

**Lincoln County Commissioners
Ambulance District Meeting
Minutes for June 19, 2017**

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

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

Larrin Sant, Ambulance Director and Sean Kirk present.

Discussion on the \$4,000 fund that was set up to be used by the Richfield QRU for training. Rebecca talked to Robert Newey from the Richfield QRU. He is ok with the funds being matched by the Commissioners so it can be used by all Lincoln County EMS.

IRIS discrepancy. Chairman McConnell said he had found the statements that were requested sent by Larrin. Mike, owner of IRIS, had been working with Larrin to get the documentation for that was needed for the audit. Prosecutor will send a letter to IRIS for cooperation. Larrin also wants E. Scott to add to the letter the reports needed to finish the transaction to stop using IRIS and begin using the new company.

Chairman McConnell read into the minutes the letter sent to IRIS regarding the discrepancy of \$48,000. There has been no contact from Mike since the letter. Larrin has tried to get answers from Mike at IRIS.

Discussion of the write offs that were done 2 years ago. Larrin has the names on a ledger of the accounts that had been written off to clean up the billings.

Clerk Farnworth asked if Larrin noticed when the difference occurred at the time of the discrepancy. From this point forward, a running balance should be matched with the new company to do the collections so this is not an issue in the future. The Commissioners want to see a report each month to reconcile the accounts. System Design is the new company that will handle the billing. Discussion how System Design does business for billing.

10:00am Chairman McConnell adjourned the Ambulance District Meeting.

Respectfully,
Cindi Sievers, Chief Deputy

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

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Chairman McConnell opened the regular Meeting

South Central Community Action (SCCA), Ken Robinett and Misty McEwen.

Ken handed out reports on the programs through SCCA in 2016.

Major Program Services for 2016. Discussion on the number of individuals in the Magic Valley that were served by them. This services the homeless, including veterans as well as the food program.

Self Help Housing is not in Lincoln County at this time. Mr. Robinett stated the programs being discussed today are in jeopardy of not being funded in President Trump's new proposed budget.

Weatherization/Energy Conservation Program. Discussion what is funded with the program for assistance with Department of Energy regulation.

Discussion on employees from the nonprofit organization. It is difficult to keep good employees because it is nonprofit and wages are not competitive. Complete training is given to ones who want to apply and work for South Central.

Discussion on the Heating Assistance Program. SCCA tried to target the elderly to help get them set up with heating assistance. Discussion on how the funding is distributed to the county residents after the heating moratorium stops and heating can be disconnected.

Discussion on Lincoln County families who have been helped by SCCA.

Misty talked about the Veterans Assistance Program and the benefits offered to help get them to a stable being.

Discussion on the funding Lincoln County received from the various programs.

Commissioner Hubert asked where would funding come from if federal funds are cut. Property owners who pay for the weatherization improvement services profits go back into the organization, but it will not be enough to fund programs alone.

10:40am Driver's License lunch sign
Sheriff Rodriguez attending.

Complaints made by 3 people who have shown up to get license during their lunch time. Discussion on staffing and how this will be handled in the future. With the changes in

employees in the future, there will be 3 people who will be cross trained for Driver's License. The person who replaces Jay after retirement will be one of the people to be cross trained. The time 12:00 to 12:30 will be posted for the lunch break.

10:48am Beverage licenses

Commissioner Hubert moved to issue the beverage licenses for Valley Wide Co-op #3125 located at 805 S. Greenwood, license #2010-096 and Valley Wide Co-op #3404 located at 103 N. Rail E. license #2010-097. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion, amended to include both locations. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carries.

10:54am Old business

IAC Annual Conference Sept. 25th - 27th.

Because the meetings begin on Monday instead of the usual Tuesday, Commissioners decided to cancel the meeting scheduled Monday September 25th.

Commissioner Hubert asked E. Scott if he would send a letter to BLM stating Lincoln County will be responsible for the weed control from the water runoff. It was determined a letter was not needed since it is already stated in the agreement. Cindi will complete the agreement and present to Commissioners next meeting.

Property A purchase.

Northwind report is not here yet, but is expected soon. When the report is in, Clerk Farnworth asked when to publish the public meeting that needs to be set to run for 2 weeks. Commissioners decided to set the public meeting for July 17th.

11:00am ISU Bengal Solution/ ITD Study

Dr. Dan Cravens, Idaho State University, is here to discuss the study on whether or not ITD should leave Shoshone. Commissioner Wood discussed how the dollar amounts were calculated that would cause an economic decline if ITD left the area. Dr. Cravens discussed the social impact that would affect Shoshone if ITD relocated. Dr. Cravens stated the dollar amount spent in Shoshone may have been underestimated by ITD employees. Discussion on the report given by ITD on the impact if they relocated. Dr. Cravens said he did not give much attention to ITD's numbers because he wanted to be nonbiased in his findings. The study by the university has not been finished.

Continued discussion on the impact the relocation would cause to Shoshone and Lincoln County. He admits that it could have a negative impact. He talked about the City meeting he had earlier last week. ITD has been a presence in Shoshone since the 1950's. Discussion why ITD feels it should leave the area to be in a more centralized location. In addition, the pool of qualified employees is more abundant in the larger cities. Commissioner Hubert discussed the number of employees already employed in Shoshone that live in other cities that commute here. Wages, commute time, qualification skills, cost of living, housing were discussed. The report should be done about July 10th.

11:56am Animal Control Ordinance will be put on old business for next meeting.

Discussion on the Commissioners plan to take over Planning & Zoning and proposed Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance. E. Scott will have it done before he leaves on vacation.

Discussion on going to ADA meeting in Jerome on July 13th, 1:00.

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

1:00pm Indigent

Chairman McConnell is not back from meeting, Vice Chair Commissioner Wood reconvened the Regular Meeting.

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

1:18pm Vice Chair Commissioner Wood adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay case #2017041 with a minimum of \$50 per month payment and to keep the lien on the house. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

1:19pm UPRR & Fire Station/ Maintenance Update

Dave Davidson in attendance.

1:21 Chairman McConnell returned.

Fire Station has the permission from Union Pacific for a land swap. A letter of intent for the land swap needs to be drawn up by E. Scott. Discussion on the conditions of the land swap.

Commissioner Hubert asked where funding will come from. Dave said the Fire District would have to have a Bond.

Maintenance Update on the Courthouse. Dave Davidson has closed on his house and will be moving to Filer around November. The plan is to still be working here. Commissioner Hubert brought up the fact that in the past the decision was to hire in the county for availability.

Discussion how long Dave will be living in the County, commuting, how emergency issues would be handled. He is also going to be added to Mary Davidson's insurance policy, just an FYI for the Commissioners.

Dave is taking a vacation from 7/28 to 8/9. He is working on having someone fill in while he is gone.

Commissioner Wood asked about the lawn trimming done at the fairgrounds. Dave has had a conversation with Jarret about the issue. Commissioners asked to have Jarrett come in next Monday for a meeting.

1:45pm Claims, Minutes, Correspondence.

Commissioner Hubert discussed the amount of the repair to one of the Sheriff's vehicles. Discussion why the Motorcraft parts were used. Sheriff Rodriguez was asked to come in to talk about the repair. Sheriff said that the repair was discussed with Chief Deputy Phillips and the recommendation was to use OEM parts for the quality and guarantee. Discussion on using local businesses for parts with equal guarantees.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the indigent claims for \$641.00. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion on Community Center cleaning. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the claims for \$6,032.23. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on Commissioners having a positive response from the public to the Animal Control Ordinance and Water Ordinance.

2:08pm Correspondence

Report from SIRCOM listing the total emergency calls in Lincoln County for the 2016-2017 budget. Calls listed by department: Dietrich FD 16; QRU 34; LC EMS 524; Search & Rescue 62; Sheriff 4611; Richfield FD 95; Shoshone FD 179; PD 4303.

Discussion on flood claims from this year's flooding.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Minutes for Ambulance and Regular Meeting June 12, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence from the skate park opening attended by Chairman McConnell. He read a list of those who donated to the park.

Discussion on tearing down the old schoolhouse. Chairman McConnell talked about the cost it would be for asbestos removal. Discussion on what will be done with the rubble from the demolition.

2:16pm Auditor Budget Review

Clerk Farnworth presented a revised salary budget for next year, total increase is \$182,000. Discussion on salary upgrades. Chairman McConnell wants to see a contingency line for employees in Commissioner's Specials. Commissioner Hubert wants a line for the fence that needs to be put around the Transfer Station.

2:40pm Farmers Market

Cindy Heiken in attendance. Discussion on the day change from Thursday to Friday. Trying to improve the opportunity for vendors and consumers. A table is very inexpensive here in Lincoln County. In addition, the Farmers Market is a secondary or supplemental income for some families. Tourists are among the customers who purchase items from the vendors.

2:52pm Continued Auditor and Election budget review

Discussion on Auditor's salaries and expenses. Clerk Farnworth has found a part-time person to fill the Election's position. Indexing is still an issue that needs addressed too. Judy will stay in the Auditor's position full time and Cindi is a full time person filling a part-time position.

Discussion Election Budget Review County and Consolidated.

Discussion Indigent Budget Review now has public defender in Indigent Budget, which was moved from a separate fund budget. Defense is running over budget this year because of this change. There is an increase for that line in the new budget.

3:19pm Employee Handbook Review pages 16-26.

Linda Jones and Ann Youts joined the meeting.

Discussion on the issue of reserve years as service years for County employment years.

Chief Deputy premium discussion; it should be in the policy that the compensation should cease if the position is given to another employee.

Clerk Farnworth read sections of the current policy and there was discussion on issues.

Discussion on FLSA. Police, Fire Fighters, and Paramedics not exempt from overtime. Therefore the Chief Deputy cannot be put on salary.

Discussion on how overtime is paid out vs. comp-time earned.

Discussion on work hours for Law Enforcement; 43, and Regular Employees; 37.5 – 40 to be paid out.

Discussion Compensatory time to be approved by supervisor.

Discussion of closing Monday, July 3rd for July 4th holiday.

Chairman McConnell moved to close Monday July 3rd and pay employees for the day and add to the calendar of Commissioners meetings July 31st. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carries.

Old Business

BLM land use for floodwaters and weed control. Commissioner Hubert has discussed this with Terry Ruby, Tri-County Weed, that Lincoln County will be responsible for the cost.

Discussion on a property in Richfield that needs to be handled for Scotch thistle. Land owner is in Buhl. Commissioner Wood would like Terry Ruby to send a letter.

New Courthouse. Laughlin will be here next Monday to talk about phases for construction.

Flag for new county logo. Commissioner Wood had found an Oregon company that is looking good for pricing. A two-sided flag is discouraged because of flying issues. There is a 7-day turn around. Commissioner Wood wants to order from this company to see the quality before more is ordered. The other commissioners agreed.

Veterans Services Officer. Commissioners asked Cindi to make some calls and find who the officer for our area is.

4:31pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,
Cindi Sievers, Chief Deputy

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk