

**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
July 25, 2016**

**Present: Chairman Hubert, Commissioner McConnell, Clerk Brenda Farnworth for minutes. Commissioner Wood is not present.**

9:32am Chairman Hubert called the meeting to order.

Minutes and Claims

**Commissioner McConnell made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Chairman Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner McConnell made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting and Ambulance Meeting minutes with additions. Chairman Hubert seconded. Discussion on the wording for the additions to the minutes involving the discussion on the proposed Source Water Protection Ordinance. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner McConnell made a motion to pay the Indigent claims for \$1,020.56. Chairman Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner McConnell made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$135,840.17, with a hold on the \$693.27 to Terry's Heating and Air Conditioning to check if the work done should be covered by warranty, Claim #2823-00060. Chairman Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Correspondence

Letter from James J. Davis regarding the Ted Porter lawsuit. Letter was read into the record from the EEOC to Mr. Porter that the charge of discrimination had been withdrawn.

10:00am District Court Budget Review

Judge Bevan and Trial Court Administrator, Shelli Tubbs were here for discussion.

Clerk Farnworth presented the District Court Budget. This proposal includes moving the two Court Clerks into the District Court. Includes overtime of \$7,100 and \$1,000 travel for Odyssey implementation and increased budgets in transcribing, valuations, West Law Library and jury expense.

10:30am P&Z Public Hearing

Roth Investments LLC, is requesting for rezone from A40 to A5 on a 24.64 acre piece of property. This will square up the property for Darren Taber to purchase so his pivot can run efficiently on the property.

The P&Z Commissioners have approved the rezone, and there was no opposition at the public hearing.

**Commissioner McConnell made a motion to allow Roth Investments LLC to rezone Parcel #RP05S18E182401A currently zoned A40 to A5. Chairman Hubert seconded. Discussion. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

10:48am Budget Work Session

Ambulance Director, Larrin Sant reported that they were not awarded a grant for a new ambulance. Discussion on the rating and the points of the grant.

Larrin adjusted his budget to pay for a new ambulance in the 2017 budget which includes \$50,000 from 2016 budget and 2017 budget from the County.

Discussion on some B-Budget items, Auditors budget and Commissioners Specials.

11:50am Chairman Hubert adjourned the meeting for lunch at the Care Center.

1:00pm Chairman Hubert reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Old School Property – John Larsen. Mr. Larsen did not appear.

**Commissioner McConnell made a motion to amend the Agenda to add an Indigent Executive Session. Chairman Hubert seconded. Good faith reason, a pressing indigent claim, but Clerk accidentally left the session off the agenda. Vote, unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner McConnell made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(d), Indigent. Chairman Hubert seconded. Vote; Commissioner McConnell, aye; Chairman Hubert, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Chairman Hubert adjourned the Regular Meeting to Executive Session.

1:16pm Chairman Hubert adjourned Executive Session and reconvened Regular Session.

**Commissioner McConnell made a motion for Case #20170002, to pay a partial rent in the amount of \$500. Chairman Hubert seconded. Discussion. Indigent Clerk is to have a payment agreement if a settlement is received and to place a personal lien. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

1:30pm Dad's Telephone System upgrade.

Mark Swenson presented 2 options for a new phone system upgrade, one for conventional lines which would be \$18,250. A second option would be to go to a T1-PRI line which would be for \$16,550.

Discussion on the options presented. Dad's Telephone is our current phone system provider and the Courthouse has had this system for approximately 15 years.

Mark also mentioned that if the County went with the T1-PRI line proposal, we could save money with our phone services provider. He will get with the Clerk for some information and get a proposed savings.

#### 2:00pm Driver's License Services

Sheriff Ellis presented that his preference would be to keep the Driver's License and Registrations where they are. But, since that isn't an option, he will make some modifications to his office and bring the Driver's License services into his office. He would need to take a section of the corner of the Treasurer's office and remodel it to provide for a testing area. The testing area does not have to be personally monitored, but can have a surveillance camera with a screen visible in the Sheriff's office.

The Sheriff would move his personal office downstairs and move the ILETS computer, which needs to be secure from the public, back into the middle office. Some remodeling would need to be done.

Option was accepted, and the Commissioners asked that the Sheriff get some bids for the remodeling. May take it from this year's budget.

#### 2:30pm DataTel- Telephone System Proposal

Josh Sanders from DataTel presented an option for a new phone system using T1-PRI lines for \$16,472. Discussion on proposal.

Josh also presented a savings proposal on phone service by the County switching to the T1-PRI lines. Approximately \$600 per month, plus the cost of our current long distance provider, which runs another \$200 a month.

#### 3:00pm Beth Patton-representing Dr. Davis' Office and Reach Out and Read.

Beth presented a new program that the Dr.'s Office and student intern, Courtney Swantek are proposing. The Dr.'s office would give out books for wellness exams for children 6 months to 5 years old instead of succors. The books to give out would be suggested and secured by the Shoshone Library for the program.

Asking the County for \$300 for 5 years to fund the purchase of the estimated needed books. If the County will make a commitment, they can then petition the State for more funds for increased book costs as the program evolves.

Discussion on the reasons why the County cannot commit to a 5 year program.

**Commissioner McConnell made a motion to pay Reach Out and Read program a \$1,500 one time contribution. Chairman Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

3:15pm Ireland Bank

Melanie Weir, Blake Marchant from Ireland Bank and Jim Wrigley from Municipal Capital Markets Group, Inc.

Jim presented options for the County for a new Courthouse. Best way, is a general obligation bond, but there is an if, if it will pass with the 2/3 majority vote. A general obligation bond is attached to the property owners at the time of passing the bond, not new owners. If the bond fails, the second option is not really available. The other option is the bank to build and the County to lease to buy.

Supreme Court decision and the opinion on Article 3 section 8, allows a lease and installment purchase that is subject to annual appropriation as a legal option. Financial lease payments would come out of current expense fund and don't have to get a bond passed. May not be popular with the public, because it is not voted public debt.

The County would hold public hearings to present any options, whether it was a bond or a lease purchase.

Jim put together 6 options for the County to build a Courthouse and used 15,000 sq ft for the building. Discussion on the various options and costs.

Discussion on the options available for property ownership under the lease/purchase options.

4:15pm Old School Property

John Larsen

The school is meeting with architects to do building evaluations of the old school building and the new building for long term use and what it would take to replace the use of the old building. Then they will form a committee for building plans with options from the architect. They will then move forward with a process for a bond and possibility of a trade of property with the County.

Currently, the old gym has been deemed as repairable, but the schoolrooms cannot be renovated or used.

An alternative school, cannot be connected to the school campus. This will have to be considered in any future plans.

Discussion on options.

Old Business

Discussion on an extra meeting needed this week to approve the Defense Commission Grant. It needs to be approved and submitted by Friday this week. Decided to meet Thursday afternoon, 1 to 3pm. Will include some budget work.

5:00pm Chairman Hubert adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,  
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

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Roy E. Hubert, Chairman

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Brenda Farnworth, Clerk