

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.

#### **PREVIOUS WEEKS' MINUTES**

The minutes for August 2, 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.

#### **CALENDAR**

The Board reviewed the calendar for August 2004.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION**

The Board reviewed the following:

1. The potential for usage of the old Simplot property deeded to the City of Burley
2. The Employee Benefits Committee functioning and purpose
3. An invitation to a Public Lands meeting on Wednesday, 11 Aug 04 at 7:30pm and a discussion regarding the potential for the Windfarm on Cotterel Mountain
4. A request from South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Inc. to be included in the County Budget.
5. The announcement of a Queen's Breakfast on Tuesday, 17 Aug 04
6. A letter from the State of Idaho Department of Water Resources declaring Cassia County as having a Drought Emergency, issued by Governor Kempthorne.

#### **ANNEX ROOF REPAIR**

Kerry McMurray presented the quotes for the County Annex building. Consideration was given regarding having an indigent indebted to the County money perform the labor after the County purchased the materials. Kerry McMurray will determine the feasibility and will report back to the Board next week.

#### **CITY REQUEST FOR PROPERTY PURCHASE**

The Board discussed the City's request for Cassia County to purchase the Dennis Curtis property along the Snake River. Kerry McMurray will ensure that there is or was an appraisal conducted prior to making a decision.

#### **GRAVEL SCREEN CONTRACT**

The Board reviewed the contract with Maverick Construction for gravel screening prepared by Al Barrus. It was moved and seconded to sign the contract and voting was unanimous by the Board.

#### **SHREDDER PURCHASE**

Kerry McMurray requested that the County Administration office be authorized to purchase a shredder to \$1295.00 to replace the one that was burned out. It was moved and seconded to allow the purchase of the shredder and voting was unanimous by the Board.

#### **BUDGET REVIEWS**

Gayle Erikson appeared before the Board to discuss the Treasurer's budget request. She presented support to give her employees a larger raise than the 3% proposed by the Budget Officer. Doug Whipple presented the Public Defender budget request. He supported his request for increased budget to hire another Public Defender Attorney by explaining the caseload their office has. Judge Crabtree and Judge Bollar, Magistrate Court Justices, supported the case made by Mr. Whipple and discussed the priorities of the Magistrate Court and the District Court. The Commissioners discussed a proposal that the County could possibly hire a full time Public Defenders attorney who would have an office in the Cassia County Court House. The Board and the Justices discussed the responsibilities and functions of the Misdemeanor Probations Office.

### **CASSIA COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS TOUR**

The Board departed at 11:10am for a tour of the fair grounds. This is in preparation for the Cassia County Fair during the week of 16 – 21 August 04.

### **COUNTY INSURANCE**

Tim Preston and Kelly Bowen of Blue Shield Insurance presented a request to the Board requesting that Blue Cross of Idaho release any and all quotes regarding Cassia County employee insurance to them. It was moved and seconded to sign the release of information and voting was unanimous by the Board.

### **COUNTY EXPENDITURE**

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated August 6, 2004. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$29,524.74
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$1,165.45
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$1,463.25
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$4,119.78
HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND	112	\$5,000.00
REVALUATION FUND	114	\$318.43
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$2,708.80
COUNTY BOAT LICENSE FUND	117	\$8,160.00
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$74.56
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$59,004.80
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$363.75
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$1,651.25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$113,554.81</b>

### **CHANGE OF STATUS**

The Board reviewed one change of status form for the MCCJC. It was moved and seconded to approve the change of status and voting was unanimous by the Board.

### **PHARMACEUTICAL BIDS**

The Boards of Commissioners from Cassia County and Minidoka County reviewed the Pharmaceutical Bids from Rite Aid, Northwest Pharmaceuticals and PharmEase LLC. It was recommended to the Boards that the contract remain with Northwest Pharmaceuticals, as they were the most responsive and more fully met the requirements of the bid request. It was moved and seconded to enter into a new contract with Northwest Pharmaceuticals and voting was unanimous by the Board. Minidoka County also moved and seconded to enter into a new contract with Northwest Pharmaceuticals and voting was unanimous by the Board.

### **MINIDOKA/CASSIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board met with the Minidoka County Board of County Commissioners to discuss the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center budget. The members of both Boards conducted an in-depth discussion regarding the MCCJC budget to try to reduce the amount of the total budget. Larry Mickelsen, Cara Petterson and Dennis Dexter will discuss ways to reduce the budget and report back to the Minidoka and Cassia County Boards. The Adult Misdemeanor Probation budget was discussed and both Boards support continued operation of the program. The Juvenile Probation Office Program was discussed and the cost to Cassia County would be \$65,000.00 to fully fund the program. After further review regarding the JPO budget, will be studied more in-depth and a final decision will be made later this week.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 2:50pm 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 4:45pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #204012, Case #204039, and Case #204098. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #204098 and Case #204103. Signed Stipulation for Enlargement of Time Limitations for Case #204036. Signed Certificate of Approval for Case #204012 and Case #204098. Signed Order of Dismissal for Case #204053 and Case #204096. Signed Certificate of Denial for Case #204077, Case #204079, Case #204082, Case #204084, Case #204087, Case #204089, Case #204092, Case #204093, and Case #204094. Signed Release of Medically Indigent Lien for Case #99115, Case #204003, Case #204011, Case #204032, and Case #204033. Approved Case #204047, Case #204045, Case #204046, Case #204051, Case #204090, Case #204091 and Case #204094. Denied Case #204054, and Case #204089.

### **BUDGETS**

The Board discussed some of the department budgets and because of lack of revenue, some budgets will have to be reduced. The Board will meet next Thursday, 12 Aug 04 at 9:00am to review all of the budgets and prepare the county budget for publication.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 1:45pm 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 2:30pm. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board took the matter under advisement for further research.

### **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>
2005-050	Darwin L. Bywater	Almo Creek Outpost
2005-051	Thomas H. Clark	Clark's For Shopping, Inc.

### **RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 12, 2004.

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING**

Renee Wells, SIP; Chip Thompson, Times News; Joe Dilworth; Tim Schneider; Mike Fehlman; Minidoka County Sheriff Paul Fries; Nels and Sharon Peterson of Oakley

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

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Dennis Crane, Chairman