



Cassia County Board of Commissioners

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Monday, August 25, 2014

The Board of Cassia County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 25, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission 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: Rod Smith, Historical Society	Jay Lenkersdorfer, The News Journal
	Timbri Hurst, Administration	Joel Packham, Extension
	Patty Justesen, Treasurer	Karen Dayley, Assessor's Office
	Gordon Edwards, Weed & Pest	Craig Rinehart, Coroner
	Darwin Johnson, MCCJC	George Warrell, Undersheriff
	Jim Tharp, BLM	Loren Poppert, USFS

- 1) 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, BUDGET MATTERS
 - a) 9:05 AM CALENDAR
 - i) Joint Public Defender meeting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 26, 2014, in the Commission Chambers
 - ii) Joint Justice meeting at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 26, 2014, in the Commission Chambers
 - iii) Solid Waste Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 27, 2014, for Commissioner Christensen
 - iv) Cassia Regional Medical Center (CRMC) Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 27, 2014, for Commissioner Christensen
 - v) South Central Public Health Department Board meeting 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 27, 2014, in Twin Falls for Commissioner Kunau

- vi) Celebration of the conclusion of the Snake River Basin Adjudication on August 25th and 26th at the Boise Centre on the Grove. Former Governor Dirk Kempthorne will host a water policy panel and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia will be the keynote speaker.
- vii) Cassia County employee picnic on September 25, 2014, at the Masonic Lodge hall.
- viii) IAC Annual Conference on September 15th to 17th in Moscow
- ix) Transportation Committee meeting to be planned for next week by McMurray, who will send out appropriate notices
- x) Cassia Historical Society and Museum Board Chairman Rod Smith informed the Board of their annual membership and fundraising banquet which will be held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 11, 2014, at the Art Building at the Cassia County Fairgrounds. There will be entertainment and Smith asked for the Board's support. He also asked that elected officials also provide the meal and serve it. They plan for about 80 to 100 people. Smith asked the Board to come visit the museum to see what they have done. Barrus asked about advertising for the event. They will be using newspaper ads and reader boards. Larsen also suggested using email and getting contacts from the City of Burley and Cassia County to solicit their support.
- xi) A letter was received from Family Health Services asking for the Board's support for two grant applications for increased healthcare access and for support of implementation of Saturday clinic hours. Commissioner Christensen expressed desire to grant support to them.

9:05 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE SENDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES FOR A GRANT THEY ARE APPLYING FOR. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A proposed letter was written, approved, and signed by the Board to send.

- xii) Open house for retiring County Prosecutor Alfred E. Barrus from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 29, 2014, in the Commissioner Chambers
- b) 9:05 AM CORRESPONDENCE
 - i) Invitation to the Twin Falls County Pest Abatement District Black Fly Field Education Day to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 26th.
 - ii) Notice of new location and expanding services of Keyes to Safety, LLC in Twin Falls
- c) 9:10 AM PERSONNEL
 - i) CHANGE OF STATUS
 - (1) SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 - (a) Hiring of Autumn D. Clark as a Dispatcher with reallocation of Sheriff's Administration "A" budget amounts to Sheriff's Dispatch "A" budget to accommodate rate of pay.
 - (b) Michael Akers Change of Status request with Certificate still being held for further explanation
 - (c) Chris Weber Change of Status request still being held for explanation
 - (2) MINI-CASSIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER (MCCJC)
 - (a) Resignation of Nicole Zalewski as a Detention Deputy by transferring to the Courts as a bailiff
 - (b) Hiring of Eric Ryan Shippen as a Detention Deputy by transferring from Court Security with rate of pay congruent for not passing the most recent physical fitness requirement and successful completion of Level I Detention certification.

(3) PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- (a) Appointment of Doug Abenroth to Prosecuting Attorney effective September 1, 2014
- (b) Appointment of McCord Larsen as Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney effective September 1, 2014

(4) COURT SECURITY

- (a) Hiring of Nicole Zalewski as Court Security/Bailiff by transfer from the MCCJC noting that if any "A" or "B" payroll-related budgeted amounts for bailiff in the Courts budget are exceeded during FY2015, the balance would be paid out of one of the Sheriff's budgets for the remainder of the fiscal year.
 - (b) Resignation of Eric Ryan Shippen as a Bailiff by transferring to the MCCJC as a Detention Deputy
- ii) Larsen commented on the need to continue to work towards a step and grade compensation format in the County and that he was going to receive additional information from other Counties who have hired a consulting company to take care of the complexities of that process. Chairman Crane indicated we keep talking about this and we need to get busy implementing it.
 - iii) Larsen reported on a discussion of employee compensation at a recent IACRC meeting. Clerks commented on protocol their county utilized for minimum and maximum compensation within each pay grade. For various situations, rate of pay increases in some department's pay grades exceed that of others. He found that most counties have specific job descriptions that define the requirements for each established position which includes the base or beginning rate of pay, criteria for increases, and the maximum that can be paid before changing to another pay grade.
 - iv) Larsen also commented on potential needed review of the County Personnel Policy Handbook for clarification, limiting, and better accountability of employee-accrued time. He also suggested the possible elimination of accrued time for exempt employees and building those approved amounts in the salary base as most other counties do.
 - v) Larsen was asked by the Board to modify the Change of Status Request form to better differentiate between voluntary and involuntary termination of employees.
 - vi) The hiring process for a new deputy prosecutor was discussed by the Board.

9:16 AM

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

d) 9:31 AM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9:31 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM AUGUST 11, 2014. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9:41 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD FROM AUGUST 18, 2014. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- e) 9:07 AM JUNIOR COLLEGE RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS
 - i) The Board reviewed 32 Junior College Residency Applications from CSI; three high school dual credit and 29 adult.

9:07 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE 32 JUNIOR COLLEGE RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS FROM CSI AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- f) 11:45 AM COUNTY PAYABLES

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$17,300.64
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$248.33
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$1,763.29
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$670.43
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$29,661.36
D.A.R.E TRUST	137	\$747.11
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$290.00
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$3,068.03
	TOTAL	\$53,749.19

11:45 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE COUNTY PAYABLES DATED AUGUST 25, 2014. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- g) 9:44 AM COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE
 - i) Road and Bridge Supervisor Sam Adams will be in later and will bring up anything at that point that may need to be discussed.
 - ii) Following the Budget Hearing, Adams asked about decreases in Magnesium Chloride budgeted amounts. Larsen explained that there were not reductions in Road and Bridge requests, Budget Office Recommendations, or Commissioner approved budget amounts for FY2015. Notations of decreased funding during the hearing had only to do with the fact that budgeted grant revenue amounts for Magnesium Chloride have ceased and the Board-approved amount that was not decreased will now have to be levied to taxpayers.
- h) 9:20 AM BUILDING AND GROUNDS MATTERS
 - i) There was a power outage this past week at County buildings.
 - ii) Chairman Crane asked for comments about procedure or protocol in those types of situations.
 - iii) Larsen commented that each department has different requirements and trust should be placed in elected officials and department heads to know what to do in those situations to meet their department requirements.
 - iv) Chairman Crane said he would get comments from others during department head meeting.
- i) 9:20 AM GATEWAY MATTERS
 - i) The Board asked McMurray to get a report on the energy summit held in Idaho Falls this past week.

- 2) 9:10 AM IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY RECORDERS AND CLERKS (IACRC) CONFERENCE REPORT FROM CLERK LARSEN

- a) Larsen reported on the IACRC meeting that was held in Orofino last week.
 - i) Public Defense – The interim committee will be meeting in a few weeks and again the latter part of the year. It was the consensus of IAC and the clerks that no hasty changes need to be made until we get further information.
 - ii) Plats and Vacations – The executive director of the Idaho State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors discussed law changes in relation to media for plats. It was also recommended that digitizing of those records be an option to maintaining large size plats.
 - iii) Other items discussed included preparing same-sex marriage licenses if/when that is adopted, a replacement affidavit for proof of death on a recording to avoid use of a certified death certificate as it is not a public document, election updates from the Secretary of State’s office, procedures in dealing with L-2 calculations for taxing districts following the exemption of personal property taxes, a technology update from the Supreme Court, and shared employee training from ICRMP.
 - iv) Jim McNall from ICRMP and Dan Chadwick from IAC will coordinate training for employees of the Clerk’s office and could also be used for training with other County departments and elected officials.
- 3) 9:45 AM DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING
 - a) GEORGE WARRELL – UNDERSHERIFF
 - i) Warrell reported that Sheriff Heward was out of town.
 - ii) He indicated that the new bailiff at the courthouse is working out well.
 - iii) New dispatcher who was hired with experience is doing well too.
 - b) PATTY JUSTESEN – TREASURER
 - i) Justesen provided the Statement of Treasurer’s Cash for July 2014.
 - ii) She reported that expenditures look a little better during July.
 - iii) There were no warrants of distraint this year and preparations are being made for the upcoming tax drive.
 - iv) She commented on Solid Waste changes that had been talked about previously. Barrus recommended that changes should be made at least with the school as it is way out of line. Justesen asked that it be in place before the tax drive. The Board will put it on the agenda for next week to discuss the school change. It was pointed out that County-wide changes need more work.
 - v) The Urban Renewal Report for July 2014 was provided. There were numerous comments on the adverse effect to the County on incremental tax revenues that are diverted to Urban Renewal.
 - c) KAREN DAYLEY – ASSESSOR’S OFFICE
 - i) Dayley reported that Assessor Davis was in Moscow to IAC Assessor meetings.
 - ii) Davis had questions about renovation plans for the Assessor’s office. Chairman Crane indicated that things haven’t changed and that it will be addressed once we have completed this fiscal year.
 - iii) She reported that their department did cleaning during power outage and motor vehicle personnel answered phone calls.
 - d) JOE LARSEN – CLERK
 - i) Larsen reported on the Budget Hearing that was held earlier in the Board meeting. He thanked everyone for their patience and understanding during that difficult process.

- ii) He stressed that working together as department heads and elected officials is paramount in living with available funding.
- iii) He explained that to spend all or most of available budgeted amounts each fiscal year leaves less and less beginning funds for the following fiscal year. The first quarter of each fiscal year receives very little revenue and must rely on unspent funds as beginning balances from the previous fiscal year. Depleting those beginning balances has in effect just “kicked the can down the road” for the past several years. He stressed that we must now remedy the problem with more prudent requests and approval of spending.
- e) AL BARRUS – PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
 - i) Barrus indicated that Doug Abenroth will take over as County Prosecutor next week.
 - ii) An open house for his retirement will be this coming Friday.
 - iii) He stated that they were working hard to make the transition to Abenroth.
 - iv) There have been 19 applicants for the open deputy prosecutor position. McCord Larsen will be appointed to take Abenroth’s place as Senior Deputy. Five of the applicants have been interviewed and there is one more interview remaining.
 - v) This is the last meeting for Barrus after 36 years.
- f) KERRY MCMURRAY – ADMINISTRATOR
 - i) McMurray provided the July Building Report and stated that it is about the same amount of building permits issued but that there were more commercial bids.
 - ii) There will be a hearing on zoning changes in September with Planning and Zoning as there was not a meeting this month.
- g) AMBER PREWITT – ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION
 - i) No Present
- h) DARWIN JOHNSON – MINI-CASSIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER
 - i) Johnson reported on drain problems they are having at the MCCJC. Sweet’s Plumbing will be coming back to see what is causing the problem.
 - ii) The floor area that was put in by Summit Restoration has a significant problem. They have stated that they will come to see what resolution could be reached on the problem but the MCCJC has not seen anyone from Summit Restoration yet. It was discussed to possibly get McMurray involved. They may need to use a special chemical to clean those floors. Barrus recommended they give them a deadline and if they don’t respond, have the Prosecutor’s office write a letter. He also expressed a need for details on the situation.
 - iii) Three officers graduated from POST this past Friday.
 - iv) Commissioner Christensen talked about bookings that have been brought up several times by Sheriff Snarr from Minidoka County. He asked if we have gotten to the root of that problem. Johnson reported they are working currently with J2 Solutions, the software company who will have to help with the issues. He indicated that they have changed ownership about three or four times and they have not been able to correct the problem. The information they need is not transferring to the fingerprinting machine. J2 Solutions took over from Cushing, the original company that sold and installed the software.
 - v) Barrus asked if the input problem has been solved. Information in required fields can just be bypassed and that creates some of the problem. It was pointed out that this problem has cost the County a lot of money.

- i) GORDON EDWARDS – WEED AND PEST CONTROL
 - i) Edwards stressed the need to work with those in charge of State and Federal lands with the enhanced weed problem from excess moisture that is not being taken care of and addressed currently.
 - ii) The Burley Highway District is trying to find available funds to re-spray Scotch Thistle as rosettes are coming back due to the rain. The Idaho Department of Transportation says they do not have available funds. Edwards stressed that taking care of the current weed problems now will help for next spring.
 - iii) Spraying for leafy spurge will be taken care of in the Goose Creek drainage area. They are currently waiting for the grant funding to come through.
 - iv) Commissioner Kunau asked about freeing up money that would have been used for firefighting to take care of the weed problems. It was pointed out that lessees are supposed to take care of that land and they are not holding them to that obligation.
 - v) He pointed out that State-owned lands are not exempt from State statute even though collecting pay if they are held liable would be a real problem. Barrus indicated that it would probably be best to write them a letter about the problems.
- j) CRAIG RINEHART – CORONER
 - i) Rinehart reported receiving a billing for attending a Coroner’s Academy training.
 - ii) A letter was received from the Ada County Prosecutor’s office regarding the Pathology Agreement between the County and Ada County for pathological services. The costs for autopsies and lab fees are unchanged. Barrus recommended agreeing to and signing the agreement even though it may come to an end due to the election of a new Ada County Coroner.

9:57 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH ADA COUNTY FOR PATHOLOGICAL SERVICES. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- iii) He reported working with Bonneville County Coroner to use a retired pathologist for needed services.
- iv) He also indicated they have had the same number of cases so far this year as last year.
- k) JOEL PACKHAM – EXTENSION AGENT
 - i) Packham provided a market animal sale summary comparison with previous years in his report of the Cassia County Fair held earlier this month. He also provided the Idaho Ag Statistics from 2012 Ag Census. Cassia County ranked 2nd in livestock, 4th in crops, 1st in total farm production, 2nd in average production per farm, 2nd in net farm income operations, and 2nd in net cash farm income per farm. Overall dollars, Cassia County ranked highest in Idaho.
 - ii) For the 2014 Fair, there were an increased number of animals and sales were up quite a bit.
 - iii) Cassia County ranks number one in the State with livestock and feedlots.
 - iv) Chairman Crane reported on the wheat harvest which is just over 50% completed. There is a lot of mold and sprouting heads. Wheat prices in the County are down from 5% to about 3% now. Malting barley has taken the biggest hit even though there is quite a bit of mold in the wheat that has been cut.
 - v) Commissioner Christensen asked about a disaster declaration to help with insurance claims.

- l) TIMBRI HURST – ADMINISTRATION
 - i) Hurst stated that ICRMP training is based on claims and safe driving is the issue again. It is preferred that training be done before the end of the calendar year even though it is required to be completed by February. Successful completion by the County will save money on our ICRMP insurance coverage costs.
 - ii) Non-law enforcement personnel training will consist of a review of vehicles policies and also review of the County Personnel Policy Handbook, as well as participating in two separate driver safety meetings within their department.
 - iii) Supervisors will have online mini-courses relating to supervision.
 - iv) Law enforcement personnel will need to take a driving test through the POST website.
 - v) Employees can use their same usernames and passwords. If they have problems, they need to contact Hurst.
 - m) COMMISSIONER KUNAU
 - (1) Commissioner Kunau reported on the review of the CCJC at the end of the one year warranty period with the contractor. A few issues were identified that needed to be addressed and corrected.
 - (2) The work on the Courthouse is complete except for some painting.
 - (3) There are plans for possible work at the Assessor’s office facility for FY2015.
 - n) CHAIRMAN CRANE
 - (1) Chairman Crane thanked those who assisted at the hospitality tent at the Cassia County Fair.
 - (2) The annual membership and fundraising meeting and dinner for the Cassia County Historical Society and Museum will be on September 11th. Elected officials have been asked to provide and serve dinner for them. He invited all in attendance at the Department Head Meeting to support that event. Chairman Crane will coordinate responsibilities for elected officials for that event.
 - (3) He wondered if a protocol needed to be worked out when the County experiences a power outage as it did last week. He challenged department heads and elected officials on what they noticed and what they think ought to be done. He asked that by next Department Head Meeting that there be recommendations presented. Critical issues are that certain offices have to continue working, adaption to work without power, lights, and computers.
 - (4) After discussion, it was determined to again cater the Cassia County Employee Luncheon. Commissioner Kunau said that the Masonic Lodge would likely be able to be used again this year. September 25th was set as a tentative date.
 - 4) 10:40 AM COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE AND COUNTY BUDGET HEARING
 - a) Chairman Crane asked for a motion for the Board to go on the record for a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2015 County Road and Bridge Budget and the County Budget.
- 10:41 AM**
- MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO GO ON THE RECORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET HEARING FOR BOTH COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE AND THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- b) Chairman Crane turned the time over to Auditor Joe Larsen for presentation of the budgets for both entities.
 - i) Fiscal Year 2015 County Road and Bridge Budget

- (1) Larsen went over the details of the County Road and Bridge Budget which included no increase in rate of pay for employees. The only increases otherwise included a 3% increase in the Howell Canyon Road Contract and a 21% increase in Auto Fuel to account for the installation of a fuel tank and fuel for storage which will be a onetime purchase.
 - (2) It was also pointed out that the magnesium chloride grant is complete and the \$30,000 amount budgeted will now be the burden by levy to taxpayers if that continues as it has been. Commissioner Christensen recommended it be considered to not provide the service now that the grant has gone away.
- ii) Fiscal Year 2015 County Budget
- (1) Larsen went over the Fiscal Year 2015 Tentative Budget Total spreadsheet noting reasons for significant increases and decreases. Overall, the budget decreased from FY2014 by 0.52%. Property taxes increased by a cumulative 0.17%.
 - (2) Significant to the budget this year is that the Current Expense Fund total budget decreased by 1.46% or \$44,526 and the Justice Fund Expense total budget increased by 2.09% or \$182,712. The Justice Fund is budgeted to be funded in the amount of \$1,000,000 from PILT with a considerable amount of uncertainty of whether it will be funded as budgeted.
 - (3) Generally, rate of pay increases were not granted to County employees in the FY2015 budget. A modest increase was budgeted to Adult Misdemeanor Probation Officers as it was determined that their rate of pay was lower than a competitive standard. Increases were also budgeted for custodians and an amount of half of historical budgeting for an unfilled Compliance Officer, both in the Administrative Budget.
 - (4) Larsen stressed the importance of increasing fund balances by reduced spending to operate during the first quarter of FY2015 while revenues are scarce. For the past several years fund balances have decreased to critical levels and this year will be the first in a number of years it will take to rebuild those balances.
 - (5) Public comments were made by Treasurer Patty Justesen and MCCJC supervisor Darwin Johnson regarding their concern with increases in rate of pay for custodians and not others including employees in their departments.

11:15 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE COUNTY BUDGET AS PRESENTED WITH THE CAVEAT OF NOT INCREASING RATES OF PAY FOR CUSTODIANS. THE MOTION FAILED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

- (6) Discussion between the Board members ensued about the merit of providing those increases to custodial personnel as originally budgeted.
- (7) Larsen recommended if rates of pay were not provided to custodial staff, that the budget still include the presented amount and use those funds as carryover to help with fund balances for FY2016.
- (8) Following discussion, the motion was restated by Commissioner Christensen with the same caveat as previously motioned.

11:15 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN RESTATED HIS ORIGINAL MOTION TO APPROVE THE COUNTY BUDGET AS PRESENTED WITH THE CAVEAT OF NOT INCREASING RATES OF PAY FOR CUSTODIANS. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11:22 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER KUNAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(9) Commissioner Christensen commended the custodians for the load they have assumed with the courthouse renovations.

11:46 AM

MOTION: COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO CLOSE THE RECORD OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET AND THE COUNTY BUDGET. COMMISSIONER KUNAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5) 11:46 AM INDIGENT MATTERS

11:46 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 cases for review and approval of the Board:

- a) Certificate of Denial: 2014063
- b) Order of Dismissal: 2014052
- c) Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits: 2014071, 2014072, 2014073, 2014074, 2014075
- d) Notice of Continuance of Hearing: 2011057, 2013092
- e) Release of Medically Indigent Lien: 2014052

11:54 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 11:54 AM.

6) 11:30 AM BLM/USFS

- a) LOREN P. POPPERT – U.S. FOREST SERVICE
 - i) Loren P. Poppert introduced himself as the new District Ranger with the Minidoka Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest.
 - ii) His first week here he signed the Trail Management agreement which he said opens up 70 to 80 more miles of trails. Commissioner Christensen asked about trail closures as well.
 - iii) Timber sales have been activated in South Heglal and other areas.
 - iv) Timber fuel reduction is being finished up at Thompson Flats.
 - v) Campground construction at Thompson Flats will begin in the next couple of months.
 - vi) Black Pine Grazing Environmental Assessment will be out towards the end of September with other grazing allocations being addressed after that.
 - vii) Some minor road damage occurred with recent excessive rainfall in the Raft River area.
- b) JIM THARP – BLM
 - i) Elizabeth A. Maclean was chosen to be Associate District Manager of the Twin Falls District Office. Mike Courtney has been acting in that position. He was subsequently moved to Acting District Manager until later this fall. Tharp will fill in at the Burley Field Office until then.

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- ii) Gold exploration has been noticed in the Goose Creek Basin in the Blue Creek area by Radius Gold. One exploratory hole will be drilled on BLM ground and one on private land in the next couple of weeks.
 - iii) The Walker Ranch Geothermal project will probably drill in the next month in the Raft River area. No further word has been received of whether or not they will drill all five holes as previously approved years ago.
 - iv) There has been about six inches of rain in the South Hills area. A lot of roads have been washed out and they are putting in "Road Out" signs.
 - v) The rain has diminished wildfires and there has only been about 12 acres burned this season.
 - vi) Commissioner Kunau inquired as to whether there were more weeds due to the surface moisture. Tharp indicated that there were more weeds and they plan to do some fall treatment on leafy spurge. Tharp will find out if additional funds and treatment will be available.
- 7) 12:05 PM ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED:

/s/ _____

Dennis Crane, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board