

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#575

June 23, 2008

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Dennis Crane, Paul Christensen and Clay D. Handy, Board Members; Alfred E. Barrus, Prosecuting Attorney; Larry Mickelsen, Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for June 16, 2008 were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve and proceed with publication of an appropriate synopsis. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for June 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from the Cassia Joint School District No. 151, Re: invitation to meet to discuss building and facility needs in the school district on June 26, 2008 at the Burley High School.
2. A Notice of Application, Case No. IPC-E-08-09, Order No. 30570, Idaho Power to purchase electric energy generated by Big Sky West Dairy Digester near Gooding.
3. A letter from Scott Nannenga, Re: to change maintenance level of 97 miles of dead end roads on the Cassia Division of the Minidoka Ranger District.
4. The PILT payments for FY2008 for the State of Idaho.
5. An inspection report from the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections of their inspection of the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center, finding the facility to be in compliance.
6. A response letter to Bill Parsons letter of June 5, 2008 concerning the Courthouse.
7. A notice of Annexation Public Hearing by the Albion Planning & Zoning Commission.

PLAT REVIEW FOR HIGH COUNTRY RANCH

The Board reviewed the final plat for the High Country Ranch Phase II Subdivision. Upon completion of review and discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve and sign the final plat for the High Country Ranch Phase II Subdivision and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-06-1

The Board reviewed Resolution No. 2008-06-1 – To Enact the Idaho Emergency Communications Grants Fee. After review and discussion, it was moved and seconded to sign and execute Resolution No. 2008-06-1 and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

ORDINANCE 2008-06-02

The Board reviewed Ordinance No. 2008-06-02 Re: Zone amendment in gravel pit area North of Oakley. Upon completion of review and discussion, it was moved and seconded to sign and execute the ordinance and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:40am it was proposed by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Christensen that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(d) with Commissioner Christensen voting yea, Commissioner Crane voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss medical indigent matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 9:45am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board took the matter under advisement.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Assessor: Marty Holland reported that things are very busy. They have the substance rolls out and land values went up. The values are up about 50% this year and they are assessed at the current market value. They have given out several BOE forms and today is the final day for appeals. Discussion from all centered on the values and how they are established.

Detention Center: Dennis Dexter reported they currently have 160 inmates, with 51 from Cassia, 39 from Minidoka, 13 for U.S. Marshall, 2 for Border Patrol, 1 for Twin Falls. There are 121 Males and 39 Females. The MCCJC had an audit by ILETs and the result is they are able to hold ICE Federal prisoners.

Rob Neiwert reported that things are going well regarding staff concerns. They are down 2 staff members, but they see a significant improvement in security matters. He has posted the notice of the 10 day sick leave policy and has not received negative comments. He has 2 potential employees to interview, 1 bi-lingual female and 1 male who resides in California and he would be willing to come up for interview if requested.

Sheriff' Department: Cary Bristol reported that things are going well, with one deputy on light duty, they are just busy with the summer season.

Randy Kidd reported that the Detectives are busy now because school is out and the kids are causing some problems. He reported that Terry Bell is on light duty and he has done a lot of good work in the office, and had closed a number of cases.

Treasurer: Patty Justesen reported that they have been very busy with the tax collections, but now things are going well.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Higgins reported that things are going great and nothing further to report.

County Administrator: Kerry McMurray led a discussion on the new Personnel Policy Handbook. The discussion centered on the use of "sick leave" and paid time off (PTO) and the "banking" or being paid for the time not used. Kerry read the notice of Public Hearing for the 911 fees that will be held on July 28, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

Clerk: Larry Mickelsen handed out the budget expenditures for the year to date and requested that the Department Heads be conservative with their spending and try to have a budget carry-over into next budget year.

Prosecuting Attorney: Al Barrus reported that they are very busy with some big, controversial cases scheduled for the courts this year. A lot of jury trials are scheduled.

Board of Commissioners: The Board discussed the annual employee picnic and discussed a potential date. Other Department Heads discussed having a "recognition lunch" and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

CASSIA COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

The Board reviewed some proposed revisions to the Cassia County Personnel Policy to consider them for adoption. Extensive discussion among the Department Heads with the Board was constructive and a final decision will be made following further study of the issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:30am it was proposed by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Christensen that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(d) with Commissioner Christensen voting yea, Commissioner Crane voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss medical indigent matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 10:45am. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Approved Cases # 208062, 208046 and 208048;

Denied Cases # 208050 and 208061; Signed Release of Lien for Cases #207130 and 208043; Signed Notice of Lien for Cases 204151, 208063, 208064, 208065, 208066, and 208067.

BLM

Scott Nannenga reported on travel planning and maps which will be available in July. He feels that there will be a lot of changes to roads and trails next year, and it will be an on-going effort with all groups involved in the planning. Dispersed camping will be allowed 300 feet from roads and 100 feet from trails. There will be areas where dispersed camping will not be allowed, and areas designated for no cost, dispersed camping. Scott reported that with the care the trails are receiving, they are in good shape. Scott discussed the fee increases for campgrounds in the area. Other fees associated/related with camping may be eliminated or reduced, per request of Senator Crapo. Scott reported that the wind farm application issues are moving to the Forest Service. He discussed the campgrounds and other areas that are not accessible because of the snow drifts. He discussed the responsibility of the grazing permittees. He also discussed the Big Horn sheep issues that are still not resolved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:50pm it was proposed by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Christensen that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(d) with Commissioner Christensen voting yea, Commissioner Crane voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss medical indigent matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 1:55pm. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Approved Case #207101; Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case # 207101.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

The Treasurer's, Assessor's, Clerk's, Prosecuting Attorney, Indigent, and Sheriff's budgets were presented and discussed with the Board, in preparation for the tentative budget hearing for publication on July 25, 2008. During discussion of the 911 budget, it was moved and seconded to send a letter to all of the 911 providers and inform them of the \$.25 charge for land lines and cell phones, passed by County Ordinance on June 32, 2008, and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated June 23, 2008. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$4,253.46
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$4,645.00
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,506.37
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$14,400.00
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	\$6,000.00
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$3,126.44
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$13,810.54
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FEES	133	\$6,000.00
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$1,029.35
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$2,723.96
	TOTAL	\$57,495.12

BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES

The Board approved the following applications for Beer, Wine and/or Liquor Licenses:

<u>County #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Doing Business As</u>
#2009-008	Alice Oleta Willett	Shakers
#2009-010	Hipolito Ayuayo	Polo's Café
#2009-011	Cindy DeRoche	Li'l Cinders Smoke Shop
#2009-012	Anh Trang	Shon Hing Restaurant

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 30, 2008.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Damon Hunzeker, SIP; Lyle Randall, Stan Buckley, Jackson area; Ken & Lisa Poletti, High Country Ranch;

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/ Dennis D. Crane

Dennis Crane, Chairman