

**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners
Public Budget Hearing
August 25, 2016**

**Present: Chairman Roy Hubert, Commissioner Cresley McConnell,
Commissioner Rebecca Wood, Clerk Brenda Farnworth for minutes.**

6:15pm Chairman Hubert called the meeting to order.
12 members from the public were present.

Chairman Hubert went through the budget summary provided to the patrons.

Chairman Hubert asked Clerk Farnworth to review and explain the new Salary Step Grade schedule that the County has adopted.

Various questions were asked from the public. Rusty Parker asked for a full print out of the budget from the Clerk.

Commissioner Wood read into the record, Lincoln County Resolution 2016-16, FY2017 Use of Forgone Amount pursuant to IC 63-802 the County intending to use \$116,395 of the forgone monies available for the budget next year and the purposes it is intended to be used for.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Hubert called for the reading of Resolution 2016-20, Adopting the Budget for the FY2016-2017 by Commissioner Wood.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to adopt the budget as presented for the amount of \$3,382,934. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

6:40pm Chairman Hubert adjourned the meeting.

**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners
Ambulance District Public Budget Hearing
August 25, 2016**

**Present: Chairman Roy Hubert, Commissioner Cresley McConnell,
Commissioner Rebecca Wood, Clerk Brenda Farnworth for minutes.**

6:40pm Chairman Hubert called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hubert asked Director Larrin Sant if he would like to present his budget, he declined and asked the Chairman to do so.

Chairman Hubert went through the ambulance budget summary that was available to patrons.

Larrin Sant explained the new ambulance purchase planned for 2017 and future plans. He also answered questions from patrons regarding the status of the receivable collections for the district.

Larrin explained the current wages paid to ambulance employees and the difficulty of keeping good trained help due to the wages. He expects to be a training ground for new employees and then they move on to higher paying positions in other counties.

Commissioner McConnell made a point of the disparity of the taxes collected for the Ambulance District. The 2017 salaries and benefits equal \$206,929, but the maximum the Ambulance District can collect in taxes is \$133,400. The maximum levy rate is grossly inadequate, even the Recreation District can generate more tax revenue than the Ambulance District.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Hubert requested that Commissioner Wood read into the record Resolution 2016-01, use of forgone monies of \$21,349 pursuant to IC 63-802 and the purposes for which it will be used.

Chairman Hubert than requested Commissioner Wood read into the record Resolution 2016-02, Adopting the 2016-2017 Budget.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to approve the budget as presented in the amount of \$506,238. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

7:00pm Chairman Hubert adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

Roy E. Hubert, Chairman

Cresley McConnell, Commissioner

Rebecca Wood, Commissioner

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk