



Cassia County Board of Commissioners

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 2, 2023

Ace Fire Protection District Office
2743 S. Narrows Road • Almo ID 83312

6:30 PM

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.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) 6:32 PM Call to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance and prayer
- 3) 6:34 PM Roll call

Roll Call.

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

- 4) 6:34 PM Community Meeting - Question and Answers from the public in attendance
 - a) Mr. Hill commended the efforts of the Road & Bridge department in keeping the roads open and clear this past winter. Mr. Keck echoed the sentiments and said they went above and beyond the call of duty in keeping the residents informed through social media.
 - b) Mr. Steve Ward mentioned needing more good gravel on some roads. Supervisor Ryan Ward reported that a gravel screen was coming and they were working on that issue. When asked if they needed to purchase a crusher, he responded that the gravel in the Malta pit is good and he wanted to stick with screening that rather than buying a crusher to make gravel that may not be as good quality as what he can get from the Malta pit. He was asked to look into that type of purchase just for information.
 - c) Beck reported that the County is pursuing building an open-face building to house the department's equipment and protect it from inclement weather.
 - d) Searle said that the County receives monthly reports from representatives for USFS and BLM and felt we have a good working relationship with those entities. He suggested that if there were any issues the residents in attendance had, those matters could be brought up during those monthly reports.
 - e) It was asked whether there are any classes or training available to the employees of the department to help in their duties such as machine operations or road smoothing techniques. Ryan will also look into that possibility if anything exists.
 - f) Ryan said they will be looking to purchase a transport trailer soon. Beck suggested he contact an individual at Burley Irrigation District since they have a lot of dealings in government surplus acquisitions.
 - g) Beck mentioned there is some legislative effort to bring homes into accountability of the 13,000 gallons allowable usage dictated by IDWR.
 - h) Mr. Black complained that the growth in their area was putting a heavy strain on the volunteer fire department and quick response unit. He discussed that there were not sufficient volunteers for fire response and quick response units.

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- i) Fire Chief Santini agreed that they are in need of volunteers. He further spoke of the time it takes to conduct the inspections of new developments. He estimated performing at least one dozen inspections in the last year.
 - j) Searle thought there was a way to address remuneration through administrative fees. Beck asked him to propose a three-tiered fee base schedule that would compensate him for his time and efforts.
 - k) When asked how much growth would push him beyond his department's limits for adequate safety provisions, he said they are fine for now. They've had three structure fires in 27 years.
 - l) Kunau reported that there has been much progress made towards the development of a new airport but that the city of Burley was still working on it. He estimated they would need between 250-300 acres for the site but nothing has been purchased yet.
- 5) 7:30 PM Adjourn

7:30 PM **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:

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Cally Velasquez

Special Meeting

Cassia County Commissioner Meeting

Attendance Log

Date: 6-2-2023

	NAME (Please Print)	TOWN	REPRESENTING
1.	Bob Kunen		Commissioners
2.	Sara Jane Ward	Almo	
3.	Kay Hill	Elba	
4.	Mike Santini	"	
5.	Dena Santini	Elba	
6.	LARRY EDWARDS	Almo	
7.	Bryce Packer	Almo	
8.	Steve Ward	Almo	
9.	Ken Loughmiller	Elba	
10.	Chelsey Loughmiller	Elba	
11.	Donna Marie Ridemore	Elba	
12.	TOM OTTLEY	Elba	
13.	Wallace Keck	Almo	City of Rocks NR
14.	Jay L Black	Almo	
15.	Ray Ward	Almo	
16.	Bob Packer	Almo	
17.	Clark Ward	Almo	
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