

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

April 9, 2018

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

9:30am – 10:30am Ambulance Meeting

10:30am Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

Emergency Services Update – Payson Reese

The grant for Care Center generator was not approved. The reasons given were; because the project was already completed and paid for and the Care Center would not be classified shelter as an emergency shelter. We could however, file for a generator grant for the Community Center since it is our classified emergency shelter. Discussion on moving forward with some bids for the 2018 EMPG grant. Suggested to get a bid from Magic Valley Electric.

Working on the City and Sheriff AED's for vehicles to use the 2016 grant money. Need to make sure they are trained and carry current CPR cards.

Search and Rescue clothing and equipment grant was denied. Equipment wasn't NFPA 1951 Fire rated. There are very strict requirements on the SHSP grants.

Researching extrication equipment grant for Shoshone Fire and Search and Rescue.

Training

The railcar incident response class went real well and was well attended. He now has an online app that he can know what is going through town on the rails.

PIO class to be held on April 12 and 13th at the Community Center.

Need to designate a County Emergency Manager backup in case Payson is not available. The Sheriff will be the backup.

Discussion on the Conex container needing to be lifted up to be out of possible flood waters. Payson will contact the City for some equipment to help lift and get blocked up.

Discussion on the separate meeting held with the Department of Ag over the well water contamination.

Still working on the County Emergency Management Webpage and a logo for Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

11:00am Claims, Minutes

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the claims for \$23,303.98. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the accounts payable for the Coroner's inquest expense for \$450.27. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion, this check needed to be given to JR Gregory before he left town. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the minutes for April 2, 2018 with one correction to add "Chief Deputy" Phillips. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve minutes for the special meeting on April 4, 2018 for the hydropower plant, adding titles on those who were present and taking out the word "not" on the second page in reference to liquid nutrient applications. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

There is a meeting on April 20th at 10:00am at the Jerome County Jail for the Magistrate Board and Chairman McConnell is not going to be able to attend. Roy Hubert agreed to attend in his place.

SIRCOMM is requesting the County issue a Proclamation for Tele-communications Week, for this week, April 8 through April 14. Chairman McConnell read the suggested proclamation into the record in honor of those who diligently work to keep our patrons safe.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week for April 8 through 14, 2018. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Clerk Farnworth will put in Lincoln County and get a signature.

11:30am Sheriff Staffing issues.

Sheriff Rodriguez and Under Sheriff Phillips were conferenced in.

Concern over losing another deputy who has been offered another position.

Clerk Farnworth presented a projection of where the Sheriff will be at the end of the year with the current wages and the overtime continuing at the current rate. They will be over by approximate \$20k in wages but a savings in benefits for a \$5k net. Clerk Farnworth did a projection raising the starting wage for a patrol deputy to \$17 per hour and raising everyone on the scale accordingly. The cost for the remainder of the year would be \$50k in salaries and \$55k with benefits. Discussion.

Sheriff understood that that amount of an increase was not possible in this year. He and Under Sheriff will discuss and see if they can come up with another plan.

12:24pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:13pm Chairman McConnell re-convened the meeting.

There was no Indigent business.

1:15pm Community Center floor scrubber

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DMV deputy got two quotes off the internet. Review of quotes received. Discussion on buying off the internet versus looking for one local. Not many options.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to order the Global Industrial Electric 18” floor scrubber, item T9F641290 for \$1,299 plus pad if not included, plus shipping, plus needed cleaning package. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion. Will need to purchase some cleaner as well. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

1:34pm Tax Exempt Properties – Treasurer Youts

One new property has been added, Benevolence and Beyond. Dietrich Grange has been closed down and they are going to sell the property, but are requesting it to still be tax exempt. Discussion, agreed to keep as tax exempt property.

Southern Idaho District of the Assemblies of God parsonage property rents out the house but have applied again for exemption. It was denied last year because it was rented for income. Commissioner Wood stated that she felt this should be denied.

The Assessor included a form for each property exemption that is approved and they would like them completed and for their files.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to deny the tax exemption on Southern Idaho district of Assemblies of God parsonage in Richfield because they make money on it. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the tax exemption for the Dietrich Grange #121. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve tax exemption for the new business, Benevolence and Beyond, located in Shoshone. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the remaining 501C-3 properties as on the attached list to the minutes with the exception of the Southern Idaho District of the Assemblies of God. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

1:47pm Old Business

Commissioner Wood attended the Shoshone City Council meeting last Tuesday to present the County recreation property plans. She asked for cooperation in leasing some water rights for the project and was unanimously accepted. No certain amount was set because the hydrologist said we could do an in and out and that amount hasn't been determined.

Shoshone City Park remodel equipment is being delivered in May and the City is looking for hands to help.

New Courthouse Site

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Discussion on several sites to consider. Commissioner Hubert has requested each property get appraisals. Commissioner Wood will get some more information on the property on highway 26. Discussion on putting together a community committee to help select a site.

2:00pm Southern Idaho Solid Waste (SISW) fees

A letter from the Commissioners was sent to SISW requesting the new fees be stopped until the Commissioners have had an opportunity to review impact. A special meeting will be held on April 12th at 10am in Burley at SISW to discuss the request.

Commissioner Hubert feels our reserve is short of what we could possibly need if we add a scale and scale house or extend the dump building to fit a 53' transfer trailer. We currently have \$200,000 in the account, with \$ 70k more fees to come in. We budgeted the revenue low on the fees. We still owe the 2nd half assessment of \$114k. That would leave approximately \$156k in the fund.

Commissioner McConnell suggested;

1. Don't do anything this year and save up some \$ to put in a scale, in two years have the fees all based on weight.
2. Have SISW stop charging fees, mandate a driver's license to prove residency and increase our property tax fee. They need to check driver's license for residency not license plates.

2:30pm Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(f) Legal.

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

3:13pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and called a 5 minute recess.

3:15pm Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(c) Property

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

Due to limited time the Bond counsel services review will be tabled until next meeting.

4:05pm Idaho Power Committee Representative

Chairman McConnell stated that as of April 9, 2018, today he will resign as Chairman of the Board of Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept resignation. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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Commissioner Hubert made a motion to appoint Rebecca Wood as Chairman of the Board. Commissioner McConnell seconded. Discussion. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood took over the meeting.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to appoint Commissioner Roy Hubert as Vice Chairman. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to make an offer on property A of 20.69 acres at \$750 per acre for \$15 517.50. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion closing fees would be additional. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

4:15pm Idaho Power Committee Representative

Idaho Power is requesting that the P&Z Administrator and a Commissioner attend their meeting as they work on their Comp Plan. They would also like to be informed when the County Commissioners work on the County Comp Plan so they can have input.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to appoint Mary Davidson, P&Z Administrator and Chairman Wood to be the Idaho Power Committee Representatives. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

4:25pm Courthouse Preservation Workshop

Clerk Farnworth reviewed the list of requested information from Julia Ingram for the workshop. She has had no time this week to even attempt the extensive list. She asked Julia what the goal of the workshop was and she read Julia reply into the record, again extensive.

Julia has requested to put off the workshop until after May 16th. Discussion on the timing of that and the timing of what it will take to put a bond on the ballot by November. Bond wording has to be completed and approved for the ballot by September 7th. There will be no time to delay what we are currently working on and meet that deadline. Discussion.

It was determined to draft a letter to Julia informing her that we would like to have the workshop but we will continue to move the project for the new courthouse forward at the same time. She does not know all the work and reviews that the Commissioners have already done over the past 2 years on this project. We will try to explain to her how much has already been done and the reasons for the decision to build in a letter. Then the workshop can move forward with the interest of what to do with the old building.

Chairman Wood has requested that the Commissioners do a brief report of Board meetings attended during the month and include any pertinent information. This will be on the agenda for the 4th meeting each month.

Discussion on a City report that is given to the City Council on the activity for the month by the City Police. Would like to have the Sheriff give a similar report monthly to the Commissioners.

SISW Fees

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There are currently 1894 parcels are assessed the SISW fee and this year's fees are \$214,218. Currently excluding \$5,890 have been exempted for the Circuit Breaker.

Assessor Jones did a quick analysis on the increasing each category up \$5 on and 10% up on the others could increase the revenue by \$13k.

4:49pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk