

Lincoln County Commissioners

December 11, 2017

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

9:30-10:15am Ambulance District Meeting

10:15am Emergency Management Update

Payson Reese present

An update on trainings and exercises attended discussed. Upcoming trainings discussed.

Grants discussed with a reporting of items purchased through grant funds.

Projects and Planning discussion.

Payson has stepped away from Ace Hardware and will be spending more time working as EM Director.

Payson presented Grant documents to be signed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Hubert questioned the grant funds that have been spent and what should be expected from the Grants.

FEMA funds were discussed from the flooding in the 2017 to the Highway Districts.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to allow Chairman McConnell to sign the Federal Grant documents, EMPG 2016 for \$5,737.89 Federal and \$6,144.64 matching funds and the SHSP 2015 for \$19,972.49. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion on the Grant clarification. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence

Old Legion Hall building has been sold again to Jacob Thatcher. He is requesting the City of Shoshone to rezone the property to residential.

A strip of land between the Legion Hall and the old DMV building is still owned by the County. He is interested in purchasing the property Discussion on how to be sold or auctioned. E. Scott will look into how this can be done.

10:30 Sheriff's Dept. Van Lease

There was a typo on the Hincklease document, discussion on the lease quote. The mileage was not correct; 30,000 per year is the correct amount. Chief Deputy Phillips presented the new lease for the Chairman to sign.

Discussion on the currently owned vehicles and possibility of trading in or having a County surplus auction.

Commissioner Hubert questioned a fee on the lease invoice. An \$88 one-time fee for each vehicle. Chairman McConnell read into the minutes the verbiage on the lease regarding the license and registration fees that apply to the vehicles.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the lease for the 2017 Dodge Caravan. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion: Acquisition cost is \$24,485.00. Payment is set up on an annual basis, not monthly. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on the vehicles to be traded in, or sold at auction. Deputy Phillips said they will be going to auction in Boise and after the fees for auction; the balance will be put toward the leases. Discussion that it may benefit the County if the County auctioned off the vehicles locally instead.

11:00am Executive Session

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

Chairman McConnell reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Sheriff Rodriquez discussed the Sheriff's conference he will be attending in Boise.

Door Locks: Sheriff requests that the locks be changed on the front and back doors of the Courthouse. It was decided to have maintenance change the front and back door lock by having them rekeyed.

Update on the Sheriff's Department daily business.

11:15am Executive Session

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

11:34am Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting

Discussion on the revised Lincoln County cell phone agreement. The Sheriff has reviewed and approved.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Lincoln County cell phone agreement as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence

Clerk Farnworth reminded the Commissioners of the email from IAC for updating their information for the IAC directory. Clerk Farnworth would like to send the new logo to IAC. The Commissioners agreed.

Old Business

Animal ordinance discussion.

Discussion on web site. Cindi stated that the web site can no longer be updated. The company that hosts the web site will no longer allow the current web site to be updated. Commissioner Wood spoke to Twin Falls County and they informed her that their maintenance person does their web site on the side. Commissioner Wood will follow up and see if that person would be interested in creating a new web site for us.

New Courthouse: Colby came in and spoke with Clerk Farnworth. Waiting to hear back on the changes we made.

Property by BLM. Still in Washington DC. Commissioner Hubert referred to the information reported last week that the local office is going to try to see if they can find any news or update.

Christmas party discussion.

11:55am Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:00pm Chairman McConnell reconvened the Regular Meeting

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

1:25pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve case #2018017 be paid \$1000 for burial cost. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Clerk Farnworth presented November Expense reports to the Commissioners for review.

Discussion on expenses.

1:45pm Salaries to Grade

Linda Jones present.

Five employees are to be considered for a salary increase to grade. Discussion on the salary grade for hourly employees. Pam Piper's increase, because it is so large due to the number of years she has been with the County and the changes that have taken place does not represent a true picture for her increase. Clerk Farnworth will do more analysis and will be reviewed at a later time.

Commissioner Hubert moved to bring 4 employees to grade; Diana Rowe, Shannon Dugan, Rosa Bravo and Deysi Garcia on the next payroll. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion; This will put the budget over \$8,559.12 which includes the promotion previously approved for TK Smith. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:17pm Claims & Minutes

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the claims for December 11, 2017 for \$18,075.47. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to amend the agenda to include the asbestos bid for reasons of health hazard. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to accept the bid from Korry Hoden Abatement for \$6,837.00 to have 90 linear feet encapsulated. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion; Chairman McConnell questioned the bid and the expense. Commissioner Wood said that all State requirements are met. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:45pm ITD Letter

Commissioner Wood gave an update on the ITD office moving out of Lincoln County. Commissioner Wood emailed the ITD Resolution to the other Commissioners which said that 'there are 3 locations being the most economical to build'. On one report earlier, it showed Lincoln County as one of the cheapest counties to be considered to build, but it was not listed in the resolution as one of the 'most economical' places to build. Commissioner Wood is going to try to give a copy of the letter to the Governor today.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to have the Commissioners sign a letter stating their concerns with the Resolution and it will be at the City Office. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion, the letter will be reviewed by Commissioner Wood prior to signing. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Old business

Courtroom lights. May need to be updated or repaired.

3:00pm

Well testing Receipt issue.

Discussion on the well testing fees. The County position was to not reimburse the fees unless we were reimbursed by FEMA. We determined we should not use tax payer dollars to pay for private well testing. FEMA did not reimburse Lincoln County, therefore the County did not reimburse residents. Robb Geeson has complained that we promised reimbursement and went to The Times News. Mary Davidson presented a list of residents who had been given a test for water. The list was for the East and the West side of the water contamination. Some of the tests were paid for directly to the lab by an anonymous donor.

Discussion about the early notification that residents should consider testing their well because of the high water table from the flooding before the well contaminations. Lincoln County took measures to assist residents with clean water, showers, and other services during the contamination problem.

The anonymous donor will pay for any well testing fees that have not been already paid for, but a plan needs to be put in place to prevent abuse of the donation.

Discussion on area and testing that has already been paid.

3:25pm Employee Handbook Revisions

Clerk Farnworth read into the minutes some of the changes made to the Employee Handbook for review. Review to continue at a future date

Discussion on additional changes to the Employee Handbook.

3:50pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the Regular Meeting to go back to the Ambulance District Board.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk