The 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 and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

COMMISSIONERS= MINUTES

The minutes for March 3, 2003 were discussed. The motion was then made and seconded to approve with corrections and proceed with publication of an appropriate synopsis. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for March 2003.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. The Board received an invitation to attend the Idaho Transportation Department workshop on April 1, 2003 in Burley.
2. The Board received an invitation from the Cassia County Historical Society to participate in the Spring Cleaning activity on March 15, 2003 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.
3. The Board received an invitation to participate in the Strategic Planning Workshop with the Idaho Fish and Game. The workshop will be Saturday, April 5, 2003 at the CSI Ballroom in Twin Falls.
4. The Board heard a portion of an email concerning cost associated with the "touch screen" voting machines and the tremendous costs associated with utilizing them.
5. The Board reviewed the announcement for the upcoming IAC/ICRMP meetings for Districts 5 & 6, in Boise and Pocatello.
6. The Board reviewed the letter from the Idaho Department of Lands concerning the expiration of grazing/cropland leases.
7. The Board reviewed the Transportation Departments April 1, 2003 workshop in Burley
8. The Board reviewed the Idaho Transportation Board meeting and tour notice for April 17 & 18, 2003.
9. The Board reviewed the correspondence concerning the Big River Heritage Area, and asked Kerry McMurray to schedule a meeting with the Minidoka County Commissioners to discuss this.

CASSIA COUNTY EMS COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT

The Board reviewed the Annual Budget Report with the Cassia County EMS Committee. The district Quick Response Unit's gave reports concerning their own activities, incidents and personnel needs. Reports received from Wayne Mullen, Oakley EMS; Tonya Ward, Almo QRU; Shirley Hubbard, West Cassia QRU; Michael Lewis, Malta Ambulance; and Kent Searle, 911 Communications.

ZONING VIOLATION REPORT

The board reviewed a zoning violation report. The matter will be investigated by the County Planning Office, after which the matter will be reviewed by that office with the Prosecutor's Office to determine what if any action will be pursued.

REMOVALS FROM HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION

The Board reviewed a list of names of individuals who no longer qualify for homeowners exemption and approved removing the exemption from their property.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County=s Payables Approval Report dated March 7, 2003. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	104	$12,684,84
INDIGENT FUND	105	36,525.73
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	2,942.03
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG.) FUND	107	9,861.68
WEED & PEST FUND	108	1,926.94
AMBULANCE SERVICE	110	8,166.66
FAIR EXHIBITS FUND	111	132.00
REVALUATION FUND	114	215.50
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	3,077.90
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	500.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	53,209.27
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	135	326.00
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	15,454.41
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	882.00
	TOTAL	**145,995.96**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was proposed by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Christensen that the Board go into 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. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board denied Case #202142. The Board approved Case # 202138, Case # 203011, Case # 203021, and Case # 203024. The denial stands on Case # 202152.

ZONING ISSUES

The Board heard complaints from Frank White, Gail White, and Kay Hansen, all living on Star Drive, concerning possible zoning violations that detract from the living conditions of all who reside in the area. They were informed that they had the right to file a formal complaint.

CASSIA COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING

The Board reviewed the announcement for businesses to submit their bids to remodel the County Annex Building. It was moved and seconded to approve the bid notice and voting was unanimous by the Board.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Board reviewed the hearing notice for Zoning Ordinance Amendments recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. April 7, 2003, 11:00 a.m. was set as the date and time for the hearing. It was moved and seconded to sign the notice and voting was unanimous by the Board.

CASSIA COUNTY 1990: A LASTING LEGACY

The Board considered the disposition of 4 cases of “Cassia County 1990: A lasting Legacy”. The Board’s decision was to offer them to the local schools and libraries.

ACE FIRE – ALMO QRU

The Board received a report from Jay Black, Mike Santini and Tonya Ward concerning the proposed Emergency Services building in the Almo-Elba area. They requested the Commissioners sign a letter to the Economic Action Grant, Rural Community Assistance Program – USFS to apply for grant monies to assist. It was moved and seconded to endorse the application and voting was unanimous by the Board.

COMMUNITIES AT RISK PROGRAM

The Board received a report from Andy Payne and John Sabala of the Communities at Risk Program concerning the status of the request for Federal Assistance for the county-wide assessment of fire danger.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 17, 2003.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING

Laurie Welch, SIP; Nate Johnson, Times News

ATTEST: **APPROVED:**

/s/
Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

/s/
Dennis Crane, Chairman