

COMMISSIONER MINUTES
Special Meeting
May 11, 2011

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Dennis Crane, Paul Christensen and Bob Kunau, Board Members; Alfred E. Barrus, Prosecuting Attorney; Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES – DEVIN RIGBY

Devin Rigby, from the State of Idaho Department of Transportation expressed that they can provide equipment as part of their contractual agreement with Cassia County through Wallace Keck with Parks and Recreation to be donated to the County to satisfy credit accumulated under the contract for services of maintenance on the Highway 77 spur. Equipment that may come available may include sanders mounted on trucks, autos, pickups, and other miscellaneous equipment. Plows wouldn't be included. The value of given equipment would be taken into consideration and how far that would take us to a given time and also credit that can be accrued for some future equipment and for some sand.

Chairman Crane talked of a formal transfer of responsibilities for that spur from the County to the State Department of Transportation. Rigby indicated that would be addressed in their June board meeting.

Following review, the Board determined that they were in accord with the State's proposed agreement. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to accept the terms and conditions of the maintenance agreement, to review it in five years, and for the protocol in the transfer of equipment, seconded by Commissioner Kunau, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

A Board member is invited to be in attendance at the State DOT's meeting on Thursday May 12, 2011, in Shoshone. Rigby indicated that the State is working on getting signs installed, the placement of a guardrail in Elba, and seal coating of the spur.

REVIEW POINTS OF CONSIDERATION FROM THE CITY FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY

The Board reviewed the meeting from yesterday detailing negotiations regarding the law enforcement agreement. The City enumerated items of concern in that meeting as follows:

1. Sheriff will dispatch Burley EMS by protocol determined by BFD and supervising physician.
2. City of Burley will receive 50% of all homeland security grants.
3. City will fund 2 sergeants and 13 patrol officers. The City will not fund any portion of a DARE officer or SRO. All positions funded by the City of Burley will be used exclusively within the City of Burley except in the case of an emergency.
4. County 911 funds to be used to equip radios and laptops in all BFD and North Cassia Fire trucks.
5. City will fund two detectives.
6. City will not be responsible for any overages of the Sheriff's Department Budget.
7. City will receive credit for any under-budget savings based on the percentage of the total budget that the City pays.

8. Support all community events as requested.
9. Designate the Undersheriff to attend City Council and department head meetings with decision-making authority. The Sheriff and any other Sheriff Department employees are always welcome.
10. Designate the Undersheriff (Captain Burley) with authority to direct special needs as determined by the City (special patrols for graffiti, library and other security, speed enforcement, code enforcement, etc.
11. Create a 911 Committee where the City has an equal vote to make recommendations to the County Commissioners on how 911 funds are budgeted and expended.
12. Burley Fire Chief has direct access to dispatch to get information for City of Burley and North Cassia Fire District.
13. Track Burley Fire EMS calls between City of Burley and North Cassia.
14. City of Burley maintains equity in assets paid for with City funds (cars, weapons, body armor, etc.)

Prosecuting Attorney Barrus explained that the meeting yesterday went into executive session because the City of Burley did not make public notice of the meeting and their full committee was not in attendance. He indicated that both sides met in good faith and things went well. Commissioner Christensen agreed and Commissioner Kunau said that there was nothing presented that should preclude the ability to resolve issues for an agreement.

The Board discussed matters raised by the City with regard to negotiations of a new law enforcement contract. It was determined to further review the issue and work to resolution during further negotiations with the City of Burley.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:55 a.m. it was proposed by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Kunau that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(c) with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Kunau voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss real property matters. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 9:47 a.m.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 16, 2011.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Stacey Hughey – Weekly News Journal; Laurie Welch – The Times News; Sheriff Randy Kidd; and Undersheriff George Warrell, III; 911 Coordinator Kent Searle; and Todd Quast.

ATTEST:

/s/
Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/
Dennis Crane, Chairman