

Lincoln County Commissioners Minutes for July 24, 2017

Present: Chairman Cresley McConnell, Commissioner Rebecca Wood, Commissioner Roy Hubert, Chief Deputy Cindi Sievers for minutes.

9:31am Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes & Claims

Discussion on the new hires for the Sheriff's Department. June 5th minutes were read and clarified the timeline for the new hires.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the July 17, 2017 minutes with corrections. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion on Venture Scouts sponsored by Sheriff's Department. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on the claims for the Venture Scout purchases and liabilities for Lincoln County.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to pay the claims for \$22,992.03. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:00am Discussion on Petition for new Courthouse.

Don Hudson present.

Commissioners discussed the petition and the survey's content contained in it. The petition has 11 signatures and Commissioner Wood felt that it is not enough input from the public to consider this survey as a true assessment from the public. Commissioner Hubert discussed the School Bond's election in August and how it affects taxpayers. This can affect the County's bond for a new Courthouse.

Commissioner Hubert discussed the recommendations made for a steering committee for the new courthouse and believed some of the recommendations are appropriate. Discussion on what the steering committee would be.

Clerk Farnworth presented a letter for a different perspective for the response to the petition and a different view for starting with the Judicial building using the cash reserves available and ask for a bond at a later date for the rest of the new courthouse and let the school bond have a chance to pass first. Don Hudson agrees with Clerk Farnworth's letter for building the Judicial building first. He addressed the Chairman directly for comments made at the beginning of the meeting.

10:35am Designate Polling places for August 29th Election.

Cindi Sievers presented the polling places needed for the upcoming election. Shoshone and North Shoshone precincts will be open for voting, Richfield and Dietrich have been approved for a Mail Ballot Only precinct. Kimama remains a Mail Ballot precinct.

Commissioner Wood moved to accept the Precinct Polling Places for the Shoshone School District Bond. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.

10:40am Correspondence

Approval new hires for the Sheriff's Department. Discussion on the introduction of the new hires from last week.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the hires in the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.

New tables and chairs needed for the Community Building. Commissioner Wood talked to Carmen from the Extension office about the needs and inventory. Discussion on purchase and budgeting for the replacements.

10:48am BLM Right of Way Contract

Chairman McConnell made a comment from a rancher who felt that using the land for floodwaters could promote thistle growth.

Commission Hubert moved to accept the Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Lands for the BLM Right of way. Discussion. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.

BLM Letter from Shoshone office. North Highway 20 Travel Management Plan for an opportunity to attend an open house.

Veterans Conference. Discussion on Jim Eaton, the Shoshone representative, and the reasoning he does not attend. The conference is geared toward larger populations.

11:00am Canal Property Purchase

Chief Deputy Phillips, Sherriff's Department, present.

Chairman McConnell did have a constituent who had concern about the purchase. That person did attended the meeting and opposed the purchase at the public hearing.

Commissioner Hubert discussed conversations with constituents who were opposed and the reasoning; insurance cost, taking the property off the tax rolls. Discussed possibility of using storage units and the cost of storage units for years in the future based on a return on investment being too long. Commissioner Hubert is against the purchase.

Chief Deputy Philips discussed the revenue from impounded vehicles.

Chairman McConnell discussed the buildings already on the property as an added value to the County for the needs of the Sheriff's department. Discussion on the uses of the property.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the purchase of the canal company property. Chairman McConnell seconded. Discussion. Chairman McConnell aye, Commissioner Wood aye, Commissioner Hubert nay. Motion carried.

11:15am Web site no longer being supported.

Cindi Sievers discussed the need to upgrade the web site because the current host is not going to support the software. Dianna Rowe, Assessor's Office, joined the discussion. The current web site is not user friendly. Commissioner Wood will look into other options for web hosting.

Other Business

Float in the parade on Thursday for the County Fair. Clerk Farnworth would like to get a float for the elected officials in the parade. The Commissioners are available and would be interested in participating. Clerk Farnworth has talked to other elected officials and they would like to get a float put together.

Discussion on a softball fundraiser and the Sheriff's Department involvement.

11:30am P&Z update

Mary Davidson, Administrator, present.

Update on the P&Z meeting. Chairman McConnell attended the meeting and discussed the Commissioners taking over the Planning & Zoning because of the many issues that are currently taking place. He mentioned the comments from the Board and their views of the change.

Discussion on the Commissioners public hearing to be held on August 14th. Mary presented a copy of the notice of hearing publication that will run in the Times News for two weeks. Chairman McConnell asked Mary to ask other counties how they are doing the planning & zoning with a Commissioner or through the County Board of Commissioners.

Mary discussed the current P&Z business; her vacation and backup plans while she is gone; P&Z Board to meet on the forth Monday Commissioners' meeting of every month.

Discussion on the Public Hearing date for the County Budget. Due to the Eclipse being on August 21st, Commissioners discussed moving the meeting date and reschedule to August 28th.

11:47am Indigent

Mary only needed a signature from the Chairman. No Executive Session is needed.

Commissioner Hubert discussed the issue of ITD moving. The PILT would be affected by the move because it would decrease Lincoln County's population and increase Twin Falls and Jerome Counties and that could shift the population and PILT apportionment.

Commissioner Wood will be attending the ITD task force meeting this week. Not hopeful in the outcome.

Commissioner Hubert moved to adjourn the meeting to go to the Care Center for their meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.

1:00pm Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

Discussion on a message that was left on the Assessor's office voicemail regarding a person who was blocked from the Sheriff's Facebook page. E. Scott will check with ICRMP to see what should be done on the issue.

1:10pm Animal Ordinance

Dr. Ofer Inbar and Chief Deputy Phillips present

Discussion on the Doctor's office to handle the issuance of dog tag licenses. Dr. Inbar inquired about the reason for the new ordinance. The Commissioners intent was to give the Sheriff's office the ability to write tickets for pet owners whose animals are killing livestock. The revenue would help to pay for the animal control expense.

Discussion on the rabies vaccination and if it would help to have the vet sell and issue the licenses at that time.

Discussion on the feral dog population in Richfield. The rescue operation was discussed and how the expenses are funded, donations are used for the program.

Commissioner Wood discussed the tag issuance in the vet's office. Dr. Inbar understands the issue but feels this may hinder people going to the vet for rabies and not wanting to buy licenses. Dr. Inbar would like to see the ordinance shortened and more concise to be effective. Commissioner Hubert agrees that it may be better if the ordinance was shorter.

Discussion if Dr. Inbar would consider issuing the tags. He said it could be done, but the details would have to be discussed and agreed to. The Commissioners will get Dr. Inbar a new revised copy of the ordinance when available.

1:38pm Public Defense Grant Agreement

Clerk Farnworth present

The Public Defense Grant was approved. Clerk Farnworth read the grant agreement into the record.

Commissioner Wood moved to accept the Public Defense Grant Agreement and have the Commissioners sign. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.

1:48pm Mold and Asbestos Issue

Chairman McConnell addressed the report and the asbestos issue. Commissioner Wood had a conversation with the people who conducted the testing. The asbestos can be mitigated and the Sheriff's Department would not have to leave.

Mold portion of the report was discussed. The only room in question for mold is the evidence room. MTI, Jeff Lynch, was called to discuss the results; a message was left to return the call. Discussion on the evidence and how long it has to be stored and how it is kept, what can be done with the evidence during mitigation.

2:06pm Budget work Session

Sheriff Chief Deputy Phillips present.

Clerk Farnworth lead the discussion.

Budget and revenues were fully reviewed. Still short on revenue – Clerk Farnworth will make a proposal to reconcile at the net meeting.

3:49pm Other Business

Adams County has requested to use the County's potable water tanks during the Eclipse. Chairman Hubert suggested having Payson, as Emergency Manager, visit with the Sheriff's Department and make the decision.

Discussion on the ADA accessibility and the audit that was performed last week.

3:53pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,
Cindi Sievers, Chief Deputy

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk