

Lincoln County Commissioners

Ambulance District

January 16, 2018

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

9:30am New Ambulance Director announced, Marc Essary.

He will attend the District monthly meeting on Thursday this week and will be able to meet the ambulance crew.

Commissioners are asked to start making a list of questions they would like to discuss with Marc at the regular Ambulance meeting on February 12.

Chairman McConnell spoke with Sally Toone regarding the legislation to increase the levy rate for the Ambulance. Sally did inform him that we are the only county in the state who has an ambulance district and not a hospital. Many Counties have their Ambulance combined with their Fire District.

The Legislature will be meeting in February the same week the Commissioners are at IAC. They may be requested to testify. Clerk Farnworth will send the budget information to Representative Toone.

Discussion on levy rates for Ambulance and fire districts.

9:51am Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

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9:51am Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

Chairman McConnell will need to leave early this afternoon, about 2pm for SIRCOMM meeting and Commissioner Hubert may need to leave also. May need to close the meeting early.

Commissioner Hubert reported on the BLM transfer, all tests came back negative. They will now order a survey and exclude the old landfill. The old landfill will be excluded from this land transfer, but may be part of a later transaction.

Correspondence/Old Business

Correspondence from the Census Bureau for the LUCA, local update of census addresses. The information was never received. Assessor Jones commented that they had not had time to complete, it wasn't a simple task. Discussion on the purpose of the LUCA.

Animal Ordinance

Still waiting on Gooding City Council to reply with a cost for housing the dogs.

Minutes, Claims

Commissioner Wood made a motion to pay the claims for January 16, 2018 for \$28,484.00. Also an additional claim for a credit card for \$244.95 paid that came in late. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the Minutes for January 8, 2018 with a word to add on page 2. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:35am Property Tax Reduction (PTR, formerly Circuit Breaker) and Solid Waste Fee.

Discussion regarding those who qualify for the PTR, to not charge for the Solid Waste Fee.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to give credit for all those who qualify for Property Tax Reduction. Commissioner Wood, seconded. Discussion, these are the solid waste fees of \$95 to help the elderly and disadvantaged in our County. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:43 Courthouse Security

Discussion on the Courthouse surveillance cameras. It was moved to the Sheriff's office more than a year ago, before Sheriff Rodriguez.

Discussion on having someone come and review. System may be antiquated because it is on a server. New systems are run on a DVR. Will need extensive storage to be able to even store 30 days.

Discussion on needed security at the Fair and at the Maintenance Yard as well.

11:00am Sheriff Rodriguez requested an Executive Session.

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

11:12am Chairman adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Old Business – New Courthouse

With the change in the School conditions for the property across the street, we need to look for a new location. The Commissioners really liked the floor plan of the Jefferson Courthouse where they were last week, the layout impressed them. We were given a copy of the plans that we can make a copy.

Commissioner Hubert reported that we won't be able to get numbers for rock removal on pieces of property being considered for a couple of weeks. He passed on a comment from a patron that we should tear down the current Courthouse and build on this lot.

Have been unable to make contact with the new owners of the property behind the Sawtooth. Owners are Michael and Mary Mast, list of Bellevue.

11:20am New Employee Salary Request,

New Civil Deputy, Teresa Mallea, has been hired to fill the vacancy in the Civil Deputy position. The plan was to hire her temporarily, but the issue was resolved quickly and were able to bring her on fulltime.

Linda Jones brought up the fact that the Sheriff's department did not complete the 5 day in house posting for the position. Sheriff commented that on the advice from ICRMP counsel, because of the emergency need in the position due to ILETs input and Garnishments that this position did not need to be posted and no one else in the Sheriff's Office knows how to do these activities. Teresa is already certified in the ILETs input, in fact was a supervisor over those positions.

Sheriff's earlier discussion with the Commissioners was to pay \$15.54 for part-time, but he has hired her full-time and would like to start her at the wage of the previous Civil Deputy, at \$19.04. It is in the budget already. Discussion on the fairness of bringing someone on at someone else's parting wage. She has more than 30 years experience. We did hire a new Ambulance Director at almost the parting directors wage. She was making over \$23/hour at her previous position.

Points made; we will not have to pay for her training or certification or have her gone for several weeks during training. This needs to be taken into consideration. Also, we need someone with her experience to fix the problems already there. The Commissioners probably would have taken the previous Civil Deputy up to the Salary Grade at \$24.55/hr if she had stayed.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to start Teresa Mallea, the new Civil Deputy at \$19.04 per hour. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion. She needs to be aware of the next budget years raise due to being in between steps on the Salary Grade. Also, she has 30 years of experience and is already POST certified, ILETs certified and has Driver's License Experience. This amount is the current budgeted amount for that position. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

12:11pm

Code Enforcer Position Discussion

Tony Owens, Highway District Commissioner had spoken to Chairman McConnell that they would be willing to help pay for this position to help enforce their ordinances as well.

Discussion on what the position would do and authority to write tickets, and the need for a Code Enforcer. Chief Deputy Phillips suggested that the enforcer be under the Sheriff's office.

Discussion on enforcing P&Z ordinances. Discussion on CAFO enforcement. Will do some more research and discussing.

12:31pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:05pm Chairman McConnell reconvened the meeting.

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.

1:16pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Wood made a motion in Case #2018016 to approve. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion in Case #2018025 to approve. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

1:26pm Reimburse Shoshone City and Fire Department for Spring Flood Expense

Discussion on the time and expense the City and Fire Departments spent during the last spring flooding.

The Fire Department delivered 22 loads of stock water, 78,000 gallons. Potable water was serviced by the BLM, but the water was pumped the water from City systems.

Discussion on sharing some of the fine paid to the County from 4 Bros with Shoshone City and Shoshone City and Rural Fire. Also, possibly think of something good, above and beyond that the County can use it for. Will be put back on next weeks agenda.

1:40pm Commissioners Re-Districting – Revised Map & Legal

Clerk Farnworth presented a revised legal description and map that follows the waterways and roads. The descriptions were gone through in detail by the Commissioners, the Clerk and the Assessor. A few minor corrections were made, but these are much easier to understand and follow.

All agreed to move ahead with the new legal and get a map made. Will have to adopt at the next meeting. Clerk Farnworth will post the new legal descriptions and maps on Social Media and the email list for public awareness.

2:01pm

Chairman McConnell had to leave for a SIRCOMM meeting. Vice-Chair Wood took over the meeting.

Clerk Farnworth suggested a couple more items that need to be considered in the employee handbook.

We have had a few instances of newborns and have allowed employees to bring them to work with them for a few weeks. Discussion on how that could be worded in the handbook.

We have had an issue of an animal being brought with an employee to the Courthouse. Discussion on whether that should be allowed. Commissioners do not want animals, except service animals in Courthouse with employees. Will add that to the employee handbook.

Our Workman's Compensation provider would like us to add more wording about safety into our policy. Clerk Farnworth read their suggested addition. Was agreed to add to the policy.

ICRMP has a Sample Information Systems Policy. Clerk Farnworth read the policy into the record and various points were discussed. It was agreed we should add it to the Employee Handbook as policy.

Clerk Farnworth read into the record the ICRMP Social Media Policy. It was agreed to adopt as is, just inserting "Lincoln County" and "Department" at appropriate places.

3:00pm Vice-Chair Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

Cresley, McConnell, Chairman

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