

**MINUTES**  
**Mini-Cassia Jail Committee Meeting**  
**February 8, 2022**  
**8:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Prosecutor Stevenson at 8:08 a.m.

Minidoka County representatives present were: Commissioner McClellan, Prosecutor Stevenson and Sheriff Pinther.

Cassia County representatives present were: Commissioner Searle, Prosecutor Larsen and Undersheriff Thompson.

Others present were: Cassia County Administrator McMurray, Director Renz, Director Prewitt, Cassia County Deputy Clerk Wallace, Cassia County Clerk Larsen, JDC Director Bodily, Mini-Cassia Jail maintenance supervisor Marshall Worthington, Minidoka Deputy Clerk Ramsey and Minidoka County Clerk Page.

Prosecutor Stevenson explained the **voting process** for the Mini-Cassia Joint Jail Committee.

Sheriff Pinther **moved to approve the minutes of January 25<sup>th</sup>**, with a second voiced by Undersheriff Thompson. Motion carried.

**Criminal Justice Center – Director Renz**

Marshall Worthington, the Mini-Cassia Jail maintenance supervisor, described a problem with the jails cooling tower duct work, chemicals are added which has eaten holes in the exhaust duct work, this is allowing exhaust to enter into the building in the mechanical area, not the inmate area. Twin Falls companies were called but all were too busy. Lewis Mechanical out of Pocatello wrote up a proposal for \$15,750. This would come from the repair budget line item which will leave \$27,000 for the remainder of the year. Commissioner Searle made the **motion to get the duct work repaired**, with a second voiced by Undersheriff Thompson. Motion carried and will go to both County Commissioner for approval.

Director Renz reported that they have 144 in custody: 54 Cassia, 40 Minidoka, 32 IDOC, 13 US Marshalls, 1 Twin Falls, 1 ICE and 3 others which makes 47 beds rented today. Director Renz will be calling around to get at least 6 more inmates. The US marshals were told we will not accept any more inmates until the contract is straightened out. Director Renz clarified the revenue report that showed 35% of the year gone and only 24% of revenue being received, that does not include the revenue for December & January. If you add the \$55,000 for December and \$82,000 for January, they will be at 35.76% revenue. Director Renz also reported he has 4 open positions and only has 1 application. The last 6 didn't pass the testing.

### **Adult Misdemeanor Probation – Director Prewitt**

Director Prewitt reported that they have 1038 active probationers and 373 pretrial. There were 7 employees out with COVID last week so they shut down Thursday and Friday. They were only closed to the public, so the remaining employees finished up the remodel of the bathrooms.

### **Juvenile Detention Center – Director Bodily**

Director Bodily reported: there are 5 residents in detention, 4 Minidoka and 1 Cassia; they are down 5 staff members with illnesses; he has a full time opening for a male detention officer.

### **Criminal Justice Center Budget – Clerk Larsen**

Deputy Clerk Wallace, reported that at 35% of the year gone: misdemeanor probation is at 35% expended, and revenue is at 45%; the jail is at 35% expended and revenue is at 28.18%; after both counties funded, the trust is sitting at \$536,632.31. She also reported if the revenue trend continues the trust will be around 5 to 10% short (\$80,000-\$100,000) this will need to be split between the two Counties.

Cassia Clerk Larsen explained where the trust is and financial concerns.

### **Juvenile Detention Center Budget – Clerk Page**

Minidoka County Clerk Page reported that at 35% of the year gone the Juvenile Detention Center is at 29% expended with a balance in the trust of \$390,341.

## **Commissioner/Sheriff**

Undersheriff Thompson had nothing to add.

Sheriff Pinther had nothing to add.

Commissioner Searle had nothing to add.

Commissioner McClellan had nothing to add.

Administrator McMurray had nothing to add.

## **Unfinished Business - Action items**

Nothing to report

Commissioner Searle **moved to adjourn**, with a second voiced by Sheriff Pinther.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

**Next Meeting: February 22, 2021, 8:00 a.m. Zoom**