

Lincoln County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2018

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

9:30a.m. Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order and led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes & Claims
Old Business

Clerk Farnworth reported on the Judge's decision this morning on the Richfield City Election. The Kent's filed a complaint to contest the City Election because they were not allowed to vote due to inaccurate information in the County Election database, placing them outside the City limits, The Prosecutor attempted to assist the Kent's in their filing, but inaccurate information caused them to file late, after the deadline. The Prosecutor admitted it was the County's fault that the complaint was not filed timely and requested the Judge not rule against the Kent's. The Judge dismissed the complaint because it was not properly filed before the due date, stating that he had no jurisdiction to override the law. Clerk Farnworth commented that it was unfortunate, as the County was willing to re-run the election due to the database error, but it was up to the Judge to order the County to do so by statute.

Chairman McConnell read into the Minutes the portion of the Commercial Lease with BRP that under Item 10. "Tenant shall at its sole costs and expense.. item 3. Landscaping maintenance with respect to the Premises." This eliminates the question of who is responsible for yard maintenance.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the claims for January 2, 2018 for \$45,174.72 and an additional claim already paid for \$175.00 to Pipers Grocery that had to be issued prior to year-end due to the business changing owners. Chairman McConnell seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Minutes for December 11, 2017 with a small correction, inserting the name of Hincklease. Chairman McConnell seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Minutes for December 18, 2017 as presented. Commissioner McConnell seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:05am Executive Session 74-206(1)(b) Personnel

Commissioner Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC74-206(1)(b) personnel. Chairman McConnell seconded. Vote, Commissioner Wood, aye; Chairman McConnell, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Ann Youts requested that the conversation be in open session on the record and not in Executive Session. Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive session.

Ann Youts responded to the comments from the Commissioners that they have received phone calls about her complaining about the Commissioners raise to the public. Ann said she was against the Commissioners giving themselves a raise in spite of the fact that everyone at the public budget hearing complained about the raises. Commissioner Wood said that was not a true fact. Not everyone there was against the raises and many people have voiced support of the Commissioners raise, but they weren't necessarily at the meeting.

Commissioner Wood commented that Ann was not acting as a member of the team. Complaints on both sides were voiced. Open discussion on the issue.

Ann voiced her opinion that when raises such as these are voted in, the elected official doesn't typically get re-elected. Chairman McConnell felt that the raises were not just for him, but for all future Commissioners.

Clarity was made over the fact that they do not volunteer to serve on County Boards, they are required to attend these other Board meetings, they are not optional.

Commissioner Wood noted how she had lost her other part-time job due to the hours she had been spending as a Commissioner. She made a commitment when she was elected to put the County first in her time.

Discussion on the new Courthouse floor plan and Ann's complaints about the new floor plan. Plans are only in the beginning stage and there is plenty of time for revisions. She should attend the planning meetings.

Discussion over Ann's misunderstanding of Chairman McConnell's visit to her office about installing a video surveillance camera and possibly putting one in the Treasurer office. Discussion on being proactive on security over the people and monies in the Courthouse.

Discussion on employee count in the Treasurer's office and history of positions.

Discussion on being supportive of everyone on the County team in public.

10:30am Old Business/Correspondence

John Larson is not present yet.

Discussion on the Animal Ordinance. Have not heard back from the City.

Discussion on the County needing a "Code Enforcer". Possible needs is reviewing compliance with such things as CAFO's, Animal Ordinance, building permits, etc. Comments about a possible junk yard business being run in Richfield without a proper license.

Tree Trimming.

Trimming has been done on most trees, but did not trim the front trees because of the weather. Will come back in the spring and finish.

Discussion on replacing trees that are removed. Utilize Arbor Day to plant a tree.

Chairman McConnell attempted to contact John Larson, no answer.

Sheriff reported that on the 31st at the Soup Supper the Sheriff gave an update to the Community of the changes that will be taking place at the Sheriff's office. They mentioned the changes in the vehicle lease program for Sheriff so the public will understand when they see the new vehicles arrive. They are going to do a quarterly Town Hall meeting to give information and allow for questions.

Commissioners would like to attend and other Elected Officials are invited as well.

10:47am Executive Session ID 74-206 (1)(b) Personnel

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

11:16am Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting

John Larson arrived to discuss the School Property Trade

At the School Board meeting they discussed the proposal of tearing down the old School, but leaving the gym. The Board agreed that everything but the gym could go. The property exchange is still open for discussion, but they still hold to the property values from the last appraisal. Discussion on other options.

Discussion on other possible locations for the new Courthouse.

Discussion on the School running the Bond again during the March Election.

John noted that the School is very interested in purchasing or trading for the football field. Discussion on the liability issue of the School having football games on non-school owned property.

11:40am Sheriff Surplus Vehicles

Sheriff has a list of the vehicles that will be surplus. They are waiting for the new lease vehicles to arrive. Discussion on the best option, a County auction or a car auction in Boise.

The County has a generator that will be added to the surplus list for auction.

Discussion on a possible County-wide surplus auction. The Board requested Clerk Farnworth write a letter to the other taxing districts if they have any surplus equipment and if they would be interested in a combined auction.

11:52am Sheriff Credit Card Limits

Review of the current limits and the requested limits for the Sheriff office credit cards. Commissioners are ok with the changes and leave it to the Clerk.

12:15pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:07pm Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

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

1:28pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Wood made a motion in Case #201812, to deny for lack of interview. Chairman McConnell seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion in Case #2017019 and #2017021 to leave in suspension for now. Chairman McConnell seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood reported to Mary Davidson, P&Z that she received a call that a salvage yard was illegally running without a permit.

Lincoln County has no junk ordinance. He should have a business license if he is operating a business there. Mary Davidson will make a visit.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC74-206(1)(a) Personnel. Chairman McConnell seconded. Vote; Commissioner Wood, aye; Chairman McConnell, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

2:11pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

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

2:21pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session.

2:42pm Establish Election Precincts

Nancy Rodriguez, Election Deputy presented the list of voting precincts for 2018 with no changes from 2017.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to accept the voter precincts for the 2018 Elections; as listed. Chairman McConnell seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:45pm Adopt Ordinance 2018-01

Commissioner Wood made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-01 “An Ordinance to provide for Property Tax Exemptions for non-retail, commercial and industrial development pursuant to Idaho Code 63-602NN; repealing previous ordinance and resolutions in conflict herewith; and, providing the effective date therefore”. The Ordinance was read into the record. Chairman McConnell seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood requested an Executive Session
2:51pm

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

2:55pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session

3:03pm Well Testing Receipt Letter

Mary Davidson explained that the County had received confirmation from an anonymous donor to pay for all the well testing receipts. The intent of the letter was geared toward patrons that turned in well testing results, but not receipts.

Discussion on how to publicize the information. Chairman McConnell reiterated that this is only for the 2017 well testing, and will not be an on-going benefit. Letter will be sent to those on the list who turned in well testing results and will be posted on Facebook.

The County will issue the checks to the individuals and the donor will reimburse the County.

Mary has an appointment with Andrew Fitzgerald at 4 Bros Dairy to go over his cow numbers on Thursday.

3:13pm Nomination for Idaho Wool Growers Board

Chairman McConnell made a motion to approve Barry Dalton as a Lincoln County Director for District III Animal Damage Control Board. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion; this is through the Idaho Wool Growers Association. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

3:22pm VFW Building Easement on County Property

It was determined that the County does not own the property in question by the old VFW building, it is owned by the City.

3:45pm New Website Preview

Commissioner Wood presented the new Website she has been working on for the County. She went through the functionality and the links that have been placed on the page. It has not been published yet. It has much greater functionality and much more information. Suggestions were given as she went through the preview.

She suggested that each department assign someone to do their own page and keep it up to date. She is willing to train. Each department is to assign someone to be their website administrator. Training will be January 18th at 10am.

4:24pm Construction and Repairs – Maintenance Building

Received a bid from BP Construction. The bid is for repairing the building portion that was damaged by the City and for other basic repairs. BP needs to separate out the insurance claim from other repairs that need to be done. Total work to be done is \$5,300, but he will send a revised bid with costs separated.

4:30pm Employee Handbook changes review

Reviewed suggested changes through end of handbook. There will be one more review of minor changes. It is critical that we get a Social Media Policy in place and that will be the next project.

4:56pm Chairman McConnell adjourned meeting.

Respectfully,
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk