

**MINIDOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 19, 2011**

**Meeting called to order at 8:32 AM**

**Present for the meeting were:** Chairman Robert Moore, Commissioner Sheryl Koyle, and Commissioner Kent McClellan.

**Also attended by:** Clerk Patty Temple

**Indigent Director Tonya Page and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Alan Goodman RE: County Aid Applications**

The Board considered the following applications for County Aid:

Denied: 2011-183; 2011-168; 2011-167; 2011-175; 2011-166; 2011-160

**Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 (1) (b) to discuss Personnel Issues**

Commissioner Koyle moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 (1) (b) to discuss issues with personnel. Commissioner McClellan seconded. Commissioner McClellan voted aye, Commissioner Koyle voted aye, and Commissioner Moore voted aye.

Returning to regular session

**Administrative Matters**

Clerk Temple presented the findings of the Idaho Board of Tax Appeals regarding the appeal filed by Mr. Dan Stapelman. The State Board of Appeals upheld the decision of the Commissioners, sitting as a Board of Equalization, to deny the request for an Agricultural Exemption on Mr. Stapelman's parcel.

Toni Poinelli, via e-mail, requested the County's position regarding the community college tuition and the liquor distribution received from the state, whether the county would be willing to give up the liquor allocation if the requirements for counties and community college tuition were repealed. The County currently receives \$57,780 from the state for liquor distribution, half goes into the community college fund and half goes into current expense. The total that the county paid in FY2011 for college tuition was \$265,250.

The monthly NaCo prescription report was presented to the commissioner showing the number of county residents that use the discounted prescription program.

The IAC Legislative Committee report showing the priorities for the 2012 Legislative Session was presented for review. Priority 1 was for the Mental Health Commitments. Other issues that will be introduced are purchasing exemptions, tax deed indigent reimbursements, write-in ballot changes, board of community guardians and capitalization surplus.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Koyle made a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2011. Commissioner McClellan seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

**Claims & Payroll Approval**

Commissioner McClellan moved to accept the claims and payroll as submitted. Commissioner Koyle seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

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

	Bills	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 10,559.89	26,916.25
District Court	1,778.20	4,784.60
Justice Fund	21,485.65	95,296.08

E911	1,749.78	3,970.07
Election Consolidation		581.34
Indigent Fund	19,443.37	1,542.55
Parks & Recreation		608.35
Revaluation	4.97	7,811.51
Waterways Fund	55.00	
Weed	.92	1,566.95

### **Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner McClellan reported that the Veteran's Affairs committee requested that a new Veteran Service Officer Law manual be purchased for Georgiana Greenwell. Commissioner McClellan made a motion to pay for one-half a new law manual for the Veteran Service Officer, with the approval of Cassia County paying for the other half. Commissioner Koyle seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

An updated list of district projects submitted by the Mini-Cassia Transportation Committee was also presented by Commissioner McClellan. The ranking and the completion of the projects is subject to the availability of funds and also safety issues. Some of the possible projects are a Bike/Walking path between Rupert and Heyburn along Hwy 24 and an upgrade to US Hwy 30 in Cassia County.

### **Department Head Meeting**

**Assessor Max Vaughn** reported on the IAC Legislative priorities.

**Treasurer Laura Twiss's** office is collecting money "like crazy".

**Extension Agent Donna Gillespie** reported that there was a huge turnout for the recertification school. The 4-H Robotics team competed Saturday at the state level. There will be a new livestock judging team this year that will focus more on the younger kids.

**Sheriff Kevin Halverson** had a busy week-end. There were numerous crashes and fires on Friday as well. **IT Supervisor Janie Rutschke** informed the Board that January will bring some down time for the offices on the computers as there will be network changes which will improve our IP addresses. The ductless heat pump is urgently needed in the server room to help keep the equipment cool.

**JDC Director Trent Bodily** has 4 residents this morning, 3 from Minidoka and 1 from Cassia. He and Deputy Director Charlotte Reedy attended the Prison Rape Elimination Act training recently and are getting the final rules and regulation established. A current staff member can be used as administrator of the act instead of hiring a new person.

**Weed Supervisor Reid Smith** reported on his presentation for the recertification class held by the extension office. He is still waiting for direction on the EPA program for spraying.

**Prosecutor Lance Stevenson** is busy with the shooting that occurred over the weekend.

**Clerk Temple** reported that her office is winding down from the November election and is starting back up for the March election.

**JPO Supervisor Dixie Tate** was unable to attend the meeting but Clerk Temple read her report which stated that the probation caseloads are running between to 30-45, which is down considerably from a year ago, with the return of Juan Villicana. The WILD program is a huge success. She has 10 active CIP grants and the SUD program is still under budget and things are going smooth.

**Commissioner Koyle** reported that the Senior Citizen Center recently had 2 individuals from the state lottery down to advise them of regulations with their BINGO program. Director Penny Schell is doing a fabulous job.

**Commissioner Moore** hopes to see everyone at the Christmas dinner on Thursday.

### **Executive Session Pursuant to I.C.67-2345(1) (d) for Prosecutor Lance Stevenson**

Commissioner Koyle made a motion to return to Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 (1) (d) Commissioner McClellan seconded. Commissioner McClellan voted aye, Commissioner Koyle voted Aye and Commissioner Moore voted aye.

The Board returned to regular session

**Amend Agenda pursuant to I.C. 67-2343 (4) (c)**

Commissioner Koyle made a motion to amend the agenda for Sheriff Halverson since the Board will not meet again until January 9. Commissioner McClellan seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Sheriff Halverson and IT Administrator Janie Rutschke met with the Board to discuss the possibility of hiring a part time person to help with the IT department. The E911 department takes a lot of the IT departments time with all of the communications equipment and Sheriff Halverson indicated that there would be money in the E911 fund to help pay for a part time person. Clerk Temple and Sheriff Halverson will meet and look at the budget and revenue to determine if it can be done at this time.

**Scott Burpee and Melissa Ourada RE: Safe Haven**

Representatives from Safe Haven presented information to the Board in regards to their facility. Safe Haven is a 14 bed acute psychiatric hospital located in Pocatello. Their fee would range from \$700 to \$800 a day. They have 2 psychiatrists on staff along with other supporting staff. They are just starting to develop an outpatient program. The Board will consult legal counsel on the proposed contract.

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Robert Moore, Chairman  
Minidoka County Commission

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patty Temple, Clerk