

Lincoln County Commissioners

Minutes for April 24, 2017

Present: Chairman Cresley McConnell, Commissioner Rebecca Wood, Commissioner Roy Hubert, Deputy Cindi Sievers for minutes.

9:30am Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order and led all present in the Pledge of allegiance.

9:31am Commissioner Hubert made a motion to amend the agenda to have the students from the Carey bus accident come in after the Myers Anderson session to thank the Lincoln County Sheriffs and EMS. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

9:33am Claims, Minutes, Correspondence

9:37am Old business

Ann Youts here to discuss the upcoming tax deed sale. Discussion regarding a patron statement that the quitclaim deed was illegal. Ann gave the details of the incident.

9:43am Commissioner Wood made a motion to accept the minutes for April 10, 2017 with one correction. Commissioner Hubert seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Claims

Discussion on the claim for the K9 package install of \$2,000.

10:00am Tax Deed and Surplus Van Auction

Windstar Van sold for \$500. Property sold for \$12,000.

10:10am Continued discussion on the claims.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to pay the claims for April 24, 2017 for \$15,402.69. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion; Commissioners would like to visit with the Sheriff on the K9 package for the new vehicle. Already installed so need to pay for. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence

Discussion on the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections annual report for Fiscal Year 2016 and projections for 2017 and 2018. Lottery money continues to drop projection for 2018 is \$0.

10:30am Zions Bank/ Ireland Bank Proposals

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Zions Bank Agreement for Municipal Advisory Services to hire them for the new Courthouse project. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion. Reason for not going with Ireland Bank is because the proposal is from MCM, Inc. and would be a second party and not directly with Ireland Bank. Discussion on terms of the agreements. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:35am Architect agreements

Prosecutor E. Scott reviewed the agreements and stated that they are standard architect agreements.

Old Business

BLM Land Transfer

Commissioner Hubert gave an update on the process. All the papers have been sent in but they have now been sent to Washington DC. Don't expect an answer until this summer.

Discussion on property that may be suitable for the rendering plant that is looking to move to Lincoln County.

Discussion on the building over the generator at the Care Center. Commissioner have decided to remove the building. Valley Wide will set the propane tank but will not do any hook-ups to the generator. Commissioner Hubert is looking at others who may do the hook-up.

Discussion on a notice received from the Idaho State Tax Commission to the Assessor, Linda Jones regarding the vacant residential category being outside the 90%-110% range.

Care Center Lease Agreement has been received all signed and executed.

11:00am Myers Anderson/Laughlin Ricks Proposals.

Discussion on comparison of the two proposals. Commissioner Hubert visited the Laughlin Ricks Architecture office. Noted that the office was simple and not very large.

He also visited with someone who has worked with Myers/Anderson.

Commissioner Hubert called all the references listed on the Laughlin Ricks proposal. All were very good reports and would recommend them.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Laughlin Ricks proposal. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion. This is for the preliminary proposal for Architectural Design services for a Preliminary Floor plan and Elevations for a New Court House in Lincoln County. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

11:20am Carey School came to thank the Sheriff's office and the Emergency Management Systems Employees for their response to the bus rollover.

11:39am Chairman McConnell adjourned the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization

Board of Equalization

Treasurer Ann Youts presented the list of the Tax Exemptions for the 501(c)(3) companies who applied for tax exemption. All on the list filed their applications.

Discussion on the Community Church in Richfield that has the Church and a house on the parcel. The house is being rented for \$700. They also run the food bank out of the Community Church.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Tax Exemptions as presented by the Treasurer, Ann Youts. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion, these are the 501(c)(3) companies. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

11:56am Chairman McConnell adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting

Commissioners left for the Care Center for lunch.

Commissioners attended the Historic Union Pacific 844 Steam Train commemorating the 150th Anniversary for Union Pacific.

2:00pm Chairman McConnell re-convened the meeting.

Executive Session

Commissioner Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC74-206(1)(d). Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote; Commissioner Wood, aye; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman McConnell, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

2:08 Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion in Case #2017029 to deny for lack of interview and Case #2017027 to deny for lack of interview. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:11pm School Property Swap Update
John Larsen

John gave an update on the School Board meeting Thursday night. Looking at putting a bond for school building in the August Election. School Board is agreeable to move ahead with the swap after that point if the bond passes. Tax payers have had a year off from a bond, and the new bond should be just a little less than the last bond. Commissioners want the school to be able to go for a bond before moving forward with a possible bond for a courthouse.

It will be 1 ½ years before the alternate school will be vacant. Next School Board meeting will be in May and will begin to advertise in June.

2:22pm Water Reimbursements/Flooding.

State has still declined to do any reimbursements for costs on private wells. Discussion on possibly contacting the donor who paid for some of the well tests, perhaps they would pay for these as well, which came in prior to the donor offering to pay. If Mary will do a list of those in the area of concern and give to Chairman McConnell, he will contact the donor to see if they would be willing. Any outside the area of concern, Mary will just send a letter and let them know that the State is not paying for them.

Today, South Central Public Health is helping the 4 wells that still have high E-Coli with decontamination and then will re-test.

2:34pm S. Idaho Rural Development

Julia Oxarango-Ingram

Julia gave an update of the Shoshone building tour and possible interest. Discussion also on the rendering plant, Rocky Mountain Hardware will pull out of Shoshone if the rendering plant goes in. Discussion on other projects in the County.

Julia will look into the possibility of grants for a courthouse.

Julia presented a request for the FY2018 funding. She needs a confirmation letter of the funding to move forward with a grant application.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to send a letter of intent to Southern Idaho Rural Development for \$4,000 for next year. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion for FY2018. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:55pm Idaho History Museum Donation Request

IAC has forwarded the request to the Counties and they will match any donation up to \$25,000. Discussion on the use of the donation.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to donate \$250 to Idaho History Museum for an interactive county Map. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion, needs to go in this week and IAC will match the donation. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

3:00pm K9 Dog Issue

Discussion on the letter received from Andy McClure's attorney. Some discrepancies that need investigation.

3:30pm Courthouse Hours Resolution

Clerk Farnworth presented a resolution for the Courthouse hours based on previous discussion. Further discussion. Commissioners would like to break out each department that has special hours and list on the resolution. Clerk Farnworth will re-draft for next meeting.

3:45pm Public Defense Grant

Clerk Farnworth presented the application for the Public Defense Grant for FY2018. Discussion on the money received for 2017 and what was used. Will have approximately \$10,000 left over, because there was no office renovation done and since Jeremy Pittard is not renewing his contract, he did not take the money for training or software purchase.

The Public Defense Commission will allow for carry forward on these early grants as long as the money is earmarked.

Applying for the full \$25,000 again to help with new Judicial building costs and ensure there is a space, furniture and equipment for a Public Defender office. Will also look at purchasing video equipment to allow for offsite representation to help with the standard for counsel being present at the first appearance.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the FY 2018 Defense Grant Application as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

4:00pm Good Samaritan Board Assignment

Discussion on the number of Commissioners to be on the Board. All Commissioners will be on the Board.

4:22pm Courthouse Back Door Locking Complaint

Ann Youts feels that locking the back door is sending the wrong message to the public and looks overly paranoid.

Discussion on the inconvenience of the door being locked and the purpose. Commissioners will look into getting a keypad lock on the back door so it is more convenient.

4:55pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk