

# COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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November 2, 2009

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met this day with Chairman Dennis Crane, Paul Christensen and Clay D. Handy, Board Members; Alfred E. Barrus, Prosecuting Attorney; Wendy L. Marr, Deputy Clerk of the Board, and Kerry D. McMurray, County Administrator, present.

## PREVIOUS WEEK'S MINUTES

The Minutes for October 26, 2009 were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve and proceed with publication of an appropriate synopsis. Roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

## CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the calendar for November 2009.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following:

1. A notice of meeting for Snake River Soil Conservation.
2. A thank you card from Suzan Keck.
3. A tax notice for the county apartments and house.
4. An invitation from BYU to attend a concert.
5. A newsletter from the University of Idaho Department of Conservation Social Science.
6. A pamphlet from Idaho Housing and Finance.
7. A meeting announcement from IASCD-Division IV.

## SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Board reviewed a request for FY 2010 funds from East and West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$2,500.00 per district. Upon review a motion was made and seconded to approve the request for each district.

## MCDEC

The Board reviewed a request for contribution to Mini-Cassia Development Economic Commission (MCDEC). Upon review the Board decided to table it for a couple of weeks.

## MIDDLE SNAKE REGIONAL WATER RESOUCE

The Board reviewed a ballot for reappointment of commissioner member Jack Hart from Twin Falls to the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission. Upon review a motion was made and seconded to cast their ballot for Jack Hart.

## RESOLUTION 2009-029

The Board reviewed Resolution No. 2009-029 regarding destruction of semi-permanent records from the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center. After review and discussion, it was moved and seconded to sign and execute Resolution No. 2009-029 and roll call vote was unanimous by the Board.

## COUNTY EXPENDITURE

The Board reviewed the County's Payables Approval Report dated November 2, 2009. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report and the roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Handy, Commissioner Christensen and Chairman Crane all voting yea.

CURRENT EXPENSES	104	\$4,138.92
INDIGENT FUND	105	\$31,154.98
DISTRICT COURT FUND	106	\$887.10
COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES FUND	107	\$375.00

911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND	115	\$9,353.04
JUSTICE FUND	130	\$6,793.53
MINI-CASSIA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE	136	\$248.92
ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION	149	\$7,386.95
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,338.44</b>

**PUC NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

The Board reviewed a Notice of Application, case No. IPC-E-09-25, from the Public Utilities Commission requesting approval of a 20-year Firm Energy Sales Agreement between Idaho Power and Idaho Winds LLC dated September 1, 2009. Upon review a motion was made and seconded to sign the application.

**DELTA DENTAL**

The Board reviewed an employee benefits renewal proposal from Delta Dental offering no change to the 11% administrative rate for the renewal contract from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Upon review a motion was made and seconded to renew the proposed contract with Delta Dental.

**EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN**

The Board reviewed Amendment #4, to change the language, of the Cassia County Employee Benefit Plan. This amendment concerns qualified individuals covered by the plan, expanding it to cover those provided for under Michelle’s Law, who are dependent college students. Upon review a motion was made and seconded to sign, date and witness Amendment #4.

**CSI RESIDENCY**

The Board met with Chief Deputy Recorder, Viki Osterhout, to discuss CSI Residency matters. The Board stated that they will not be granting county funds to the resident from Utah. Mrs. Osterhout explained the process of how the county determines who qualifies for county funds and who does not through the use of Idaho Statutes. Social Security numbers need to be required for identification purposes for verification of identity to eliminate duplications. The Board will review and sign all residency forms. Upon review a motion was made and seconded allowing any commissioner the authority to sign the affidavit of Residency Form.

**COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE**

The Board discussed County Road & Bridge matters and Byway Construction status. Sam Adams requested a change of his current cellular phone company from Alltel to Syringa Wireless. The change is necessary due to poor reception by the current service, which has improved reception in those areas under the new plan. The Board requested that Kerry McMurray work with Sam Adams to be certain on the contracting for this matter.

**GATEWAY WEST TRANSMISSION**

Kerry McMurray read an email regarding a meeting that was held in October to discuss options for Segment 7 of the proposed Gateway West Transmission Line Project. Mr. McMurray presented a letter of response to BLM from Cassia County emphasizing that the 7R route is not viable and requesting it be removed from consideration. Upon review a motion was made and seconded to sign and execute the letter.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:02 AM 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, the Board returned to regular session at 10:10 AM. Following Executive Session the Board signed; Stipulation for Enlargement of Time Limitations for case # 2009100 and 2009080 and Notice of Lien for case # 2009113, 2009112, 2009114 and 2009115. The Board assigned to the Catastrophic Fund their respective percentage of all reimbursements received on the following case # 208102, 208109, 208075, 208089, 208125, 2009013, 208130 and 208070.

**FEDERAL PRISON SITING PROJECT**

The Board discussed the status of the Federal Prison Siting project and several questions arose. Letters were prepared to members of Idaho's Federal Congressional delegation addressing the questions, which letters were signed by the Board. The letters will be forwarded to Senator Crapo, Senator Risch and Representative Simpson for their responses.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:16 AM 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)(b) 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 employee matters. Following the discussion, the Board returned to regular session at 10:36 AM. Following executive session, the Board to the matter under advisement.

**DISTRICT INTEROPERABILITY GOVERNANCE**

The Board met with Sheriff Randy Kidd and 911 Coordinator Kent Searle to discuss district interoperability governance board issues as well as 911 matters. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Sheriff Kidd and Kent Searle as the representatives of Cassia County District Interoperability Governance Board with George Warrell as an alternate.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:17 AM 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, the Board returned to regular session.

Following Executive Session the Board took the matter under advisement.

**LUNCH**

The Board departed for lunch at Shon Hing, where Kerry McMurray, County Administrator reported on several personnel issues during their working luncheon

**RECESS**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 9, 2009.

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

Margi Owens, Weekly News Journal; Lori Welch, Times News and Darryl McCall

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Wendy L. Marr, Deputy Clerk

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Dennis Crane, Chairman

