

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 25, 2003 were discussed. A motion was 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 September 2003.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A letter from Simplot Inc of Heyburn, Idaho giving the Board formal notice of the upcoming job eliminations and plant closure of the Heyburn Plant. The Company will cease operations on or about November 1, 2003.
2. A letter from the City of Rocks National Reserve concerning the City of Rocks Fire Management plan.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The Board discussed the law enforcement contract the County has with the City of Burley. The new ISTARs program will likely reduce the disbursement of monies to the City, which may impact the contract.

### **BUDGET HEARING**

Chairman Crane led the discussion with the Department Heads concerning the Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 County Budget. All Department Heads explained their proposed budgets and expressed thanks to the Board and the Auditor's office for assistance in preparing their budgets. Chairman Crane recessed the Public Hearing and the Board will reconvene on Thursday, September 4, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. to further discuss the pending budget. The Board will then finalize and sign the final budget on Monday, September 8, 2003.

### **SHERIFF'S PATROL CAR QUOTES**

Captain Carey Bristol discussed quotes from local automobile dealers for a new patrol car for the Sheriff's Department. It was moved and seconded to accept the quote and purchase a new patrol car from Goode Motor of Burley, Idaho for a total cost of \$23,535.00.

### **JUNKYARD MATTERS**

Kerry McMurray discussed the junkyard matters in the County and the need to have the Junkyard Committee serve an active role in resolving the junkyard complaints in Cassia County.

### **CHANGE OF STATUS**

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of one (1) new full-time employee for the MCCJC and voting was unanimous by the Board.

### **COUNTY BUILDING MATTERS**

The Board discussed installing a rain gutter on the Casa Bonita apartment and some of the keys having problems unlocking the rear door of the Courthouse. The decision was to install the necessary rain gutter, wait until the Assessor's office moves to the Annex building and then re-key the entrance doors or have new keys made

### **CITY OF ROCKS**

The Board reviewed a letter from Wallace F. Keck, Park Manager of the City of Rocks regarding an Agreement on equipment usage. It was moved and seconded to enter into the Agreement to transfer full ownership of a Caterpillar tractor D7F and a 1985 Mack 10-wheel dump truck to Cassia County 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 Release of Medically Indigent Lien for Case #202138. Signed Notice of Lien and Application for Medically Indigent Benefits for Case #203112, Case #203113, Case #203114, Case #203115, Case #203115, Case #203116, Case #203117, Case #203118. Signed Certificate of Denial for Case #203088, Case #203092, Case #203096, Case #203098. Signed Certificate of Approval for Case #203049.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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. Voting was unanimous by the Board.

Following Executive Session the Board will invite the concerned parties and their attorneys to argue their position before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, September 8, 2003.

#### **RECESS**

The Board of County Commissioners meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 8, 2003.

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

Renee Wells, SIP; Shari Chaney, Times News; Steve Vaughn, Misdemeanor Probations, Don Garner, Juvenile Probations; Marty Holland, Assessor; Doug Whipple, Public Defender; Jim Higen, County Sheriff; Dennis Dexter, MCCJC; Gayle Erekson, Treasurer; Gordon Edwards, County Weed and Pest Control; Richard Garrard, County Extension; Carey Bristol, Cassia County Deputy Sheriff; Gale Garrett, MCCJC

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Larry A. Mickelsen, Clerk

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Dennis Crane, Chairman