

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

#569

November 19, 2007

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 November 13, 2007 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 November 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter to the members of the Public Lands Committee notifying them that the Committee will be disbanded.
2. The Correspondence from the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare Re: Quick Response Unit Licenses for Albion and Oakley.
3. The Ballot for the ICRMP Board of Trustee's Election of Jerry Nance from Lincoln County. It was moved and seconded to cast the ICRMP ballot for Commissioner Nance.

HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATE

Sheriff Jim Higens met with the Board to discuss grants for Homeland Security that the County is to receive. The EMPG Grant will be for \$3,020.03, with \$3,020.03 being matching funds from the County, which will total \$6,040.06, and the budget will need to be amended to receive and spend the unanticipated revenue from the EMPG Grant. Sheriff Higens will match the EMPG Grant from his budget for Homeland Security. It was moved and seconded to sign the request for the grant and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board. Sheriff Higens explained and discussed the equipment purchases since 2003 for Homeland Security. He also discussed all of the Homeland Security Grants that have been received previously and equipment that was purchased with the funding received from the Grants.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Sheriff Higens discussed a "Broadband Investment" Memorandum of Understanding between the Idaho Transportation Department, The Idaho Military Division and Cassia County, authorizing Cassia County to utilize the ITD's network for the County Emergency Operations Center and ITD will bill the County for \$500.00 for installation of the shared communications equipment. The County will be responsible for the purchase of the required communications equipment and will be reimbursed by the Idaho Military Division. It was moved and seconded to sign and execute the Memorandum of Understanding and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CITY OF ROCKS BACK COUNTRY BYWAY

The Board reviewed the 2007 Annual Report of the City of Rocks Back Country Byway Advisory Committee presented by Don Danner. He presented a handout that included the members of the Committee, their goals and accomplishments and their recommendations to the Board. He reported on the status of the ad hoc advisory committee and the members of the committee and that it may be time to make some changes to the committee. Don then said that they had completed all the tasks they had been assigned, suggesting the end of the back county committee as we now know it. The Board discussed and questioned the goals and accomplishments of the committee.

AREA OF INTEREST PROJECT

Don Danner met with the Board and discussed an Area of Interest Project Re: the first Cassia County Courthouse located in Albion. He presented a packet of pictures and the outline of the costs to restore the Courthouse. He reported on the steps that the Albion Valley Historical Society has taken to qualify for and receive Idaho Transportation Department enhancement fund to accomplish the restoration. Kent Krohn of LKV Architecture in Boise discussed the steps necessary for the building to be eligible to be added to the National Register of Historical Buildings. Jeff McCurdy of the Region IV Development and Albion Historical Society explained the process that will occur in receiving the funds from the ITD as it will be part of the Back Country Byway. Don discussed the future actions of the project, to include possible transfer of ownership to Cassia County, the things they are doing to receive donated funds from the citizens in the area, and insurance on the structure through the County's ICRMP insurance policy. Don explained some of the potential revenue sources to aid with payment of the normal expenditures.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE INSURANCE UPDATE

Kelly Bowen met with the Board to discuss the County Employee Insurance policy. He reported that we have had a good year and recommends a 3% increase in the monthly medical premiums. The county will have another "payment vacation" during the upcoming year. He discussed potential plans for which some retirees could become involved and the Board declined to consider them. The Board discussed keeping the costs low by using cost comparability tools available on the internet.

WESTLAW ORDER

The Board reviewed the Westlaw Contract. After review it was moved and seconded to sign and execute the new contract and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

ANIMAL DAMAGE & DISEASE CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Board reviewed replacing the member for the animal Damage & Disease Control Committee. The Board took the matter under advisement pending further research.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST TO IDWR

The Board discussed the potential for Water Call and the impact that the water shortage will have on the County. The Public Records request is for the record of the proposed water calls during past years, as determined by the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

OTTLEY ROAD STATUS

Merlin and Yvonne Ottley met with the Board to discuss the Ottley Road Status Re: cattle guards and fences built by a neighbor next to their property. Chairman Crane invited them to attend the Road Board meeting in Almo at 2:00pm on November 20 to discuss their concerns.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated November 19, 2007. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$15,795.93
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$346.50
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$3,080.47
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$38.28
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$12.81
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$3,706.23
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$904.43
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$4,205.95
	TOTAL	\$28,090.60

HERD DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Mr. Barrus discussed the Attorney General's response to the Herd District Committee's request for his opinion on the formation and authority of herd district committees. Additional information and discussion will be forthcoming, prior to any decisions being made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:40am 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 12:05pm. Roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Denied Cases #207113, 207114, 207115, and 207116; Approved Cases #207078 and 207120; Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #207078; Signed Release of Lien for Case #207036; Signed Notice of Lien for Cases #207121, 207122, 207123, and 207124; Signed Subordination Agreement for Recorded Instrument No. 315990.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

The Board reviewed and discussed the names of the applicants for the P&Z Commission, to determine the scheduled interview requirements.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-11-2

The Board reviewed the FY-2011 CMAQ Application, Resolution No. 2007-11-2, adopting a deicing/dust abatement program to improve Air Quality within the county. After review and discussion it was moved and seconded to sign and execute Resolution No. 2007-11-2 and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 26, 2007.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Sven Berg, SIP; Mike Jeppson; Wallace Keck; Ben Maggart

ATTEST:

/s/Larry A. Mickelsen

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/Dennis D. Crane

Dennis Crane, Chairman