

**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 30, 2017**

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

9:30am Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

Executive Session

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

Chairman McConnell adjourned the Regular Meeting to Executive Session.

9:48am Chairman McConnell adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Session.

Old Business

Commissioner Wood reported on the ITD meeting. More concerns were added to the list. ITD will put together the scope of work suggestions for hiring new consultants to replace the original report done regarding the ITD move. Another meeting is scheduled for Friday to review the scope. Julia Ingram is acting as mediator for the group.

ITD has a large group of employees here and statewide that will soon be retiring and hiring for those positions is a concern. The group did discuss how to help the County grow and to help encourage residents and businesses to come to the County.

10:00am Board of Equalization

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to go into the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Chairman McConnell opened the Board of Equalization.

No business brought forward.

Board of Equalization process was reviewed.

Discussion on the Tax Exempt process. Assessor Jones no longer wishes to administer the tax exemption process from her office. They took on the project a few years ago to put together an

administrative process. Now they wish the Board of Commissioners to take over the project. The Treasurer has offered to administer the process to help out the Clerk's office.

10:43am Chairman McConnell adjourned the Board of Equalization and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Letters to Nathan Brown, Times News and Letter to City of Shoshone.

A thank you letter to Nathan Brown, Times News, for the article on Freed2Succeed and revised letter to City of Shoshone were presented from the Clerk and signed by the Commissioners.

Old Business

Report on surplus vehicles.

Commissioner Wood discussed the vehicle with Robert Newey and told him the cost was \$4,000, no decision yet. Chairman McConnell did contact Ronnie Holland but needs to follow up.

ADA Accessibility

Chairman McConnell has taken measurements and it appears it is possible to do an incline walkway in the front of the Courthouse. We need 54ft to complete the ramp. A portable aluminum ramp will work. Need to review the grade.

Discussion on a possible State grant. Mary Davidson has taken grant writing training, may ask for her assistance.

11:03am Care Center Lease Agreement

Commissioner Wood reported on a conversation with Tug after the last meeting. Discussion on automatic renewal clause in the contract and the legal fees for \$17,000 as suggested in the last discussion. Tug forwarded the comments to Ron Kerl and they were to make the contract changes and get it to the County. Still waiting on a revised contract.

11:09am Old Business

Care Center Generator

Magic Valley Electric will transport the old generator to the Shooting Range while they are there with their truck. Discussion on who will schedule the equipment to unload and place the generator. Discussion on the building that currently covers the generator, do they want it at the Shooting Range. The County will also have to lease or purchase a propane tank for the backup fuel source.

Care Center called and requested the County help pay for removal of snow piles from parking lots. Agreed.

11:28pm

Claims & Minutes

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting for January 23, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$18,631.36. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the Indigent claims in the amount of \$875. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Correspondence

Chairman McConnell noted that the County has reached 87% employee completion in the ICRMP Risk Management program. The Sheriff's Deputies had 100% completion except for one that is at POST training. Great job to the staff!

Commissioner Wood reported on a concern brought to her on the Water Source Ordinance that has been adopted. Discussion on the exemption of injection wells and septic not being worded into Tier 1. Issue is during the recharge of the underground aquifer. Discussion.

12:06pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch.

12:58pm Chairman McConnell re-convened the Regular 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, motion carries.**

Chairman McConnell adjourned the Regular Meeting to Executive Session.

1:05pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

(Note: Recorder was not turned on after Executive Session)

Old Business

Commissioner Wood sent out a congratulation to Ann Parker on social media on being the winner of the logo contest and that it would be the basis for a new County Logo. She is hoping to have more drafts and suggestions ready so that we can approve a new logo and have a flag made for the Fair.

Paint Judges Office

Commissioners would like to look at the judges office prior to approving.

#### 1:15pm 4-H Donations

Mashelle Barlow would like to request County help as a scholarship to help pay for “Know Your Government” attendance. Mashelle explained the programs and what the students would learn.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to give a scholarship of \$50 per student for the Lincoln County 4-H Know Your Government. Chairman McConnell seconded. Discussion. Commissioner Hubert does not agree that tax payer dollars should be used for scholarships. Vote, 2 in favor, 1 against. Motion carries.**

Commissioners request that the 4-H students report back to them afterwards and give a presentation of what they did.

#### 1:32pm Southern Idaho Tourism Melissa Barry

Melissa is newly appointed representative over this area and Payson Reese will be appointed as Secretary. Melissa reviewed some of the projects they are focusing on for tourism development in Lincoln County and surrounding areas. Would like to help Shoshone get a motel. Looking for any input of things to bring out in their publications to draw tourists to Lincoln County.

#### 1:45pm Old Business

Discussion on new Courthouse and contract with Zions Bank. Gave E Scott a copy of the suggested contract with Zions Bank.

#### 2:15pm Emergency Road Closure Plan

Sheriff Rodriguez informed the Commissioners that the first contact should be Law Enforcement and they have resources to help stranded motorists. Discussion

Payson is looking into cots and bedding for the Community Center for an emergency shelter.

#### 2:28pm Employee Raise

Sheriff Rodriguez would like to name James Henson as his Chief Deputy and give him a \$.52 per hour raise and promote him to a Lieutenant. Discussion. Because Jay only works part-time, the increase would only be approximately \$500.

**Chairman Hubert made a motion to give a \$.52 raise to James Henson as promoted to Lieutenant and Chief Deputy. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Discussion on a cell phone reimbursement for Laurie Buckner. Need to address in next budget year.

Discussion on data needs on cell phones and ipads for Law Enforcement.

## 2:45pm Building at the Shooting Range

Discussion on a building for the Shooting Range for storage of Law Enforcement vehicles. Need a scope of work and estimates prior to moving forward. Idaho Power will not put electricity to the building without cost. The generator from the Care Center could be used when the new one is installed.

Will need a licensed architect to do plans since it is a commercial building.

Discussion on the building of the classroom at the Shooting Range. Ben Holland had bid to build and the materials are there, just need to contact Ben and accept the bid.

## 3:00pm Law Enforcement New Vehicle

Sheriff contacted Goode Motor and the new vehicle has not been built yet, estimated delivery middle of March. Discussion on changing the order, no longer needing a K-9 unit. Goode Motor cannot change the order so the Sheriff would like to possibly trade the K-9 Unit and purchase a regular pickup truck instead.

Discussion on the K-9 dog and who paid for it, County or Andy.

Mary Davidson joined the meeting and further information was given about the Water Resource Protection Ordinance and the ID Department of Water Resources. The ID Department of Water Resources controls all wells and do not enforce County Ordinances.

4:07pm

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully,  
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

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Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

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