

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.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Commissioner Crane was delayed in attending the meeting. It was proposed by Commissioner Christensen that Commissioner Handy be appointed acting Chairman. Commissioner Handy seconded the motion. Commissioner Christensen voting yea and Commissioner Handy voting yea. Commissioner Crane arrived at 9:10 a.m. and assumed the duties as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

PREVIOUS WEEKS= MINUTES

The minutes for December 8, 2003 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 December 2003.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from Russell Zollinger Re: Road Signs
2. A letter from Nancy Koonce, a CPA of Leforgee, Braga & Donnelley Re: Fraud examinations
3. An invitation to the 2004 Legislative Luncheon Re: Soil & Water Conservation issues
4. A letter from the Idaho Fish & Game Department Re: Transplant of Bighorn Sheep to Jim Sage Mountain

UPDATE ON EMS

Wayne Mullen reported on the activities of the County EMS units. Reported the building for the Almo EMS is progressing and they can now park the ambulance inside. The County EMS meetings are being held in various communities throughout the County. He reported that there is increased interest from the citizens of the County and things are going great. He discussed the requirements to become a certified EMS Technician and the training required for re-certification.

BID OPENING

The Board opened and reviewed the bid received for Cassia County Ambulance Services submitted by the Cassia Regional Medical Center. The Board took the matter under advisement, will review the bid and specifications and will make a decision on December 22, 2003.

ANNEX BUILDING STATUS

Kerry McMurray reported on a meeting with Walton, Inc. last Wednesday. December 10, and the items discussed regarding the annex building remodeling project. Today's discussion revolved around the floor seams of the uneven floor and the length of time that carpet would last before it is worn and needs replaced. It was moved and seconded to sign change orders 8 & 9, to change 22 single electrical outlets to double outlets and to upgrade the irrigation line plumbing to polyester and voting was unanimous by the Board. Mr. Walton discussed the delay caused by their inability to find a cabinetmaker to make the cabinets required by the County.

FAIR BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

The members of the Fair Board met with the Board of County Commissioners and reported on the events/activities during the past year. They reported that Dodge would sponsor the Rodeo next year. Dean Draper discussed the need to have an insurance rider on the County policy to cover the Stock Producer in the event a spectator was injured or property damaged by one of the rodeo animals. Repayment by the Fair Board for the new building at the Fair Grounds was discussed and it was determined that the Fair Board will pay one tenth of the total amount of the cost of construction each year with the first payment due in 2004.

QUARTERLY JAIL TOUR

The Board conducted the quarterly jail tour with the Minidoka County Commissioners. There were no significant deficiencies noted in jail operations, the only problem has been with a large number of inmates/employees who have been ill with the flu.

COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGE DISTRICT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Gary Jones presented the annual report of the County Roads & Bridge District. The use of "dust guard" was discussed. It was moved and seconded to reappoint Heber Carpenter and Kent Durfee as members of the Cassia County Road & Bridge Department Board to 4-year terms and voting was unanimous by the Board. It was moved and seconded to change the name of the County Roads Unorganized Department to Cassia County Road & Bridge Department and voting was unanimous by the Board.

TAX DEEDED PROPERTY SALE

Mr. Barrus reported on the appeal hearing for tax-deeded properties. The property sale will be held after all legal challenges are completed.

BLM/McWORK PROGRAM

The Board reviewed the agreement for recreation site maintenance. It was moved and seconded for Commissioner Crane to sign the agreement between the Bureau of Land Management and the County McWork program and voting was unanimous by the Board.

LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

The agenda for the Legislative Luncheon was discussed and Larry Mickelsen will send the agenda to all of the Legislators who will attend the luncheon that they will be prepared to discuss the items of concern from the County Elected Officials.

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Kerry McMurray reported that historically there has been an early closure on the 24th of December. He discussed the issue with Department Heads and they are in favor of early closure, maintaining a minimum staff to keep some of the offices open as required by law.

MINICASSIA JUSTICE CENTER MATTER

The Board reviewed the MCCJC application for a WalMart charge card. It was moved and seconded to approve and sign the application and voting was unanimous by the Board.

SHERIFF'S PROPOSED CIVIL FEE INCREASE

Kerry McMurray reported that the public hearing for the Sheriff's proposed civil fee increase will have to be held again because of an error in the publication of the notice of hearing. The notice of public hearing will be published on the 12th and 19th of December and the decisions will be ratified by the Board.

SOLID WASTE MATTER

Kerry McMurray presented a proposed ordinance Re: Solid Waste, as Ordinance No.

2003-12-01. After discussion it was tabled until December 22, 2003 for further research.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:05 p.m. 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 2:15 p.m. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board approved Case # 203106, Case #203148, & Case #203149. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #203160, Case #203163, Case #203165, & Case #203167. Signed Order of Reimbursement for Case #203106, Case # 203118, & Case #203149.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:15 p.m. 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 2:25 P.M. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board took the matter under advisement.

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 22, 2003.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Claude Bryant; Brian Hickenlooper and Michael Olson, CRMC; Kelly Walton, Andy Walton & Mike Telleria, Walton, Inc.; Marty Holland, Cassia County Assessor; Jack Funk, Dean Draper, Bruce Bowen, Bruce Beck, Ted Higley, Jeff Chatburn, Cassia County Fair Board; Wallace Keck, Elba-Almo Road Board; Kent Durfee, Dennis James, Gary Jones, Steve Ward, & Heber Carpenter, Cassia County Roads; Curtis Jensen, BLM;

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman