

December 22, 2008

8:35 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: 100859, 2008-208; 100783, 2008-97; 100783, 2008-182 Denied: 100854, 2008-200; 100856, 2008-205; 94839, 2008-217; 100637, 2008-202

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	\$66,612.70	\$53,900.35
Indigent	20,084.62	1,996.30
Parks & Recreation	866.63	1,175.28
Revaluation		13,060.18
Weed	1,002.03	2,808.27
District Court	19,186.86	8,368.94
Justice Fund	12,415.17	153,485.64
#911	1,137.15	4,669.53

MCYCFL

The Board discussed the request for a donation submitted on behalf of the MCYCFL. The Board agreed to not grant the request.

Solid Waste Fee

The Board discussed Mark Maier's request to waive the Solid Waste Fee for the demolition waste of the property at the Heyburn Industrial Park. Chairman Stapelman said that the Solid Waste District will be discussing the matter and he would report their findings at our next meeting.

Proposed Vicious Animal Ordinance

The proposed ordinance regarding vicious animals was revisited by the Board and they deferred their decision until the next meeting.

Super 8 Motel Taxes

The Board reviewed the circumstances of the earlier request for reduction in property taxes presented on behalf of the Super 8 Motel. The Board felt that the current owners should obtain relief from the previous owners, therefore they unanimously approved a **MOTION** to deny their request.

Monthly Meeting of Department Heads

The monthly meeting of department heads was held:

UNDERSHERIFF WATSON advised that few problems had been reported due to the recent snow.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER report was given by Charlotte Reedy. The facility has been pretty full lately, 11 at the present time including 5 state holds. She also reported that Trent and two staff graduated POST.

COUNTY AGENT GILLESPIE said that they will be holding their 9th Horsing Around Camp on January 30 and 31. The District Three 4-H retreat is being planned for March in Albion. She also advised the Board that the vacant position in Minidoka County and all salaries are being frozen due to the state-ordered holdbacks.

ASSESSOR VAUGHN mentioned that he is putting together an analysis for next year's land values. He also has developed information regarding property tax increases and how they are affected by Urban Renewal Districts.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR ASTON presented his Building Permit Report which reflected a large decrease from previous year's activity. He said there was no Planning and Zoning Meeting this month. Aston advised that more shelves are needed for storing records in the new building. It will also be necessary to clean out the northwest corner of the Courthouse in preparation for demolition. Commissioner Moore asked about correcting problems with the new heating system and Aston responded that it appears to be a design flaw and he has contacted a different engineer to look at it.

IT ADMINISTRATOR RUTSCHKE reported that the new network equipment has been installed and Computer Arts said that our system is the fastest of their 30 counties.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CANNON said her office is getting good use out of their DVD copier. She reported a busy month with lots of DUI cases.

TREASURER TWISS stated that her office also has been very busy with people getting their tax payments in before the December 20 deadline.

CLERK SMITH advised everyone that a monthly report of expenditures will be sent to the department heads after the payment of bills on the third Monday of each month. This will be a difficult year and he hopes everyone will watch their expenses very closely. He also reported that seven employees were interviewed and Kay Moore was chosen to be hired to fill the vacancy in the Auditor's Office following Peggy Moore's retirement.

Lunch with Legislators

During lunch the Commissioners and Department Heads met with our local Legislators to discuss county issues and preview the coming legislative session.

Fair Labor Standards Act

Prosecuting Attorney Cannon met with the Board to discuss the Fair Labor Standards Act and the exempt employee list. She indicated that a separate decision will need to be made regarding the reporting of sick and vacation leave for the exempt employees.

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