



Cassia County Board of Commissioners

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 27, 2023

ACE Fire Protection District Office
2743 S. Narrows Road ▪ Almo ID 83312

6:00 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) Call to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance and prayer
- 3) Roll call

Roll Call.

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

- 4) 6:05 PM Community Meeting - Question and Answers from the public in attendance
 - a) Commissioner Beck welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting up for comments or questions from the community.
 - b) Bill Loughmiller stated that the roads are the biggest problem in the area and that he thought there were three alternatives that would fix them: 1) Divide the money differently in the county 2) Put Elba into the Raft River Highway District 3) Leave the rest of the money to Almo district or put into RRHD.
 - c) Harlan Ward commented that the issue was that better material was needed for the roads.
 - d) Commissioner Beck responded that the county already contributes to the Road and Bridge budget and that Ryan (County Road and Bridge Supervisor) put in @\$70,000 in the budget for gravel and that they are looking for better quality gravel. Beck also responded that the RRHD had already been approached to annex this area into their district, and they did not want to do that.
 - e) Paula Nelson from Elba commented on the bad conditions of the roads, stating that the bus struggled to get down the roads in wet conditions and that the families had to drive their kids to a bus stop.
 - f) Rick Olofson commented that there had been several months that the roads were impassible for 2WD vehicles, with mud and bad ruts, and mentioned that he took a fall when trying to walk across to his mailbox.
 - g) General discussion then occurred regarding the amount and poor quality of the gravel for the roads, with comments made from Mike Ottley, RB Higgins, Paula Nelson, Ryan and Beck, about options such as digging out the road and rebuilding with a better base and quality of gravel, purchasing better gravel from the Malta State Highway Dept pit, and possibly budgeting for crushing and/or screening equipment. Many comments were made in appreciation for Ryan and all of his efforts.
 - h) 6:38 PM Sara Jane Ward talked about the upcoming Republican Presidential Preference Primary, stating that it would be held on Saturday, Mar 2, 2024 in Almo at the ACE Fire Station and in Elba at the community building. She mentioned that voters would have to be affiliated with the Republican Party no later than Dec 29th in order to participate in the caucus and that it would be held from 12-2 PM.

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- i) 6:51 PM Rick Olofson thanked Commissioner Beck for his help with the road issues
- j) Beck noted his appreciation for those in attendance for their faithfulness in coming to this meeting
- k) 6:56 PM Commissioner Searle asked how the newly formed ACE Fire District was coming along. Sara Jane Ward responded that funds are much improved and working better as a taxing district and that they have been able to secure good equipment
- l) 7:00 PM Paula Nelson inquired about budgeting and grants for the roads. Beck and Ottley commented on possible grants from LTAC and other sources, that could possibly be looked into, but that they were time consuming and possibly not much money would be available to the smaller road districts.

5) Adjourn

7:03 PM **Motion and Action:** Adjourn, **moved by** Kent R. Searle - Member, **Seconded by** Bob Kunau - Member. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Leonard M. Beck, Chair

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD:



Susan Keck

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Attendance Log

Date: 11-27-2023 - Almo Community Meeting

NAME (Please Print)	TOWN	REPRESENTING
1. Wallace Keck	Almo	?? Deparas
2. Paula Nelson	Elba	myself
3. Dermogme Redenour	Elba	
4. Sharon Higgins	Elba	
5. RB HIGGINS	ELBA	
6. Rick Olofson	ELBA	Elba Community
7. Ryan Ward	Almo	self - R-Bridge
8. SARA JANE WARD	Almo	
9. Helen & Shari Ward	Almo	Ey Ranch
10. M. Ray Peterson	Elba	
11. LEON PETERSON	ELBA	
12. Bill Loughmiller	Elba	self
13. Michael T. Otley	Elba	self
14. Mike Spencer	YOST	
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