



# Cassia County Board of Commissioners

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### Monday, February 6, 2023

Cassia County Courthouse ▪ Commission Chambers  
1459 Overland Ave ▪ Room 206 ▪ Burley ID 83318

9:00 AM

The Cassia County Board of Commissioners met today at the place and time as posted by agenda pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204 for Open Meetings Law.

#### **ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1) 9:03 AM Call to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance and prayer
- 3) 9:04 AM Roll call

#### **Roll Call.**

**Present:** Leonard M. Beck – Chair, Kent R. Searle – Member, Bob Kunau - Member, Cally Velasquez - Deputy Clerk (Not voting).

- 4) 9:04 AM Calendar, meetings, committee reports, and correspondence were reviewed.
  - a) 2/9/2023 Veterans Board meeting at 7:00 PM in Rupert - Kunau
  - b) 2/9/2023 IT Committee meeting - Searle
  - c) 2/9/2023 Transportation meeting at 7:00 AM - Beck
  - d) 2/9/2023 Farm Bureau meeting at 12:00 PM - Beck
  - e) Chair Beck received an email from Velma Payne, a representative for the Idaho Rural Health Association at ISU requesting that he fill out a survey.
  - f) Chair Beck also received a Notice of hearing on the Sage Cove Subdivision Judicial Review
  - g) 9:36 AM Chair Beck received a phone call from Bill Parsons with Southwest Irrigation about the chart drafted by Planning and Zoning on the zoning amendments. Mr. Parsons will be reaching out to Mr. McMurray to discuss their concerns.

9:07 AM Mr. McMurray entered the meeting.

9:10 AM Prosecutor Larsen entered the meeting.

- 5) 9:14 AM Approve payables for 2/6/2023

9:14 AM **Motion and Action:** Approve payables as presented on 2/6/2023, **Moved by** Bob Kunau - Member, **Seconded by** Kent R. Searle – Member.  
Motion passed unanimously.

CASSIA COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION  
Monday, February 6, 2023

**Instrument # 2023000353**  
BURLEY, CASSIA, IDAHO  
2-13-2023 10:10:42 AM No. of Pages: 7  
Recorded for : CASSIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JOSEPH LARSEN Fee: 0.00  
Ex-Officio Recorder Deputy  
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6) 9:16 AM Approve minutes from 1/30/2023

9:17 AM **Motion and Action:** Approve minutes from 1/30/2023 as presented, **Moved by** Kent R. Searle – Member, **Seconded by** Bob Kunau - Member.  
Motion passed unanimously.

7) 9:17 AM Approval of Clerk's Office recommendations regarding junior college Certificates of Residency

9:17 AM **Motion and Action:** Approve Clerk's Office recommendations to approve two junior college Certificates of Residency as presented, **Moved by** Bob Kunau - Member, **Seconded by** Kent R. Searle – Member.  
Motion passed unanimously.

8) 11:09 AM Personnel Matters - Change of Status Requests

- a) MCCJC - Christopher Gibbons - Detention Deputy - voluntary resignation
- b) CCSO - Dan Tracy - Reserve Patrol Deputy for City - new hire
- c) Assessor - Angelina Nava - Administrative Assistant II- new hire; pending reception of a signed job description from the Assessor's Office.

11:12 AM **Motion and Action:** Approve Change of Status Requests with conditions previously explained, **Moved by** Bob Kunau - Member, **Seconded by** Kent R. Searle – Member.  
Motion passed unanimously.

11:14 AM The Board authorized the Chairman to sign the job description under the conditions for the change of status for Angelina Nava, **Moved by** Kent R. Searle – Member, **Seconded by** Bob Kunau - Member.  
Motion passed unanimously.

9) 9:40 AM Executive Sessions

9:41 AM **Motion and Action:** Enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (b) to consider personnel issues, Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding pending/imminently-likely litigation, **Moved by** Kent R. Searle – Member, **Seconded by** Bob Kunau - Member.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

**Yes:** Kent R. Searle - Member, Bob Kunau - Member, Leonard M. Beck - Chair.

11:04 AM Upon exit of Executive Session, the board took the matter under advisement.

10) 9:19 AM Discuss proposed Lava Ridge windmills

- a) Commissioner Schenk contacted Commissioner Beck about a resolution that would be offered to all of the counties within District IV regarding the windmills.
- b) Commissioner Beck stated that he had found that there was opposition to windmills on public lands.
- c) The Board discussed the matter, and Commissioner Searle stated that he would like to review additional information on the matter.
- d) 9:24 AM Mike Ottley from Noxious Weed Control spoke on the matter. He said it has been on the forefront of the Weed Control Association's subject matter. He said he wasn't speaking for or against the matter, just that they are very concerned with what is going to happen with the weeds out there. The plan is to put 400 wind turbines over an area of 197,000 acres. The project's plan for weed control is insufficient in Mr. Ottley's view. He listed four high priority invasive species of weeds in that area that need to be watched and restricted so they don't spread. The project also plans to put about 600 miles worth of roads throughout the area. Mr. Ottley is concerned with the travel that is expected that those weeds will be brought back to our county.

11) 9:28 AM Discuss water supply advisory committee

- a) Commissioner Beck was hoping to have a meeting with the water director before the first of March. He felt the committee should involve water suppliers. Commissioner Kunau reminded him last week that representatives from the livestock community need to be involved.
- b) Commissioner Kunau mentioned having a meeting with Lt. Governor Scott Bedke last week in which Bedke talked about a uniform water act drafted in 2015 but for which large operations in Eastern Idaho are not honoring. He said it wouldn't serve our county to completely curtail water usage in our area and watch expansions happening upstream that use more water.
- c) At a Southwest Irrigation meeting Searle attended last week, it was decided to cut the acre-feet of water usage again this year.
- d) As far as forming a committee, Searle was in full support and wanted to have some presenters come in to give more information. He suggested that representatives from Water Resources would be great presenters on the matter.

**SCHEDULED ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**

12) 9:37 AM Sign IOEM 2020 Subrecipient Agreement on behalf of the Raft River Highway District Mitigation Grant

- a) Jennifer Gee explained that this is for mitigation grant funds that Raft River Highway District will receive from FEMA. They are trying to upsize culverts out in the Raft River area. They are receiving \$75,000 from FEMA and they are required to match \$25,000. Raft River is doing a soft match in which they will use their hours and funds to meet the \$25,000 requirement.
- b) 11:04 AM The Auditor's Office reviewed the presented documentation. They requested any hard copy receipts being used as matches be supplied to their office. They had no other issues with the paperwork.
- c) The item will be put on next week's agenda after Commissioner Beck has spoken with Raft River to obtain those receipts.

13) 11:15 AM Adjourn

11:15 AM **Motion and Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Kent R. Searle – Member, **Seconded by** Bob Kunau - Member.  
Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

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Leonard M. Beck, Chair

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Cally Velasquez", is written over a horizontal line.

Cally Velasquez



# SUMMARY CLAIMS APPROVAL REPORT INCLUDING BUDGET BALANCES

BOTH UNPAID CLAIMS &amp; DEMANDS GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS

34% OF FISCAL YEAR ELAPSED

\* UNAPPROVED DEMANDS APPEAR IN ACTUALS AND ALSO AS AN INVOICE .

| Fund                                | Budget        | Actual       | Demand/Claims<br>Amt | Budget<br>Remaining | % Budget<br>Remaining |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 0001 GENERAL FUND (CURRENT EXPENSE) | 5,237,898.00  | 1,744,845.47 | 86,367.56            | 3,493,052.53        | 67%                   |
| 0002 ROAD & BRIDGE                  | 579,720.00    | 160,549.08   | 11,234.00            | 419,170.92          | 72%                   |
| 0006 DISTRICT COURT                 | 374,120.00    | 120,367.31   | 4,595.00             | 253,752.69          | 68%                   |
| 0008 JUSTICE FUND                   | 12,291,405.00 | 4,202,297.63 | 342,615.79           | 8,089,107.37        | 66%                   |
| 0012 M-C MISDEMEANOR PROBATION      | 1,098,450.00  | 368,024.00   | 28,215.63            | 730,426.00          | 66%                   |
| 0015 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS         | 217,865.00    | 8,908.47     | 10.00                | 208,956.53          | 96%                   |
| 0018 CASSIA COUNTY FAIR             | 270,708.00    | 72,375.59    | 3,162.00             | 198,332.41          | 73%                   |
| 0020 REVALUATION                    | 452,825.00    | 154,512.34   | 11,884.00            | 298,312.66          | 66%                   |
| 0027 NOXIOUS WEED & PEST            | 426,030.00    | 90,272.23    | 9,835.50             | 335,757.77          | 79%                   |
| 0028 SNOWMOBILE                     | 86,450.00     | 16,937.19    | 750.00               | 69,512.81           | 80%                   |
| 0029 PHYSICAL FACILITIES            | 274,300.00    | 606,841.27   | 2,699.49             | -332,541.27         | -121%                 |
| 0048 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND         | 3,621,490.00  | 1,033,969.68 | 71,035.93            | 2,587,520.32        | 71%                   |
| Total Amount Paid                   |               |              | 572,404.90           |                     |                       |


STATE OF IDAHO  
CASSIA COUNTY

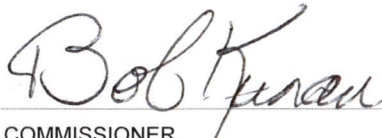
WE, THE CASSIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BEING DULY SWORN DO HEREBY CERTIFY AND DECLARE THAT  
WE HAVE REVIEWED THE DEMANDS ENUMERATED AND REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING REGISTER, AND THAT THE SAME ARE  
TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE ACCURATE AND ARE JUST CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY, AND THAT THERE ARE FUNDS  
AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT THEREOF IN THE COUNTY TREASURY

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION AS OF

2-6-2023

  
COMMISSIONER

  
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\* WARNING: This fund is over budget

# Cassia County Commissioner Meeting

## Attendance Log

Date: 02/06/2023

| NAME (Please Print)       | TOWN   | REPRESENTING           |
|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 1. <del>Butterfield</del> |        | <del>Butterfield</del> |
| 2. Michael Ottley         | Elba   | CCNWC                  |
| 3. David Heida            | Deer   | East Valley Cattle     |
| 4. J. Thompson            |        | CCSO                   |
| 5. G. Warrell             |        | CCSO                   |
| 6. JOE LARSEN             | Burley | CLERK                  |
| 7. K. Horan               |        | CCSO                   |
| 8. Todd Quasi             |        | 9-1-1                  |
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