

## **Lincoln County Commissioners Minutes for December 4, 2017**

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

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

Technical issues with recording. Recorder started at 9:35.

Claims and Minutes

10:03am

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve Minutes for November 20, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve Minutes for November 2017 as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve claims for December 4, 2017 for \$7,693.56 Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Facts and Findings Regarding Commissioner Residency. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion, Chairman McConnell recused himself from the vote. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

10:06am Grant Application for Weed Department

Terry Ruby, Tri-County Weed

Terry Ruby discussed the chemicals and equipment to be purchased with the Grant funding. \$23,362.50. This includes 5% for Wood River RC&D. Discussion regarding the grant funds and what is done with the items purchased and other districts who match funds. Discussion on contracts that treat the highways and railroad right of ways. Commissioner Hubert brought up other Boards who contribute funds and equipment for the weed department. Grant requires County Commissioners signature.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the noxious Weed Cost Sharing Request for 2018 for Tri-County Weed for \$23,362.50. Commissioner Wood seconded. This is a grant fund request. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Commissioner Hubert commended Terry for the work he does for Tri-County Weed.

Discussion on old business.

Resolution 63-602NN no update

Web site- Commissioner Wood has researched the updated web hosting with our current provider.

New courthouse- Clerk Farnworth will meet with Colby Ricks tomorrow to discuss the updated floor plan. Discussion on when the steering committee will begin meeting.

ITD task force- No new information.

Property trade with school property- Commissioner Hubert is continuing discussions with John Larson.

Property Acquisition BLM- Still in Washington DC for approval. Commissioner Hubert will follow up.

10:30am

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

11:02am Chairman McConnell reconvened the Regular Meeting

Sub & Missed Property Roll

Added Property Assessments \$1,077,509.00 to the tax base.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to accept the Sub & Missed Property Rolls. Discussion. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

11:06am

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

11:20am Chairman McConnell reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Tax Cancellation

Rick Connell requests to cancel the taxes on a trailer that burned down during the summer fires. Tax Value of \$169.28.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to cancel the taxes on parcel #MH279A. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

11:23am

## Commissioner Districts Rezone

Commissioner Wood talked to the Census Bureau to get population numbers for the City of Shoshone. She discussed the ideas that came from the public hearing. One idea was to divide the City of Shoshone into the 3 Districts.

Commissioner Wood worked on redistricting. She was not able to divide the three districts to make the numbers work with equivalent population within 10%. By using the highways to divide the districts, it could make it possible that all three commissioners could be from the City of Shoshone, making the rural population without representation. Each Commissioner represents the entire county, and usually have areas of expertise or Boards that they serve on that they are referred to with questions, but still feel it is important to have someone on the Board who understands the rural issues. The districts are for equalization of population, which should have the capability to represent the city and rural communities equally and fairly. The final draft for districts seems to be the best solution for Lincoln County representation.

11:42am

Lincoln County Employee Handbook.

Clerk Farnworth presented the first draft of an edited version for the Commissioners to review. Changes made from previous meetings were reviewed and discussed.

## Correspondence

County generator. Commissioner Hubert has been working with Magic Valley Electric, who sold it to the County, to get the generator working. The warranty is up on the generator. Still not working.

Dave Zortman, Sticks & Stones, called Commissioner Hubert and told him that West Magic Fire District sold Dave a firetruck for \$1.00. He now has the firetruck to aide in keeping any fires away from the wood and asked if the County could donate gravel for a road that will also assist in keeping the fire hazard at a low risk.

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

1:00pm Chairman McConnell reconvened the Regular Meeting

No Indigent executive session is needed, only documents to be signed. Mary presented documents to the Commissioners for signatures.

Mary turned over accounts for collection to Medical Recovery Services. She gave the Commissioners an update on indigent business.

Chairman McConnell read into the minutes the email from Dr. Davis regarding the new Free Clinic and the benefits to the County Indigent expenses by helping the people of Lincoln County. This should help the County in lowering the cost for Indigent medical cases.

Discussion on the future growth for the Free Clinic.

1:30pm

Sheriff Salary History Analysis

Sheriff Rodriguez and Chief Deputy Phillips present

Clerk Farnworth presented a Sheriff Department analysis from 2014 to current with categories of classification for the departments in the Sheriff's office. Discussion on the history of employee wages and how it has evolved to the present costs.

Sheriff Rodriguez discussed the deputies on duty are tracking hours for Richfield, Dietrich, and SRO.

Chairman McConnell asked Sheriff Rodriguez to talk to Dietrich and work on getting an agreement between the County's Sheriff Department and the City.

Discussion on the overtime wages for the current fiscal year.

Discussion on the Driver's License employee overtime.

Discussion on the mold in the basement including the evidence room and that CTR will be in to take care of the mold issue. Sheriff Rodriguez discussed the evidence and how it will need to be handled to meet requirements to move it to another location until the work is completed.

2:11pm

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4:42pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting.

4:53pm Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,  
Cindi Sievers, Chief Deputy

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Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

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Brenda Farnworth, Clerk