

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

February 12, 2018

Present: Cresley McConnell, Chairman, Rebecca Wood, Commissioner, Roy Hubert, Commissioner. Minutes were recorded for later typing.

Commissioners in Ambulance District from 9:30am to 10:40am.

10:40am Emergency Management Update

Meetings/Trainings/Exercises:

- TTX on January 17th went well. Had over 20 people from local agencies to state agencies.
- Had a meeting with Fire & EMS about backboards for Shoshone Fire Rescue Truck. Found that there were boards ordered and were just sitting around. Gave Casey the ok to use as many as he needs. He took 3 boxes which contained 2 boards.
- Worked with the IEMA Board the last part of January to confirm and finalize the Conference in Boise that was held Feb 5-8.
- March 24th there will be a Railcar Incident Response Class in Shoshone at the Community Center. Instructor will be coming from Ohio and class is put on through IOEM. Lincoln County EM will be hosting the class.
- April 12 & 13 there will be a Public Information Officer Class held at the Community Center this is also put on through IOEM and hosted by Lincoln County EM to register for these classes you need to go to www.idahoprepares.com

Grant Projects:

- Putting the final touches to the ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION SCREENING FORM and should be submitting it to Boise by end of the week
- Received the 12 Person shelter kit and is stored in EM office. Kit contains cots, blankets, MRE and other items for a shelter. This will be good for winter weather and fire evacuations. This can be used for a small temporary shelter. If it is a large-scale event Red Cross will be notified.

Payson reported that last weeks meetings at the IAC Conference were very informative and he learned a lot.

Discussion on getting OEM shirts so Payson can be identified. Need to work on a logo.

Commissioner Hubert asked if we were organized for a disaster that could cause a large influx of people. Payson said he is confident that we are, and with the help of adjoining counties we could handle it.

Need cots and an emergency generator for the Community Center as an emergency gathering shelter. Especially since the Care Center has now made the Community Center as their evacuation shelter.

10:50am Old Business

Helping Idaho Homeless booklet received. 28% of homeless persons affected in Idaho are children. Discussion on the services offered from the Idaho Finance and Housing Association.

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Public Open House notice from ITD to review planned roadway project on Highway 26 from Shoshone to Ohlinger Road at 4-6pm on February 15th.

CTR invoice for \$2,336.45 for review of mold abatement. Need to check on the asbestos removal and why they haven't started.

New Courthouse site. Commissioner Hubert reported that the land just west of the high school will take approximately \$200,000 to take care of the rock and fill on only enough space to build a courthouse and parking lot. Discussion on how much land that is for.

Commissioner Hubert met with Mr. Mast and toured the property that he purchased behind the Sawtooth store. He would consider selling a part, he would like to keep at least 5 acres for a house, and maybe more. Discussion on the best acreage. Thuesons owned a lot south of the store and it sold for \$200,000. The City has the right of way through part of the parcel and could pave that. Mr Mast paid \$175,000 for the entire piece. Discussion on two parcels that are still available from Thuesons and the services that are available.

The Recreation District is not interested in selling their property.

There is more ground available between the Recreation District and the service station.

11:05am Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(f) Legal

Commissioner Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC74-206(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.

11:17am Old Business

BLM did get surveyors out and all corners are marked. They excluded the corner with the old landfill. Commissioners commented that we don't want that corner anyway.

Statement of Treasurer's Cash. \$5m in the County Treasury with \$1.1m in one bank and Commissioner Hubert questioned the insured amount. Need to ask the Treasurer.

11:26am Lincoln County Housing Authority

Ken Haight and Shawna Porter were present.

Discussion on the Housing Authority Board and changing the bylaws. Bylaws had not been revised since 1979 and were outdated to current practices.

Discussion on many boards and things in the County that we are finding that are outdated and need to be worked on.

They had their attorney look over the bylaws and he had never seen them before. Ken did some research to try to find some notes on how the board was started. Lincoln County Development Inc got the Board started. Incorporated in 1972 and lost status in 1974. Then there was a LC Association Inc. and now they are referred to as the Lincoln County Housing Authority.

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In the past the board has always chosen their own board members, but they have found that they are supposed to be appointed by the Lincoln County Commissioners. They would like to make things legal and are trying to get clarification. But it is up to County Commissioners. Board members are appointed for 5 years, on a 5 year rotating schedule and take office in November. There seems to be no limit to terms.

They would like to bring names to the Commissioners with recommendations and then have the Commissioners approve. They need to have a letter from the person who would like to serve addressed to the Commissioners.

As learned in IAC training, in some instances, the Commissioners may suggest that they do not appoint a certain person, due to knowledge that may not be public and may suggest they recommend another.

Annual meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday in November. Currently meeting quarterly.

Commissioners would like a list of the current Board members and when their terms expire for County records. Also, the bylaws when they are completed and any organizational documents.

Discussion on the Blaine County Housing Authority and how they operate.

Discussion on having a low income housing unit in Dietrich, possibly a 4-plex.

Discussion on the qualifications for the housing, must be 62 years of age or handicapped or disabled.

They have their books audited every year and wanted to know if the County wanted to take over the auditing and not have to pay for an auditor. They have some money that they talk about investing, but they have some legal questions about the process.

In January 1975 the County did a Resolution that has the original list of the 5 members.

Discussion on the difficulty of getting volunteers for these boards, no one wants to volunteer their time for boards any more. Discussion on whether or not they advertise for new members on the board.

Commissioner Wood asked Ken about the property that he was working on for a golf course in past years, if the BLM ever designated it for recreation. Didn't appear that they had.

12:00pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:00pm Chairman McConnell re-convened the meeting.

Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(d) Indigent

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

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1:21 pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the meeting.

Commissioner Wood made a motion in case #2018021, #2018022 and #2018024, to deny for lack of interview. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion in case #2018030 to approve for \$650.00. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries

.1:24pm Life-Saving Award

Sheriff Rodriguez reported that on February 5th Deputy Garey was on duty and received a dispatch call for an unresponsive infant. When he arrived, he took charge of the scene and the baby and proceeded to work on life-saving measures. His actions were directly correlated to the baby being saved.

Sheriff Rodriguez read into the record, "For your service and dedication to saving the life of a 7 month old infant on February 5, 2018, as your actions were directly correlated to saving the life of the baby, you are hereby awarded this Life-Saving Award." Deputy Garey was presented with the award.

1:31pm Code Enforcer Discussion

Present: Sheriff Rodriguez, Dennis Race, Shoshone Highway District; Mary Davidson, County Planning and Zoning; Rick Brown, Richfield Highway; Dena Mabbutt, City of Shoshone; Linda Jones, Assessor; Lyle Towne, David Guthrie, Jason Brauburger and City of Richfield, Mayor Buttane.

Purpose of this meeting is to discuss the possibility of sharing a Code Enforcer officer to enforce City, County and taxing district code.

This position would need the authority from the State to issue citations and would probably need to be under the Lincoln County Sheriff's office. This would be a dedicated position and would be their first call of duty and would only be called in on regular law enforcement on an emergency basis.

Discussion on the possible role of the Code Enforcer. Enforce the new dog ordinance, water on the road, P&Z ordinances and other.

Discussion on how to fund the position. Cost for initial training and uniforms, the Sheriff estimates at \$100,000 for the first year, including training, uniforms, salary and a vehicle.

Discussion on a cost share, the County possibly being at half.

The new Gooding enforcer only works a couple days a week. Chairman McConnell will contact Gooding and find out how their program is set up.

Discussion on the issues that the Highway districts are having with codes not being enforced. They would prefer that we do something to enforce on the front end instead of causing issues that cost the highway districts money later to fix the roads.

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Discussion on the purpose of making the violation a citation and a fee versus a criminal act that would need prosecution.

Discussion on the need for all entities to be involved to make enforcement equal across the county. The need seems to be for 12 months of the year.

Question raised if there is any grant money available for such a position. Will need the Sheriff's secretary to look into it.

Discussion on using the SIRCOMM non-emergency number for calls so that we can get statistics on the number of calls and type. Discussion on using statistics as a possible way to share the costs.

It was determined by the group for each entity to send their comments and concerns to Clerk Farnworth in an email for further discussion.

2:09pm Know Your Government Scholarships

Mashelle Barlow, 4H Coordinator

4 kids from Richfield are going to the Capital for the Know Your Government. Two are returning and one freshman and one eighth grade. Last year the County contributed \$50 each toward the \$150 cost.

Mashelle will have the students do a presentation for the Commissioners again after they return and posters for the Courthouse.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to contribute a \$200 scholarship for the Know Your Government program. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:30pm Wood River Land & Trust Park

Commissioner Wood contacted the Wood River Land and Trust and they were very receptive to allowing the County to have the property in Lincoln County that was donated by the Nehr family. They believe what the County is proposing to do is what the Nehr family had originally wanted for that piece of land. Being so far away, they have trouble taking care of it and would be very happy to have the County take over that piece.

The piece is bordered by a wilderness designated property and the railroad right of way.

The Wood River Land and Trust needs a letter from the County with their intents to use. Discussion on what the letter should contain. Letter was drafted and all the Commissioners signed.

Plans for the property is for public use, some kind of a park and possible pond and a hiking trail along the railroad tracks connecting the pieces of property.

Discussion on the history of how the land ended up with the Wood River Land and Trust.

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Discussion on the marketing ability of the County for our open spaces and no rules. Start with this park and possibly open up the for possible businesses to fill the needs of those coming to play.

The owners of the 20 acre lot with the gravel pit on the edge of Shoshone, are willing to sell. The problem is there are no comparables to price the property. It was suggested that we make an offer on the property. There are grants available to develop property for recreation if the County owns the property.

3:00pm Community Center Cleaning

Carmen Wilmore contacted the high school looking for someone to do the cleaning. They only had one student interested but they couldn't coordinate the hours. Most of the cleaning needs to be done on Monday after the weekend and one other day during the week. Asking if we can contract a cleaning person.

Discussion on hourly wage, \$15-\$20 per hour is the going rate for cleaning. Approximately 7 hours a week is needed. Discussion on purchasing an automatic floor scrubber.

Karen doesn't have enough time anymore for cleaning. They are using her fulltime and need her more and want to take away the cleaning from her duties. Discussion on the evolving of the job. She currently spends about half of her time in scheduling and accommodating those renting the building. She would keep that part of the job.

Would like to also have the hallway and community hall painted. Discussion on sealing the cracks and painting the floor of the hall.

Will have Clerk Farnworth gather some financial information and get back to Carmen.

3:30pm

Discussion to amend the agenda.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to go back into the Ambulance District at 3:30pm and also at 3:45pm to do the Minutes and Claims for the County. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

3:30pm Back to Ambulance District.

4:10pm Chairman McConnell re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Claims, Minutes

Discussion on an issue with Linda Boguslawski's credit card.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the claims for February 12, 2018 for \$87,702.33 . Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the Minutes for January 29, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the claim for \$121.69 to Zions Business credit card on adult probation travel. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion, there was a mistake on the credit card and needed to pay the balance now to avoid late charges and they will work with the bank on the error.

4:30pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk