

**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners  
Board of Equalization Minutes  
January 22, 2018**

**Present: Rebecca Wood, Vice-Chairman, Roy Hubert, Commissioner. Clerk Brenda Farnworth for minutes.  
Chairman McConnell has a conference call this morning and will be late.**

9:30am Vice-Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There are no patrons present with business.

Commissioner Wood received a phone call from a member of the Republican Party regarding the new Commissioner Boundaries. Commissioner Wood and Clerk Farnworth answered the questions on the record and the facts of the process.

10:00am Vice-Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

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Old Business

Animal Ordinance.

Apparently, the City of Gooding just voted in a new Mayor and two new Council positions. The departing Mayor has left it up to the new Mayor. May take a little time for them to come up to speed on all issues before the Council.

10:00am Vice-Chairman Wood called the meeting to order.

Claims, Minutes

**Commissioner Hubert approved the Minutes for January 16, 2018 as presented.  
Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Discussion on the Republican Committee meetings. When they are being held and where, seems to be a secret. It was suggested that one of the Commissioners should attend a meeting and request to be able to present the facts of the Commissioner Re-Districting to the entire Committee.

10:07am Chairman McConnell arrived and took control of the meeting.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the claims for January 22, 2018, for \$29,852.41. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the Indigent claims for \$471.35. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

10:27am Accident Report – Sheriff

Sheriff Rodriguez reported on the vehicle accident of Deputy White. She is ok, just sore. ISP is still investigating the accident, but will expedite. She was on route on a call for a lockdown at the Shoshone School that had called for County assistance.

Sheriff explained the incident as it unfolded.

10:26am Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(b) Personnel

**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.**

11:05am Public Defense Commission-Brianne McCoy

She is required by Statute to meet with the Commissioners every quarter.

First standards from the Commission have to be met by March 2018.

She explained the current standards and that the County is currently in compliance with them.

New standards being discussed for 2019.

Public Defense Commissioner to have oversight and enforcement of the standards.

Trying to increase the effectiveness of Public Defense.

In 2020 it is projected to have a workload standard. BSU is doing the study and they have a consultant checking methodology. When that is in place, it is up to the Counties to ensure we are in compliance.

New Grant application forms will be out February 28<sup>th</sup> and they will be due in to the Commission by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

11:30am Reimburse for Spring Flooding

Commissioners called John from the City and discussed the expenses they incurred. Bulk water is charged out at \$3 per 1,000 gallons.

Discussion on how much to donate and what they contributed. Discussion on what the BLM contributed. Discussion on the fine that was paid was specifically for the water contamination caused by the dairy and we should help those who were directly involved with that incident.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to donate the City \$5,000 and the Fire District \$10,000 and the remaining money to the general fund. Chairman McConnell called for a second. Motion failed for a lack of second.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion that out of the \$60,000 fine that came from the Dairy, \$30,000 be split with the Shoshone Fire, Shoshone City and County and the other \$30,000 be put in the general fund to be used later for a County improvement project. Chairman McConnell seconded. Discussion; Commissioner Hubert feels that it should not be earmarked but should go directly into the general fund without earmarking. Discussion with the Prosecutor on the proper process. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

12:01pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch at the Care Center.

1:03pm Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.  
Ray McClure and Larry Kerner were present

Adopt Resolution 2018-01 Commissioner Districts

Commissioners were presented with a statement of objection on the record from Don Hudson and the Lincoln County Concerned Citizens Committee.

Questions were answered from the floor about the process and the how the current boundaries were arrived at. Also went through the legal descriptions by following the map.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to accept Resolution 2018-01, Adopt Commissioners Districts. Commissioner Wood read the Resolution into the record. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion again on boundaries with patrons. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

1:45pm Worst, Fitzgerald and Stover agreement

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the agreement with Worst, Fitzgerald and Stover as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion, this is for legal action taken against Chairman McConnell's residency. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

1:53pm Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(d) Indigent

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

1:58pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion for case 2018019 to deny for lack of interview. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Discussion on a property in Richfield that has a lot of cars. Mary made a visit and took some pictures, but there is no County ordinance that addresses junk cars.

1:58pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting to Planning and Zoning.

3:13pm Chairman McConnell re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Code Enforcer position.

Clerk Farnworth's survey brought back mostly positive, that other Counties do have a Code Enforcer and one job description from Gem County. Discussion.

Discussion on bringing in the Highway Districts and Mayors for discussion. Requested that Clerk Farnworth send letters and request they attend a meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion on information from Sally Toone from the State Emergency Management and she asked why the Highway Districts in Lincoln County didn't apply. They have re-opened the application process for a limited number of weeks.

Discussion on the request for Lincoln County Commissioner to give testimony at a legislative hearing on the Ambulance District levy during the first week of February.

3:43pm Sheriff requested an Executive Session

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(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.**

4:04pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the letter to the former employee regarding the request for hearing dated January 22, 2018. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Discussion on how to notify the public of the new Commissioner District boundaries. Decided to send out in the Sawtooth flyer because it touches every house in the County.

4:21pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,  
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

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Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

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