

August 25, 2008

8:30 AM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stapelman with Commissioners Hunsaker and Moore in attendance. Minutes were taken by Clerk Smith.

Applications for County Aid

The Board considered the following Applications for County Aid:

Approved: 100809, 2008-135; 100538, 2008-117; 100824, 2008-156 Denied: 100263, 2008-155; 100193, 2008-128; 100808, 2008-134; 100825, 2008-157

Bills and Payroll

The following bills were examined, approved and ordered paid and the warrants may be seen at the Auditor's Office.

	Bills	Payroll
Current Expense	\$2,953.09	\$54,254.51
Indigent		2,050.81
Parks & Recreation		1,194.15
Revaluation	1,041.70	13,788.14
Weed		2,896.96
District Court	2,114.37	8,128.18
Waterways Trust	131.96	1,214.09
Justice Fund	22,207.44	145,018.76
E911	103.23	4,673.89

Pilot Juvenile Program

Nancy Kunau appeared before the Board to explain her new position with the Supreme Court. She stated that she is working with Judge Varin in a new juvenile program that is a pilot study. She is seeking input from the various boards of county commissioners about what juvenile programs they would like to see funded.

Monthly Meeting of Department Heads

The monthly meeting of department heads was held:

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER ADMINISTRATOR BODILY reported only five residents today. He also advised that they had another resignation (Ben McArthur) and they have scheduled “Appropriate Use of Force” training for his staff.

WEED SUPERVISOR SMITH presented his Monthly Progress Report and mentioned that he has been updating the CCR information for the Bureau of Reclamation.

COUNTY AGENT GILLESPIE said they have been fielding a lot of canning/preservation calls. She reported that 183 animals were sold at the Fair for a total of \$266,000 and their new sale pavilion was effective and well-received. Gillespie also mentioned that the vacant County Agent’s position is being advertised.

IT ADMINISTRATOR RUTSCHKE informed the Board that enhanced E-911 system is scheduled to be operating by September 11, 2008.

TREASURER TWISS said that they are still busy collecting delinquent taxes.

JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR TATE reported that interviews were held last Friday to fill the vacant Cassia School Compliance Officer position.

CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR WEST advised the Board that Assessor Vaughn was attending the Assessors’ Conference.

SHERIFF HALVERSON said that there has been an unusually high volume of felonies that has kept his officers busy.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CANNON pointed out that the felonies that the Sheriff’s Office has been handling have been keeping her office busy, too.

CLERK SMITH reminded everyone of the Budget Hearing that is scheduled this afternoon. He also asked the department heads to determine their employees’ interest in

having their pay checks issued via 'direct deposit'. Smith initiated discussion about the Employee Hardship Program that the commissioners have voiced some concern about. The Board is considering using vacation leave rather than sick leave or placing some constraints on the amount of sick leave that is donated.

PERSI

Lisa Conn, representing PERSI, appeared before the Board to provide more information about the State's retirement program. The Board indicated that they would make a decision by September 8 following an advisory vote of the employees.

Minidoka Memorial Hospital FY09 Budget

Carl Hanson, Minidoka Memorial Hospital Administrator, reviewed the Hospital's FY09 Budget. He reported that FY08 was the best financial year ever for the Hospital. Hanson also discussed the problems facing the Hospital for financing future expansion because of the court decision in the Frasier case.

Minutes Approved

Minutes of the June 30, 2008 meeting were approved with no changes.

Mid-Snake Regional Water Resource Commission

The Board unanimously approved a **MOTION** to re-appoint Don Murray as Minidoka County's representative on the Mid-Snake Regional Water Resource Commission.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

DANIEL STAPELMAN, Chairman

Attest:

DUANE SMITH, Clerk