

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 September 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 September 2003.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from the Idaho Department of Labor Re: Thanks for participation in celebrating Labor Day 2003 as Idaho Works Day.
2. A card from Jamie Searle thanking the Commissioners for buying her 4H pig.
3. An invitation from the Idaho Association of Highway Districts, Inc. to attend their 75th annual convention in Boise, Nov 12 - 14, 2003.
4. A letter from the Lake Walcott Watershed Advisory Group to attend the Rockland Valley Committee Meeting on September 24, 2003.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted the annual inspection of the MCCJC with no deficiencies noted. The inmates and employees of the Detention Center provided lunch.

DRUG COURT

Darrell Roskelley presented a report on the activities of the District Drug Court, giving the number of citizens involved and the achievements they have had. He reported that Judge Carlson is now the "Sentencing Judge" and expects even greater results in the future. The District Drug Court will have a representative conducting urinalysis (UAs) here in Cassia County very soon. The Misdemeanor Probations office has been conducting the "UAs" for them, but they want to conduct the "UAs" themselves. He also requested a phone line for their use, for those in Drug Court to call in and see if they are to provide a "UA" that day.

WATERWAYS GRANT

Sheriff Jim Higen presented a grant to be signed. The grant is to pay the salaries and expenses involved in patrolling the waterways in Cassia County. It was moved and seconded to have Chairman Crane sign the application and voting was unanimous by the Board.

PUBLIC LANDS MEMBERSHIP

Kelly Adams discussed the expiration of term for members of the Public Lands Committee. Those members who have a term about to expire have all expressed a desire to be reappointed to the Committee. It was moved and seconded to reappoint the 5 members whose term is about to expire and voting was unanimous by the Board. Letters were sent to Woody Anderson, Earl Warthen, Paul Marchant, Gene Wickel, and Lex Kunau, reappointing them to the Public Lands Committee. Kelly will bring names to the Committee for their consideration, of people who might be interested in serving and could be appointed to the PLC. He also discussed grazing allotments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Prosecutor: Al Barrus reported all is well with his department and on the ramifications of the upcoming murder trial.

Assessor: Marty Holland reported on the move to the new building and potential problems in establishing communications with the State Department of Motor Vehicles if a move is made during the weekend. Also reported on activities at the IAC annual conference.

Detention Center: Dennis Dexter reported on the numbers of inmates from the various counties and from the Federal Government. Al Barrus questioned the Immigration and Naturalization Service holds and the impact on the County.

Sheriff=s Department: Sheriff Jim Higen reported that rates for civil service will be increased shortly. He reported on the discussions and meetings at the IAC annual conference.

Treasurer: Gayle Erekson reported all is going very well with the Treasurer's office

Janitorial/Maintenance: Sharon Higgins reported that there are files being placed by the garbage dumpster for disposal. The proper procedure is to get a disposal order signed by the Board of Commissioners. She also reported that Ken Ward will assist in stripping the main floor of wax so the floor can be refinished. This will be completed on 12 – 14 October, 2003.

Planning and Zoning: Kerry McMurray discussed the plans of the P&Z Commission and the discussions they will be having during their meetings.

Public Defender: The PD will have an order signed by Judge Carlson to adjust their budget without requiring a public hearing.

BLM/U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Wendy Reynolds reported on the activities of the BLM and the National Public Lands Day function at Lake Walcott this past weekend. She discussed the Windlands project and a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) they are currently preparing, which should be finished later this year. She requests that our Planning and Zoning Commission contribute items of public interest. There will also be input from the Native American Council about their concerns. After public input, research, and research, the EIS will be finalized by June 2004. She reported that the drought conditions are still serious and the BLM has many drought concerns.

Scott Nannenga reported that without a major snowfall this winter, the Forest Service will have extremely serious concerns with grazing right next summer. He also reported on the low fire activity this year, stating that the citizens have been very careful with fires. He reported on the timber sales through the state this year, thinning the trees around campgrounds.

COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County=s Payables Approval Report dated September 19, 2003.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$14,563.51
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$19.16
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$4,332.37
COUNTY ROADS (UNORG) FUND	107	\$7,948.62
WEED & PEST FUND	108	\$14,849.97
911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$362.88
COUNTY BOAT LICENSE FUND	117	\$89.21
COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUND	118	\$15.00
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$26,181.18
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$325.89
PHYSICAL FACILITIES FUND	144	\$915.86
	TOTAL	\$69,603.65

COMMISSIONER EXCUSED

Commissioner Christensen was excused at 1:00 p.m. to attend a water conservation meeting in Jerome.

HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL

Tim Preston, representing Blue Shield Insurance, presented a Proposed Blue Shield Medical Insurance plan. This included medical, dental, vision, disability, and life insurance. The rates will increase 19% overall with the employees paying all of the insurance costs above 15%.

NATIONAL FIRE PLAN

It was moved and seconded to sign the Notice To Proceed to implement the National Fire Plan for Community Assistance from protection from wild fires and voting was unanimous by the

Board.

EMS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed the EMS Mutual Aid Agreement with Power County and will invite the Quick Response Units for further discussion.

INTERMOUNTAIN HOSPITAL INC.

The Board executed the agreement with Intermountain Hospital Inc, for provision of services to the mentally ill. It was moved and seconded for the Board to sign the agreement and voting was unanimous by the Board.

CITY OF ROCKS PROJECTS

The Board reviewed the Right-of-way contract with Gary R. and Juanita Jones regarding the City of Rocks Back Country Byway. It was moved and seconded to sign the contract and voting was unanimous by the Board.

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH

The Board reviewed the appointment of Linda Johnson to the South Central District Board of Health. It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment and voting was unanimous by the Board.

CITY OF ROCKS

The Board reviewed the City of Rocks Letter of Agreement for dust guard to be applied on the 6.6 miles of road in the City of Rocks. It was moved and seconded to sign the Letter of Agreement and voting was unanimous by the Board.

AUDIT REPORT

The Board reviewed the results of the audit of the Sheriff's Department conducted by Donna Bush of the Auditor's Office. There was a concern about the handling of pop money. The Commissioners asked that Kerry McMurray prepare a letter to the Sheriff's Office regarding the pop money.

RENTAL PROPERTY

The Board reviewed a proposal from Ramsey Heating & Electric, Inc. to rewire the North and South Cassia County apartments. It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal and voting was unanimous by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board signed Stipulation for Enlargement of Time Limitations for Case #203066 and Case #203072. Signed Release of Medically Indigent Lien for Case #98098, Case #203002, Case #203023, Case #200051 and Case #202113. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #203103, Case #203123, Case #203124, Case #203126, Case #203127, Case #203128, Case #203129, Case #203130, and Case #203131. Denied Case #203092, Case #203099, Case #203100, Case #203109, Case #203110, Case #203102, Case #203103 and Case #203113. Approved Case #203047, Case #203115, and Case #203125. Subpoena Case #203103.

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Following Executive Session the Board will schedule a meeting with the Public Defender's Office.

BEER AND LIQUOR LICENSES

The Board approved the following applications for Beer and/or Liquor Licenses:

<u>County #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Doing Business As</u>
#54	Ned E Dansie	Snake River Sports & Marina
#55	Kathryn Erickson	Raft River Family Store

RECESS

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 29, 2003.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY=S MEETING

Renee Wells, SIP; Shari Chaney, Times News

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

Dennis Crane, Chairman