

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

GOOSE CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT - CONTINUED HEARING

At 9:00am, a continuation of the public hearing was held on the petition for formation of the Goose Creek Irrigation District. William Parsons represented the Oakley Valley citizens that are proposing the formation of the Irrigation District. The first session of the public hearing was held on December 6, 2004. Recording of the public hearing is contained on tape labeled "Public Hearing: Goose Creek Irrigation District." Commissioner Handy moved that the sub-district boundaries be approved and the proposed election for formation of the irrigation district be held on February 8, 2005. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion and voting was unanimous by the Board. The public hearing ended at 9:15am. The Board continued discussion regarding the proposed election and it was determined that there would be 3 election sub-districts established.

CHANGE OF STATUS

The Board reviewed two (2) changes of status forms for the MCCJC. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes of status and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PREVIOUS WEEKS' MINUTES

The minutes for December 13, 2004 were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve and proceed with publication of an appropriate synopsis. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

COMMISSIONER EXCUSED

Commissioner Crane was excused from the meeting at 9:23am to conduct some business and returned at 9:50am.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for December 2004.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. An announcement of the 2005 Achievement Award Program from NACo.
2. A Christmas card from IAC.
3. A Christmas card from Region IV South-Central Idaho works.
4. A letter from Delta Dental thanking the county for our business during 2004.
5. A letter from the Mini-Cassia DAV Chapter #10, thanking the county for the \$3,200.00 contribution towards a van for transporting Veterans to the Boise VA Medical Center.

CASSIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BID OPENING

At 9:40am the Board opened and reviewed bids received for the Wireless Mobile Data Solution for automatic vehicle location system. The only bid was received from All Wireless Communications of Burley, Idaho for \$45,343.00. The Sheriff's Office and the Board will review the bids and specifications and will make a decision on December 27, 2004. The Board gave Sheriff Higen's authorization to send the bid into the State Homeland Security department for their approval, prior to meeting with the Board, providing all specifications are met.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Public Defender: Doug Whipple presented and discussed the Cassia County Public defender Clients Commissioners Report for November 2004.

Assessor: Marty Holland reported that they are wrapping up the property roll matters. Thanked the Board for the gift certificates.

Detention Center: Mike Fehlman reported the numbers are down because of the upcoming holiday season. There are still forty (40) State holds and holds for six (6) other Counties. The MCCJC Deputy Director is in the process of interviewing for a Transport Officer.

Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Jim Higen reported that they made a conditional offer to hire a new patrol officer, Nathan Breeding. He will not be required to attend the academy because of his graduation from CSI with a degree in law enforcement. They are testing for a new full-time dispatcher. Regarding Homeland Security, Sheriff Higen is processing additional grants to benefit the communities in the county. Sheriff Higen discussed the \$3.00 collection for Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) checks that they conduct. If vehicles do not have Cassia County licenses, the other counties will not collect the \$3.00 fee. Sheriff Higen requested the Sheriff's Office be allowed to collect the fee, regardless of where the vehicle is registered. It was moved and seconded to allow the Sheriff's Office to collect the \$3.00 fee and voting was unanimous by the Board.

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharron Higgins thanked the Board for the gift certificates and for the support during the entire year. Reported that things are going in a normal matter now.

Weed Department: Gordon Edwards reported of meetings with some of the local farmers. The farmers feel very positive about the past farming year regarding crop yields and prices. There is a major problem with "puncture vine" as it is spreading through the city and South toward Oakley.

County Administrator: Kerry McMurray thanked the Board for the gift certificates.

"TRADE DAY"

Marty Holland led a discussion regarding the "trade day" that the employees have had for many years, with comments from most of the department heads indicating they are in favor of having the "trade day." The Board's discussion led to the decision to re-establish the "trade day." It was moved and seconded to re-establish the "trade day" for 2005 and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PROJECT MUTUAL

Pat Campbell of Project Mutual thanked the Board for the County Patronage and presented a refund check for \$211.54, a Patronage Capital Distribution of 5% of the 2004 telephone charges.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:38am it was proposed by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(a) with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss personnel matters. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 10:58:am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board instructed the Prosecuting Attorney to perform training function to alleviate concerns. Regarding the second matter, the Prosecuting Attorney will prepare a letter for the Board's signature, to send to the individual concerned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:59am 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 11:10am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board requested that Chairman Crane discuss the matters with Mayor Jon Anderson of the City of Burley.

Following Executive Session the Board Signed Certificate of Approval for Case #204137 and Case #204139. Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #204087. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #204164.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:11am it was proposed by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Handy that the Board convene in Executive Session under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(f) with Commissioner Crane voting yea, Commissioner Christensen voting yea, and Commissioner Handy voting yea. The purpose and general tenor of the meeting was to discuss pending litigation. Following the discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Board return to regular session at 11:25am. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board discussed a request for a special meeting by a Highway District regarding road closures. The Prosecuting Attorney and the County Administrator will meet to discuss the RS2477 matters.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Wendy Reynolds presented a 2005 calendar to the Board. Things are pretty slow this time of year and they are down to a skeleton crew. They have developed a schedule for the Windlands project. They anticipate they will have a draft EIS out in May or June of 2005, with a 1 year time frame from the date of the draft EIS until the final will be published. They have had 5 meetings regarding the wind energy project. They have discussed different alternatives and will present the Board with a map of the alternatives at the next meeting with the Board. She reported that Idaho Power has requested a right-of-way permit to change some of their power line towers. The BLM will conduct an environmental study regarding the new towers. It will be in the same "foot print" but will just be larger towers.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Scott Nannenga reported that the Forest Service has sold permits for 2500 trees so far this year. He reported that snow levels are up right now, but with the forecast for dry weather, the snow pack will go down. Bostetter and Howell Canyon ski areas are currently in operation. The Forest Service collected over \$15,000.00 in camping fees in 2004, which were used to improve the camping facilities. Grazing allotment permits will continue to be issued.

COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE MATTERS

The Board discussed the purchase or repair of a County Road & Bridge welder. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a new welder for \$1400.00 and the trade-in of the old welder, from Norco, Inc. and voting was unanimous by the Board.

RAFT RIVER HIGHWAY DISTRICT

The Board reviewed Resolution 2004-12-2, changing the Raft River Highway's L-2 form for FY2004-2005. It was moved and seconded to approve and sign the resolution and voting was unanimous by the Board.

CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT

The Board reviewed the Conflict Public Defender Contract for November 2004.

PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE FEES FOR SPECIAL FEE COLLECTIONS BY THE CASSIA COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

The Board discussed setting a hearing date and publishing Notice of Hearing for Treasurer's fees on special collections at one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per parcel. The hearing date was set for January 17, 2005 at 10:00am. It was moved and seconded to publish the notice of the hearing and voting was unanimous by the Board.

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>
#2005-055	Rich Redman	Albion Country Store LLC d/b/a Creek Side 66

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 27, 2004.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Chip Thompson, Times News; David Pickett, Noland Critchfield, Bill Parsons, and Randy Robinson, all with the Oakley Canal Company; Kelly Adams, Cassia County Public Lands; Mike Butler, All Wireless; Rob Hansen, All Wireless; Melissa Schnier, BLM; Nancy Ady, BLM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman