



## Cassia County Board of Commissioners

*Cassia County Courthouse  
Commission Chambers  
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Tuesday, May 24, 2016

8:50 AM

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day in a special session jointly with the Minidoka Board of Commissioners in the Commission Chambers of the Cassia County Courthouse.

The meeting was brought to order by Commissioner Crane.

- 1) The discussion of the joint boards encompassed considerations of matters relating to public defense.
  - a. Proposals for conflict public defense submitted separately to each county from attorney Clayne Zollinger were reviewed.
  - b. Hourly rate of pay currently at \$55.00 per hour was reportedly established in 1997 and has remained at that rate since. Zollinger proposed to Cassia County receiving \$81.60 per hour in an agreement going forward. Monthly pay would equate to \$8,150.00 in his proposal.
  - c. It was presented by attorneys Doug Abenroth and Lance Stevenson that current rates of pay are below standards.
  - d. Attorneys appointed to do public defense are generally disenchanted with the current rate of pay and some have declined to do further conflict public defense work at those rates.
  - e. A proposal to Minidoka County from Zollinger for their conflict public defense work was proposed at \$6,125.00 per month. Zollinger was advised by them that they may go a different route and perhaps would bid for the public defense work with other attorneys.
  - f. Stevenson stated his recommendations to the Minidoka County Commissioners was to put conflict public defense work out for bids.
- 2) Stevenson asked for a proposed jail video system to be up and running as soon as possible as one public defender interested in providing those services was very encouraged by remote communications with those who are incarcerated.
- 3) The Board reviewed and signed a letter of public input to the BLM regarding their land management and planning process encompassed in the Planning 2.0 rule as approved in yesterday's board meeting.
- 4) 9:50 AM Adjournment

**CASSIA COUNTY COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

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APPROVED:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Crane, Chairman

CLERK OF THE BOARD:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph W. Larsen

## **ATTENDANCE LOG ATTACHMENT**

# CASSIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Attendance Log

Date: 5-24-16

	<b>NAME (PLEASE PRINT)</b>	<b>TOWN</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
1.	JOE LARSEN	BURLEY	CLERK OF BOARD
2.	DENNIS CRANE	Cassia	
3.	Paul Christensen	Cassia	
4.	Bob Kunda	Cassia	
5.	DOUG ABENROTH	<del>CASSIA</del>	CEPA
6.	Lynn Stevenson	Minidoka	Prosecutor
7.	Kent McClellan	Minidoka	commissioner
8.	Dale Temple	Minidoka	Clerk
9.	Bob [unclear]	MINIDOKA	COMMISSIONER
10.	Ferry Mc Murray	Lasua	Co Ad
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