

Lincoln County Commissioners Minutes for July 31, 2017

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

9:30am Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order and opened and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

10:05am Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Laughlin & Ricks Associates

Colby Ricks, Sheriff Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Phillips, Linda Jones, Brenda Farnworth in attendance.

Colby presented potential plans for the judicial building. Discussion on phase one floor plan for the building. Discussion for Security.

Clerk Farnworth suggests forming a committee of employees who would be involved in the working function of the judicial building. This would help the process in redesigning for efficiency. Clerk Farnworth wants to take the key personnel that will be in the judicial building to form the committee.

Chairman McConnell asked Clerk Farnworth to head up the committee. Commissioner Wood would like to see a preliminary plan adding the Treasure, Assessor, and Clerk's office to the next meeting.

11:12am Eclipse Issues

Sheriff Rodriguez and Chief Deputy Phillips

Sheriff thinks the issues will be manageable and he is coordinating with the State Police to make the event safe for the public. Travel through the county will be heavy before and after the eclipse.

Discussion for using the plastic water containers by other counties for the increased volume of public due to the eclipse.

Cell coverage discussed. Sheriff is working on communication for deputies if cell service goes down.

Discussion for safety for Lincoln County residents. The majority of the public will be going through Lincoln County, not staying in the area.

Discussion for evacuation in the case of fire or any other major disasters.

Discussion on closing the courthouse. Chairman McConnell wants to table the discussion.

11:25am

Deputy Phillips discussed there are 4-6 calls per day regarding water on the road issues. Sheriff's department is doing an educational response without writing tickets at this time. Farmers are working with the Sheriffs' deputies. Discussion on the methods deputies are using.

Chairman McConnell discussed the responses from constituents who are in favor of the new ordinance.

Discussion on land owner and leased land. Who is responsible.

11:36am Canal

Chairman McConnell will contact Lynn Harmon with the Canal Company to discuss the need for a new survey. Cindi will contact survey companies for an estimate.

Discussion for closing the courthouse for the eclipse event.

Commissioner Hubert moved to close the courthouse on Aug 21, 2017. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion about the safety of the county employees and wages for Sheriff's office. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence

A&G will not be billing the county for the use of a crane at the care center. Commissioner Hubert would like the County to send them a letter of thanks.

Discussion on the generator for the courthouse.

Commissioner Hubert would like to leave the meeting early for a retirement party in Twin Falls County.

12:00pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1: 00pm Chair McConnell reconvened the Regular Meeting

There is nothing for Indigent so they will move on to Correspondence.

Correspondence

Discussion for a meeting with Brianne McCoy with PDC on September 5, 2017. Clerk to contact her and schedule the meeting

Discussion on future web site. Commissioner Wood researched some sites and wants to discuss what the site should look like.

Fifth District Court luncheon at Twin Falls West Oct. 25, 2017 11:30 to 1:30..

Discussion P&Z Hearing August 14, 2017. Commissioner Hubert talked to Mike Telford about the move from the P&Z Board to the Lincoln County Commissioners. Mr. Telford has mixed emotions with the change.

Discussion on budget hearing being changed to August 28th because of the eclipse.

ITD Task force. Commissioner Wood was not able to go to the meeting because of a family issue. She contacted other people and they too were unable to go to the meeting. Shoshone had a fire north of town that may have made an effect on the meeting.

1:17pm Lynn Harmon, Big Wood Canal Co.

Discussion on Property A and having a survey done. The property is tax exempt and has not been on the tax rolls. Lynn will check to see if there was a survey done in the past. Big Wood Canal Company is having a board meeting tomorrow and he will present the issue to the Board.

ADA Accessibility & Transition for the Fire Station. Commissioner Wood discussed the use of the current property for the new fire station housing. She talked to a Union Pacific employee to move trucks during the fair.

Property trade with Shoshone School. Chairman McConnell said the school is waiting to see what happens with the school bond before they move forward.

Discussion on the business, Sticks & Stones, burned up in the fire and had a loss of about \$1m. They are selling planters for funds to help rebuild the company. Commissioner Wood would like to send a letter to let them know the community supports them.

Minutes and Claims

**Commissioner Wood moved to pay the claims for July 31, 2017 of \$24,941.06.
Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Discussion on the Minutes for June 26, 2017. Chairman McConnell was not present for a portion of the meeting and wanted to get a better understating of the content.

Discussion on the letter sent to IRIS medical. E. Scott will send another letter for a response for the \$40,000 discrepancy.

Discussion on the mold report. Chairman McConnell received an email but there is no new information with the exception of photo attachments. He will follow up them again.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the July 24, 2017 minutes with corrections. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the June 26, 2017 minutes with corrections. Discussion. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

E. Scott has not heard anything from the attorney on a legal matter and will follow up.

2:00pm Commissioner Hubert is leaving to go to the retirement party in Twin Falls.

Employee Handbook Review – pages 21-26.

Clerk Farnworth read pages for the record for discussion.

2:45pm Deputy Gerry explained a fund raiser for Search & Rescue going on this Saturday and would like the Commissioners to be on the dunk tank. They will have cooking booths for fire departments as well.

Commissioner Budget Work Session

4:26pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,
Cindi Sievers, Chief Deputy

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk