

**MINIDOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 28, 2011**

**Meeting called to order at 8:30 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:

Approved: 2011-58

Denied: 2011-151

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner McClellan made a motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2011. Commissioner Koyle seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

**Claims Approval**

Commissioner Koyle moved to accept the claims as submitted. Commissioner McClellan 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.

Current Expense	\$ 10,085.97
District Court	591.45
Justice Fund	9,338.82
E911	1,789.89
Indigent Fund	649.63
Parks & Recreation	49.00
Weed	188.49

**Multi Bank Securities Report**

The Multi Bank securities report ending October 31, 2011 was presented for review.

**Gem Plan Board of Trustees Election**

The Gem Plan election form with nominee Cleone Jolley, of Bingham County, was presented to the Board. Commissioner McClellan made the motion to return the form approving the election of Mr. Jolley to a two year term as Member-at-Large on the Gem Plan Board of Trustees. Commissioner Koyle seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

**Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Moore reported on concerns from City of Acequia council member Nina Stephenson as to the recent newspaper article from the City of Rupert meeting. The issue was whether the animal control facility passed inspection or not. Commissioner McClellan reported that the report at the Animal Control Board meeting was that the facility had passed inspection. Commissioner Moore also reported on attending the SIEDO anniversary meeting in Twin Falls where reports on the new yogurt facility, the call center and Idaho Milk were given. He will be attending meetings for Gem Plan and the Solid Waste District meeting this week.

Commissioner McClellan reported that he had recently attended the SCCAP meeting in Twin Falls. There are concerns about budget cuts in the future and there was discussion about putting together a Minidoka County Transportation Committee.

Commissioner Koyle recently attended the SCHD (South Central District Health) meeting in Twin Falls.

**Dean McFarland RE: Hardship Application**

Mr. McFarland met with the Board to discuss his application for cancellation of taxes. Treasurer Twiss indicated that he did not qualify for the Circuit Breaker program this year; but will probably qualify next year which could possibly pay for his property taxes. His taxes are not currently delinquent and would have to be three years delinquent before the county would take any action. The possibility of submitting Mr. McFarland's name to the Goodwill Fund, which comes from donations from county employees, was discussed. The Commissioner tabled the application.

**Department Heads**

Treasurer Laura Twiss stated her office is busy with tax collections. The collection rate appears to be close to the same as last year.

Building Administrator Tony Morley reported that the new person hired is settling into the office. The Planning and Zoning Board will not meet again until January. Building permits are 'chugging' along and the school he recently attended in South Carolina went well.

Weed Supervisor Reid Smith has been attending meetings on the new regulation on spraying. There are strict guidelines for the Clean Water Act. Questions that the Weed Supervisor have brought before the Federal Government have not been answered as of yet. He is also busy on a presentation for the upcoming chemical re-licensing school.

IT Administrator Janie Rutschke reported that the remote access with the title companies is going well. She is now working on texting through CAD for dispatch.

Extension Agent Donna Gillespie stated that the chemical recertification school will be December 7<sup>th</sup> in Burley. The 4-H Lego Robotics team qualified for state completion in Moscow on December 17<sup>th</sup>. This is the first year for the program. Over 400 guests were present for the recent awards night held at the McGregor Center. 685 pies were ordered for the 4-H fund raiser. The Burley Inn has been awarded the contract for the state leader's forum and this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Idaho's 4-H program.

Deputy Juvenile Detention Director Charlotte Reedy reported that there are 2 in custody 1 from Minidoka and 1 from Cassia. She and Trent will be attending the Prison Rape Elimination Act Training in Idaho Falls. There is a full time position still open for a male at the center.

Juvenile Probation Administrator Dixie Tate informed the Commissioner of the grants that the office has applied for and received. There was one juvenile that was recently committed to the Department of Juvenile Corrections.

Assessor Max Vaughn said his office is busy answering questions since the tax notices have went out. The new windows installed in the office are 'super nice' and the office appreciates the upgrade.

Prosecutor Stevenson reported that his office is busy.

Sheriff Halverson reported that they had a busy weekend and are now fully staffed with the return of Deputy Stumph from Iraq. They are down 2 people in dispatch at this time.

Clerk Temple reported that the recount for the Heyburn mayoral race will be held this afternoon in Courtroom #3. Representatives from the Attorney General's office and also the Secretary of State's office will be here to oversee the count.

Commissioner Moore requested comments from the department heads as to when they would like to hold the annual Christmas party. December 22<sup>nd</sup> was chosen for the date.

**Tony Morley RE: House Condemnation & Removal**

Mr. Morley presented the Board with information regarding houses in the area that need to be condemned and removed as they present health and safety issues for the community. He has been working with

Prosecutor Stevenson to address the issue so the County can condemn and remove the structures. A title search would need to be done. The property owner would be responsible for the search and also for the removal of debris after the burn, but if they could not pay for it a lien would be attached to the property. The County would need to then pay for the costs up front. Clerk Temple advised the Board that there is no line item in the Budget at this time for such expenses. Commissioner Koyle made a motion to authorize a title search for the Bryan Dayley property for condemnation and burning with the funds to come out of General Reserve. Commissioner McClellan seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

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Robert Moore, Chairman  
Minidoka County Commission

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