

Lincoln County Commissioners Minutes for April 10, 2017

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

10:00am Chairman McConnell called the Meeting to order.

Disaster Services/Flood Update

Payson Reese, Director gave an update of activities for March.

LEPC Meeting will be this Wednesday at 10:00am. The National Weather Service will be doing a presentation on the outlook of the weather. They will also be discussing the recent flooding and countywide exercises.

Discussion on getting the new generator for the Care Center covered by a grant.

Received about 720 filled sandbags from Minidoka County and already some have been used.

Discussion on possibility of FEMA assistance. Between the six local counties, we feel we have enough dollars damage that they will approve some assistance. Assistance is 75% FEMA- 25% County split.

Discussion on the lack of using canal company laterals for dispersing some of the water flooding. They are pouring concrete in the hydro plant and can't use the laterals for flooding.

Discussion on the hours Payson has spent during the flood disaster and how many hours he spent being only paid as a part-time contracted employee at 30 hours a month and \$692. Hours should be turned into the State for reimbursement. Discussion on a stipend for the extra 35 hours documented time spent over the last two months.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the difference of 35 hours extra at the regular rate of \$23 per hour totaling \$805. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion on documentation needed to the Clerk for the voucher to be issued. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:30am Claim, Minutes & Correspondence

Correspondence

Discussion on the Sheriff Department Body Cam Policy suggestion. Discussion on the failure of the legislature to pass any rulings on the issue.

Discussion on Idaho's population growth numbers. Idaho growth is up, but Lincoln, Clark and Gooding Counties shrunk more than any other County in Idaho.

Letter from Mark Coppin requesting an opportunity to work for the County as Public Defender. Will have him on a future agenda for discussion.

Discussion on information from a study of financial hardship, Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, "ALICE" showing income levels of Idaho combined and each County separately. In Idaho 15% of households live in poverty and 22% were ALICE. In Lincoln County, 14% of households were at poverty levels and 34% were at ALICE levels.

Claims

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the Indigent Claims for \$911.17. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the April 10, 2017 claims for \$53,803.38. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Minutes

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Minutes for April 3, 2017. Chairman McConnell seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

11:00am Designate Polling Places

Discussion on the elections that were being held and write in candidates for some of the highway districts. Polling places were read into the record.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Polling Places for the May 2017 Election. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Richfield Fire District – Purchase of Truck

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to sell the 2002 Ford F450 VIN 1FDXW47S92EB55143 for \$4,000 to the Richfield Fire Protection District and allow the Chairman to sign the title. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion, monies were to be spent on EMT training as a condition of selling the Richfield QRU selling the vehicle. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to pay the \$4,000 received for the Richfield QRU Truck to the Ambulance District and to put the monies into a trust fund specifically to be used for the future training for Richfield citizens to become EMT's. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion on the use of the monies. For beginning training and also for continuing training. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

11:25am

Shoshone HS Senior Lock-in Donation Request

Keo Kelley represented the Senior Class looking for donations to help with the Senior Lock-in party. Discussion on the purpose and the accomplishment.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to allow the Sheriff to donate \$125 to the Shoshone Senior lock-in party with the condition that we also offer the same to Richfield and Dietrich Seniors. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion, only will be paid if they have a lock-in party. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

11:35am Back Door Access

Sheriff Rodriguez would like to block back door as a public access. Access is not visible and is a security risk. It's better to have only one public access into the building. Employees could still use the back door.

Discussion on using keys or a key pad. Would prefer the key pad if it can work. Need someone in charge of changing the access codes for employees leaving employment.

11:54 Good Samaritan Free Clinic

Clerk Farnworth explained that the clinic is applying for a grant through Region IV Development. Region IV insists that the County sponsor the grant and be responsible for the financial records of the grant monies. Discussion.

Commissioner Wood made a motion that the County be the financial Sponsor of the Region IV Grant for the Good Samaritan Free Clinic. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion, our only responsibility is to administer the financial funds of the grant. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

12:00pm Phone call received from Casey at the Valley Coop on the propane tank for the Care Center. Discussion on the install of the generator at the Care Center.

12:05pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:00pm Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

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

1:02pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Discussion on County Logo suggestions.

1:15pm Executive Session IC74-206(1)(c) Property A.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(c) Property A. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Commissioner Wood, aye; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman McConnell, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

1:30pm Chairman adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Wood made a motion that the County make a counter offer of \$86,000, which would meet in the middle and have a current level one hazardous chemical audit because chemicals have been on the property since the last audit. Conditional on a public meeting. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Clerk Farnworth directed to prepare a letter with the offer.

Commissioner Hubert gave an update on the Care Center Generator after discussions with Magic Valley Electric.

1:40pm Commissioner Wood requested an Executive Session.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(f) Litigation. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote; Commissioner Wood, aye; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman McConnell, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

1:51pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Maintenance/Weed & Feed/ Ball Field Cook Shack

Discussion on the Windstar Van that is being sold, could be a theft lock on it that is causing it not to start. Could cost up to \$800 from someone to get it unlocked.

Discussion on the Weed and Feed Contract presented by Dave Davidson, Altitude 3945. Bid is the same as last year.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the contract bid for Weed and Feed from Altitude 3945 for the Courthouse, old school property, Community Center and North Soccer/Ball Field for two times a year for \$1,600. Commissioner Wood seconded. Contract date is April 10, 2017. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Maintenance update.

Two concrete curb stops in the parking lot are broken. Dave would like to take them all out. Hazard when plowing snow. Discussion on painting lines for parking and using the curb stops on the edge of the lawn where the Sheriff's vehicles are parked to make a stopping point.

Discussion on the school property trade. Waiting for a response from the school.

Discussion on repair issues at the cook shack and bathrooms at the ballfield. Dave will do the repairs but is going to cost some dollars. Questioning if we are close enough to a deal with the school to wait. No.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to allow Dave Davidson \$500 to repair bathrooms and sink in cook shack at ball field. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Records left at the old American Legion building need reviewed. Dave will get the key and bring them next Monday for review.

2:22pm Dietrich Feed Lot

E. Scott will write a letter to the owners that they are not compliant with the County P&Z Ordinances. Discussion.

Mary asked why they have to get permission from the Assessor's Office to use the Jeep. Years ago the Assessor's office was given the responsibility of the gate keeper of the Jeep use and the upkeep was put in their budget.

Received pictures from the Assessor's office of two instances of people living in a travel trailer on property. Current ordinance states they cannot be living in it unless they in the process of building a house.

2:37pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting to meet with the Gooding County Commissioners.

3:00pm Gooding County Commissioners

Met with Gooding County Commissioners to discuss joining in Public Defense services. Joseph James is currently on salary with Gooding County for public defense and he was in the meeting to discuss. Joe currently makes \$72,000 with Gooding County.

Joe is in Lincoln County frequently to cover conflict Public Defense and did talk with Jeremy Pittard about the position.

We can pay a flat fee if we are contracting with another county. Would be good to see what some other counties are doing who are sharing a Public Defender. Clerk will contact Minidoka and Cassia County.

Concern that Joe has, is that there is no set place for him to meet with clients and that is a necessity. Discussion on using the Commissioners room for meetings.

Discussion on the case load of the Public Defender.

Requested that Lincoln County Commissioners make a proposal. Time is of the essence since the Public Defender Grant application is due May 1st and if we are joined with another County we would get an extra \$25,000.

3:45pm Commissioners left the Gooding County Meeting.

4:15pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk