Discussion options directly with both Boards might be beneficial.
- h) The Joint Board determined to allow for expense allocation in the budget for the camera equipment and identify funding that might be available later. It would not be approved without first consulting both Boards. Commissioner Christensen said it would be deficit spending taken from County reserves. Commissioner Kunau said it needs to be understood that \$60,000 could be required to come out of reserves.
- i) The Joint Board agreed to eliminate Zuercher's software consideration from the budget.
- j) The Joint Board discussed the elimination of one of the two full time positions through reorganization of the MCCJC administrative leadership structure. Undersheriff George Warrell would assume additional

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responsibility. Commissioner Christensen pointed out they are down four positions and there have only been a few occasions when we are fully staffed. The elimination of one full time position of the two was agreed upon.

- k) Commissioner Kunau talked of the increase in rate of pay. The Joint Boards recommended that they should hold the line with Undersheriff George Warrell's additional compensation until we see where we are with revenues.
- l) Commissioner Christensen advised the Minidoka County Commissioners that we have reduced significantly many areas of the County costs to help remedy the dilemma we are in.
- m) Deputy Auditor Heather Evan's explained that one of the two line persons in the jail was going to be more than an entry level position. It included moving an investigator to the jail as a staff sergeant and those additional wages were not included. She wanted both Boards to be aware that a \$14.12 per hour person was eliminated but replaced it with a \$24.00 an hour staff sergeant. The savings is considerably diminished across the board.
- n) Abenroth explained for the record that the main purpose of change was to put more workers on the floor even if there were no savings. Restructuring was not for the purpose of financial savings but to meet the needs of additional line workers. It was pointed out that the new staff sergeant will be working the floor and not an administrative position.
- o) The jail split from our fund appropriation does not include Zuercher's software so it will go down again. As of right now, the total for Minidoka County is \$667,685 and for Cassia County is \$1,291,070.
- p) Commissioner Christensen said the Cassia Board is asking for the Auditor's office to conduct an audit on the jail stay census to see where we are on that.
- q) Juvenile Probation include the purchase of a vehicle. Commissioner Christensen said we could leave that up to the discretion of the Minidoka Board. Commissioner Koyle suggested leaving that in where they have been saving for a number of years for that purchase.
- r) Commissioner Christensen asked the Minidoka County Board about the additional \$8,000 for the Juvenile Detention Center budget. They were not sure of that and would take another look at it.
- s) Cassia County has not acted on the storage facility for the MCCJC. Commissioner Christensen asked if they would be in agreement of that. They concurred with eliminating that \$13,000 request.
- t) Commissioner Christensen also stated the inclusion of an equivalent of 3% or \$0.50 per hour allocation increase for employee rate of pay considerations.

19) 9:46 AM DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

- a) JAY HEWARD – SHERIFF
 - i) Not present
- b) PATTY JUSTESEN – TREASURER
 - i) Justesen reported that she had put money back in the Zions Money Market account that had been used for expenditures. She said that is her liquidity if our spending is outrageous.
 - ii) June tax collection went well. The 2014 tax year was about 96% collected.
 - iii) The Idaho Association of County Treasurer's Conference will be in Wallace from 08/03/2015 through 08/07/2015
 - iv) Irrigation assessments are being applied throughout August and September for 2015.
- c) KAREN DAYLEY – ASSESSOR
 - i) Dayley reported they are training a new employee.
 - ii) Barney Greener and Karen Shaw are both gone this week for certification classes.

- d) JOE LARSEN – CLERK
 - i) Nothing requested to be reported
- e) DOUG ABENROTH – PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
 - i) Nothing requested to be reported
- f) KERRY MC MURRAY – ADMINISTRATOR
 - i) Nothing requested to be reported
- g) AMBER PREWITT – ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION
 - i) Not present
- h) RUSS RASMUSSEN – MINI-CASSIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER
 - i) Rasmussen reported that they are struggling with recruiting.
 - ii) They have hired a person to start this week. They are four short with one on every shift
 - iii) To get work done, extra shifts are being worked and they are filling in from the Minidoka County Sheriff's office, the Cassia County Sheriff's office, and Adult Misdemeanor Probation.
 - iv) They have received no response to pull people from the Jerome area.
 - v) They currently have 155 in custody; 63 from Cassia County, 45 from Minidoka County, three from ICE, 39 from the State of Idaho and five from the U.S. Marshall's office.
 - vi) Rasmussen reported that their contract that exists does not mandate the use of a certain number of beds. The U.S. Marshall's pay more than the State of Idaho who is at \$45 per day. Director Darwin Johnson was working on a new contract with ICE. They are tied into PRIA standards and we currently are not where we need to be according to Rasmussen.
 - vii) They have had a number of behavior problems including some on suicide watch that lowers the number of beds that can be used with other holds out of Minidoka and Cassia Counties.
- i) GORDON EDWARDS – WEED AND PEST CONTROL
 - i) Scotch Thistle is continued to be worked on. Tall patches cut down before they spray with a beater helps out.
 - ii) They have finished on State-owned lands and they are currently applying for grant money.
 - iii) Edwards said they need to get the commercial applicators back in the program. He enumerated all the entities they work with and they are doing their jobs. He desires extra help to be a big influence in helping those other entities. They can't do it well in the short time without those commercial applicators. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife has done nothing this past year. They claim they have no money which makes it tough to deal with.
 - iv) Legislative representatives say they are funded for weed control but are not choosing to use it.
 - v) A letter to the legislative body may be helpful according to Commissioner Christensen. Edwards will address the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service representatives later in the day. Edwards will prepare a proposed letter in that regard.
- j) CRAIG RINEHART – CORONER
 - i) Not present
- k) JOEL PACKHAM – EXTENSION AGENT
 - i) Packham reported they are getting ready for the Cassia County Fair.
 - ii) Chairman Crane asked about the part time employment of Courtney Wells. Packham said there was money in their budget for that.
 - iii) Larsen pointed out concerns of part time employees in the County presented by requirement and reporting for the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Part time and seasonal employment needs to be clarified. Those who are not actually working after a short period of time should be terminated by a

Change of Status to facilitate not being counted as an employee to avoid unnecessary costs to the County by way of ACA requirements.

20) 10:28 AM GOLDEN HERITAGE SENIOR CENTER REQUEST FOR FUNDS

- a) Todd Phillips addressed a request for needed funds for the operation of the Heritage Senior Center.
- b) Representatives from the Center also expressed the good they provide to the senior citizens of our County.
- c) A projected monthly income and expense spreadsheet was provided to the Board from Phillips enumerating their monthly cash shortage of \$4,300.
- d) Phillips requested the County fund \$1,000 per month for this coming year for the Golden Heritage Senior Citizen Center.
- e) Chairman Crane asked about their willingness to accept donations of beef and produce.
- f) Chairman Crane indicated the Board would consider their request.

21) 10:13 AM INDIGENT MATTERS

10:13 AM CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED THAT THE BOARD, PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE § 67-2345(1)(d), CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER MEDICAL INDIGENT MATTERS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND VOTE TO DO SO BY ROLL CALL.

DENNIS CRANE, CHAIR	YES
PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER	YES
BOB KUNAU, MEMBER	YES

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

- a) Case Presentation: 2015048
- b) Certificate of Denial: 2015049
- c) Certificate of Approval: 2015064
- d) Order of Dismissal: 2015026
- e) Notice of Lien: 2015068, 2015069, 2015070
- f) Release of Medically Indigent Lien: 2015026

10:21 AM

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEDICAL INDIGENT ACTIONS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE BOARD ADJOURNED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:21 AM.

22) 11:54 AM DELIBERATE ON THE FOLLOWING BEER AND LIQUOR LICENSES:

- a) Larsen commented on some applicants who have not received their State of Idaho licenses, which has created a delay with them getting their applications to the County. He pointed out that existing licenses expire on 07/31/2015. Larsen asked for the Board's consideration regarding a temporary license issued by the State of Idaho for applicants that have run into difficulty.
- b) Abenroth commented that it is the obligation of the applicant and they are required to comply with the requirements and we should follow that course with our obligation in issuance of those licenses.
- c) Rock City Mercantile – Beer on or off premise, retail wine, wine by the drink
- d) Smith's Food and Drug Center - Beer off premise and retail wine
- e) Unit 54 – Beer off premise
- f) Nelson's Café and Pilot Lounge – Draft beer, beer off premise, and retail liquor
- g) Country Store Gas and Deli – Beer off premise
- h) Clark's For Shopping – Beer off premise
- i) Pomerelle Ski Area – Beer on premise and retail liquor

CASSIA COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR SESSION

Monday, July 27, 2015

- j) Smith's Café – Draft beer and beer off premise
- k) El Torito Market – Beer off premise

11:58 AM

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED TO APPROVE BEER AND LIQUOR LICENSES AS PRESENTED. BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- l) The Board went off the record at 11:58 a.m.

23) 11:30 AM UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE (USFS)/BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) REPORT

a) LOREN POPPERT – USFS DISTRICT RANGER

- i) Poppert reported on fuels work in the Sublett Division.
- ii) Timber sales are going well. The last of the sales will be the South Summit Sale that will take place in the third week of August.
- iii) The Thompson Flat reconstruction is going well and will be finished the third week of August.
- iv) Scoping for noxious weeds Environmental Impact Study (EIS) just started a couple of weeks ago. That will allow the use aerial applications and weed spraying in wilderness areas. About 950 letters were sent out. The draft will be out the first of April 2016 with finalization in September 2016.
- v) Fire wood collection was opened up in the Thompson Flat area.
- vi) Edwards expressed concern with Scotch Thistle and that the County Extension is not getting much support in the Twin Falls Division near the Cassia County line. It is starting to impact the economy with farmers and ranchers putting out more money due to work that has not been done that had been done in the past by the U.S. Forest Service. They really need private applicators as had been contracted by the Forest Service in the past. With the Sage Grouse potentially being listed on the Endangered Species List, not much is being done to eradicate Scotch Thistle and other weeds which displace their leks.
- vii) Chairman Crane said money has been approved for that service by legislators but it is apparently allocated elsewhere. Poppert said he will look into the matter. He said manpower is not there. Weeds are an issue and they are putting more resources into that this year. He will see what they can do to help even though money is tight. Edwards said some weeds are just starting to come on now so it is not too late. Poppert said if there is a hot spot they may not be aware of them. Edwards provided maps of concerned areas containing noxious weeds.
- viii) Edwards said these concerns have been talked about for years. He reiterated it is adversely affecting public lands and farm grounds.
- ix) Poppert said there will be Question and Answer session where concerns will be addressed and information will be provided at a Board meeting on 08/03/2015.

b) KENT CRANE – BLM FIELD MANAGER

- i) Crane introduced himself as the new BLM Field Manager at the Burley Field Office. He came here from the Jarbidge Field Office.
- ii) He is still catching up on issues, learning things to do, and getting up to speed.
- iii) Commissioner Christensen explained that Sage Grouse concerns are the biggest issues right now. Crane said they are still looking to get the decision of record by the end of September and are still working in that direction. Things continue to shift and change. It is up for comment currently and he suggested adding comments as a County.
- iv) Crane pointed out there are many things that have adverse effects on the Sage Grouse habitats.
- v) Commissioner Kunau talked about the time delays for grazing and that that they never know whether or not there is grass to graze early in the year. It is then too late to apply. Crane said they are working on that.

12:48 PM

MOTION: PAUL CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, MOVED TO ADJOURN. BOB KUNAU, MEMBER, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

24) 12:48 AM ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED:

/s/ _____

Dennis Crane, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk

CASSIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Attendance Log

Date: 7-27-15

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	TOWN	REPRESENTING
1. <i>Ruthe Hobbs</i>	<i>Burley</i>	<i>Concerned Citizen</i>
2. <i>Eddie Blanch</i>	<i>Burley</i>	<i>" "</i>
3. <i>Nancy Blanch</i>	<i>Burley</i>	<i>" "</i>
4. <i>Patsy Justata</i>	<i>Burley</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
5. <i>Russell Rasmussen</i>	<i>Burley</i>	<i>MCCTC</i>
6. <i>Debbie Critchfield</i>	<i>Burley</i>	<i>Golden Heritage Sr. Ctr.</i>
7. <i>Gordon Edwards</i>	<i>Elba</i>	<i>CCWC</i>
8. <i>Joel Packham</i>	<i>Declo</i>	<i>H of F</i>
9. <i>Faren Dunley</i>	<i>Paulay</i>	<i>Worshiper</i>
10. <i>Lark Bowers</i>		
11. <i>Todd Pully</i>	<i>Burley</i>	<i>Golden Heritage</i>
12. <i>Bob Mehling</i>	<i>Burley</i>	<i>Golden Heritage</i>
13. <i>NOLAND CRITCHFIELD</i>	<i>BURLEY</i>	<i>GOLDEN HERITAGE</i>
14. <i>Linda Reep</i>	<i>Burley</i>	<i>Golden Heritage</i>
15. <i>Joren Poppert</i>	<i>Burley</i>	<i>USFS</i>
16. <i>Heather Evans</i>	<i>Burley</i>	<i>Auditor's Office</i>
17. <i>KENT CRANIE</i>	<i>BURLEY</i>	<i>BLM FIELD MANAGER</i>
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**ATTACHMENT:
COUNTY PAYABLES
07/27/2015**

7/27/2015

COUNTY EXPENDITURES

	DEPARTMENT	FUND/DEPT	AMOUNT
104 Current Expense Fund	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	104.401	\$307.18
	AUDITOR & RECORDER	104.402	\$497.35
	TREASURER	104.404	\$10.14
	ASSESSOR	104.405	\$352.48
	AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION	104.410	\$0.00
	COUNTY BUILDING	104.411	\$1,723.03
	JUDICIAL CENTER	104.412	\$1,244.54
	BOARD OF HEALTH	104.413	\$0.00
	PLANNING & ZONING	104.414	\$288.32
	GENERAL	104.415	\$4,989.37
	CIVIL DEFENSE	104.416	\$88.34
	COUNTY ELECTIONS	104.417	\$0.00
	COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	104.419	\$1,046.11
	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER	104.421	\$0.00
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND TOTAL			\$10,546.86
Dedicated Funds	SOCIAL SERVICES	105.502	\$1,790.00
	CASSIA COUNTY COURTS	106.602	\$677.02
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	107.707	\$0.00
	WEED & PEST	108.708	\$0.00
	SOLID WASTE	109.709	\$0.00
	AMBULANCE SERVICE	110.710	\$0.00
	FAIR EXHIBITS	111.711	\$0.00
	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	112.712	\$0.00
	COMMUNITY COLLEGE	113.713	\$0.00
	REVALUATION	114.714	\$0.00
	9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS	115.715	\$310.00
	CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS	116.716	\$0.00
	COUNTY WATERWAYS	117.717	\$0.00
	COUNTY SNOWMOBILE	118.718	\$0.00
	ASSESSOR TRUST	123.323	\$16.62
	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	133.733	\$0.00
	NARCOTICS SEIZED ASSETS	134.334	\$0.00
	CASSIA DRUG TASK FORCE	136.736	\$0.00
	D.A.R.E. TRUST	137.737	\$0.00
	PHYSICAL FACILITIES	144.744	\$140.72
	ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149.749	\$684.72
	VIOLENT PREDATOR ACCOUNT	150.750	\$0.00
	BOX ELDER COUNTY BOOKMOBILE	151.751	\$0.00
WIDOW BENEFIT TRUST	198.798	\$0.00	
DEDICATED FUNDS TOTAL			\$3,619.08
130 Justice Fund	JUSTICE FUND	130.330	\$0.00
	CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	130.803	\$0.00
	CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER	130.804	\$5,538.50
	JUVENILE JUSTICE	130.805	\$68,353.25
	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	130.807	\$1,173.57
	PUBLIC DEFENDER	130.808	\$0.00
	CORONER	130.809	\$2,201.00
	LAW ENFORCEMENT BUILDING	130.812	\$1,273.25
	SHERIFF - PATROL	130.821	\$3,693.16
	SHERIFF - INVESTIGATIONS	130.822	\$537.27
	SHERIFF - DISPATCH	130.823	\$316.26
	SHERIFF - ADMINISTRATION	130.824	\$1,539.76
	M-C CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER	130.827	\$14,298.08
	M-C JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER	130.828	\$207,668.51
JUSTICE FUND TOTAL			\$306,592.61
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$320,758.55