

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

**April 2, 2018**

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

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

Chairman McConnell read into the record a portion of the letter received from South Central Public Health regarding the Sweets dump site south of town. Discussion whether a permit has been issued.

Claims, Minutes

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Lincoln County claims for March 19, 2018 for \$255.22; and for March 22, 2018 for \$464.20; and for April 2, 2018 for \$9,824.48. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Indigent claims for March 30, 2018 for \$24.10, and for \$16,148.65. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Board of Equalization and Regular Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2018 with two spelling corrections. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

10:00am Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(f) Legal

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

10:57am Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Animal Ordinance

Discussion on item 1-1-3: 4 Attacking other domestic animals should be in dangerous animals, not nuisances.

Item 1-1-3; 6 and 1-1-6; opening statement may not be legal now with the new trespass law.

Under-Sheriff Phillips disagrees with requiring the licensing of all dogs. He feels it should only be those who have been picked up as dangerous. There are many dogs in the County and he feels it will be a burden on the Sheriff's Office to have to worry about checking or citing for no license every time they deal with a dog issue.

Discussion on how to identify a dog that has been dangerous if there is no license.

11:30am Southern Idaho Solid Waste Fees.

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Some patrons are complaining that the employees at the transfer station are not giving receipts for the fees paid. Discussion on some examples.

The free truck load a week is classified only as household garbage. If any other items are included in with household garbage, it will be charged.

Commissioner Hubert explained the concerns about the cash being held at the transfer station. Discussion on possible other solutions.

Discussion on the County assessments and the fees being collected at the transfer station are causing patrons to double pay.

Commissioner Wood read into the record a message from Ben Holland who could not attend the meeting. His concerns were people dumping in the desert instead of paying at the transfer station because of the fees. Discussion on the comment.

Discussion on tipping fees or using a scale for all garbage dumped and possibly extending the building to allow for better use of 53' trailers to reduce shipping costs.

Commissioner Hubert noted that last week Southern Idaho Solid Waste fired up two generators to begin generating electricity. After the loan of \$8.5m is paid, the income will go towards the operating costs of the waste station.

Commissioners decided to write a letter to Southern Idaho Solid Waste to stop charging for residential waste until the Commissioners have had time to come up with a plan for a scale to charge for all waste and remove our property tax charge or come up with an alternate plan.

12:23pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch.

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

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

1:20pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Mary had a visit from Idaho Power and they mentioned they are reviewing their Comp Plan and want Commissioners and P&Z in each County to be a part of their monthly meetings. First meeting will be in September or October.

Shoshone sub-station will probably double by the year 2020 and will need a place for a server and information to support the BitCoin process.

They would also like to be involved in the Counties Comp Plan review.

1:35pm Well Testing Payout

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All residents who have brought in a receipt have been paid. Mary did send out the letter giving another 30 days for patrons to turn in a receipt and we had a patron come in with a receipt.

1:39pm Tree Order for Courthouse

Discussion on what to purchase and how many. We need to fill in the gaps where the old trees were removed.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to purchase the largest red maple that Wood River Soil and Conservation can obtain to replace trees that have died in the past and fill in the vacant spots. Discussion, Chairman McConnell will look around the yard tomorrow and count up the trees needed. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

1:45pm. Wood River Soil & Conservation – Letter of Intent

Chairman McConnell read the letter of intent to contribute \$6,000 in the FY2019 into the record, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to sign the letter of intent for the donation of \$6,000 to the Wood River Soil & Conservation District. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Commissioners forgot to make motions from Indigent Executive Session.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion for case #2018034 to deny as not indigent. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Wood made a motion for case #2018038 to deny because of untimeliness of application from the hospital. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Wood made a motion for case #2018040 to deny for incomplete application and non-emergent. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

1:51pm

Old Business

New Courthouse – looking for a new site.

Commissioner Wood mentioned another couple pieces of property on the east side of Shoshone around Highway 26. Next to the Cemetery and across the road at the gravel pit that 4 Bros Dairy owns. Discussion.

Commissioner Hubert asked John from the Shoshone school to ask the Board about a trade for the property next to the school. Also, requested a price for the property behind the Sawtooth Market.

Discussion on other possibilities.

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Discussion on having a patron committee to help determine a property for the new Courthouse. Now is a good time to get a community committee together to choose a site.

### 2:15pm Historical Building Feasibility study

Julia Oxarango-Ingram

Julia mentioned an advisory group is concerned about preserving the Historic Court houses such as Adams County, Bear Lake County and now Lincoln County. "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places". This is to help bring awareness and may bring some resources for feasible use for the Courthouse by bringing in investors.

The feasibility study could be paid for with a grant and matching funds, probably around \$30,000. This study could highlight possible uses for the Courthouse if the County built new, or possible ways for the County to use the current building.

Discussion. Julia would like to put together a full afternoon workshop of all interested parties to discuss the historic preservation and a feasibility study of the courthouse. It was mentioned that a feasibility study was done in 2006 and the cost was over \$3m. Since 2006 prices have gone up considerably and would cost a lot more now. Julia would like the workshop to review that study.

Discussion on using the current courthouse and adding an annex as another possibility.

Executive Session to review Exempt Records will be tabled for the next meeting due to time.

### 3:00pm New Courthouse Plan

Review of the revised Courthouse Committee plans. Each department was given instructions to plan their own area with some room for growth. These separate plans were then worked on to put together a full plan. The overall sq. footage ended up at 23,394 sq. ft.

Suggestion was made to have a small second level for storage and for esthetic purposes makes the building look very nice..

Question about bringing in other services into the Courthouse plan, like Ag Extension, Fire Department, EMS and others. The Shoshone Fire Department is already in the process of looking at a new site and adding EMS into the building.

We have more Bond Counsel proposals coming. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

### 4:12pm Sheriff Staffing

Discussion on the difficulty of recruiting officers to fill the vacancies in the Sheriff Office. Have another deputy that has been approached from Blaine County to hire on and offered \$24 per hour and he is currently at \$15.59 on our scale.

Discussion on what it would cost to keep the deputy and to bring all the deputies up. Clerk Farnworth will do an analysis for the next meeting.

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Discussion on how do we solve the problem in the area of low recruits. Our School Resource Officer is working with High School Seniors and basic training and introduction to working in law enforcement. CSI is trying to recruit as well, but many times does not even have enough to fill a class.

Old Business

Commissioner Wood reported that Wood River Land & Trust staff are recommending to the Board that they approve giving the land back to Lincoln County. They would like to retain first right of refusal if ever sold.

Review of drafted letter to Southern Idaho Solid Waste regarding halt of fees.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to send the letter to Southern Idaho Solid Waste requesting they revert charges back to March 1, 2018. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion. Current fee schedule is to cease immediately. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

4:45pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

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Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

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