

## **Lincoln County Commissioners Minutes for June 26, 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 the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Extension Budget Review.  
Carmen Willmore present

The only changes made are the wages. All other budget amounts are to remain the same. Discussion on what is paid by the University of Idaho for wages.

Discussion on the progress the Extension office is making with the farmers and beef growers. A \$10,000 grant was given for research on cheat grass prevention. In addition, they are working with Raft River dairy on research with corn silage. They share labor on both projects.

9:45 Maintenance Contract

Dave Davidson and Don Hudson present.

Discussion to get the contract on a fiscal year. No changes; \$23,900 for a year.

**Commissioner Wood moved to continue the maintenance agreement with Dave Davidson beginning October 1, 2017, ending September 31, 2018 for \$23,900. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Dave is working on the mouse issue in the courthouse and in the lawn. Discussion on the Farmers Market having a trailer on the lawn. Need to contact Cindy Heiken to pass on the message.

Dave will contact Andrew Fitzgerald to see if we can get the rest of County records in the old American Legion building.

10:00am Laughlin & Ricks New Courthouse Discussion

Colby Ricks and Roger Laughlin present. Also in attendance, Linda Jones, Sheriff Rodrigues, Chief Deputy Phillips.

A site plan has been given to the Commissioners that include the phases that could feasibly be done. Possibly publish plan of phase one with the bond. This would show the public there is room for expansion. Discussion on the phases and how the development would be done. Colby wants to have some public meetings and discussion with Zions Bank also to be involved. Commissioner Hubert would like a presentation developed to present to the public when the time comes for getting the word out for a

new courthouse. Zions Bank can do this. Commissioner Hubert would like to see Laughlin & Ricks and Zions Bank in a meeting together; it will help make better decisions for the building and the phases.

The American Disability Act compliance was discussed. Clerk Farnworth has talked to the organization that let us extend the compliance because we are looking at getting a new courthouse.

Further discussion how the phases would be done. Phase one and two can be done before the school building is torn down. Costs were talked about for the phases, and how long the costs of \$185 per square foot would be available. Commissioner Wood would hope to have some of the funds paid by the county before the bond were to be taken to the public.

The bond for the Shoshone School District was discussed and the land swap for the football field, which is county property, for the land at the old school location.

11:05am Sheriff Budget Review

Sheriff Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Phillips, Laurie Buckner.

Discussion on salaries, salary upgrade, with the input of the Sheriff. BLM salary budget was moved to other lines that were more applicable to the expense.

Grants for expenses were discussed with the money allotted for reimbursement. BLM Patrol Grant discussion. Discussion on staffing, overtime, and Driver's License hours. New phone budget discussion for the need to upgrade the cell phones. Vehicle purchase discussion from 1 per year to 3 per year. Discussion on the \$5,000 increase to the gun line. The needs are 3 pistols and 2 rifles.

Discussion on the Jerome County Jail only housing males and not having a jail for females.

Commissioner Wood asked about the differences in the budgets from Clerk Farnworth's and the Sheriff's. Discussion on the overall 3% increase limit to property taxes.

11:55 Sheriff's Dept. Air Quality Testing

Chairman McConnell discussed the air quality in the downstairs offices. He feels that testing should be done again in the Sheriff's Dept. to see if the mold issue has been rectified. The testing was done originally by a restoration company. Discussion on the areas with the highest counts for mold spores. Radon testing and carbon monoxide testing also discussed. Chairman McConnell wants to explore options of who should be used.

12:20 Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:00pm Chairman McConnell 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. Vote; Commissioner Wood, aye; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman McConnell, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.**

1:14pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

**Commissioner Hubert moved to deny case #2017039, applicant does not qualify as indigent. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Hubert moved to approve case #2017035 . Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Hubert moved to deny case #2017034, because of lack of interview. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.**

1:17 Chairman McConnell left for an emergency.

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

1:19pm Vice Chair Wood adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

**Commissioner Hubert moved to proceed with the Purchase of property A and advertise for a public meeting on July 17, 2017. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.**

A Public meeting will be held in the Commissioners conference room during the commissioner meeting.

Discussion what should be available for the public to review during the public meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be published; Clerk Farnworth will get that into the paper. Clerk Farnworth to put together information packets for the public.

1:22pm Old Business.

ITD Admin Move task force. Discussion regarding people who at ITD that had conversations with Commissioner Wood, including discussions with ISU.

New Fire station letter is going out written by E. Scott. This will be moving forward.

Letter was sent by E. Scott to Mike at IRIS regarding the \$48,000 discrepancy.

Discussion on the property trade with school district in the paper. Times News published an article, June 22, 2017 with Chairman McConnell and superintendent of the Shoshone School District.

Property acquire with BLM. Commissioner Hubert discussed his conversation with Solid Waste. Commissioner Wood has a suggested vendor, Country Boy Excavation for fencing around the area. Need a bid to see how much to add to the budget for this expense.

1:30pm Third Day Lawn Care Contract

Jarret Gray in attendance.

The current contract was passed out by Clerk Farnworth. The new contract will be changed to meet the fiscal year October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. Discussion on the terms of pricing for service and payments. Discussion on the fairground weeding.

1:35 Correspondence

Commissioner Hubert discussed the denial on the Public Defense Grant. Our regional representative has contacted Clerk Farnworth to discuss and help re-write and submit for approval.

Letter from Mike Simpson thanking us for the PILT letter from Lincoln County. Discussion to approach the IAC for property tax vs. PILT.

Small Claims filed against Lincoln County on an unlawful arrest. E. Scott has the case.

PERSI rate has raised the percentage by 1% for Lincoln County side and employee's side. Effective July 1, 2018.

New employee for elections, Nancy Rodriguez, will work part time; starting wage at \$10.10 beginning Wednesday June 28, 2017.

1:45pm Prosecutor Budget Review

Clerk Farnworth handed out the letter written by E. Scott Paul, Prosecutor, and read the letter for the record.

Discussion on the loss of a part time work was part of the requested increase for his salary. Discussion on the extra help line moving from A budget to B budget, contracted help. Discussion on wages and expense increases for new equipment needed. Commissioner Hubert wants to have a discussion with E. Scott about county business at a later date due to E. Scott not being present.

1:56pm P&Z Budget Review

Mary Davidson present.

Discussion on her salary staying the same and expenses for the budget if it is going to be taken over by the Commissioners. Other expenses that will be increased because of upcoming work.

2:04pm P&Z ordinance

E. Scott has drawn up an ordinance to dissolve the existing P&Z Commission, to be taken up by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Publication and public hearing dates were discussed. This will be on the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for further discussion.

In 2013, Glen Dansie sold 121.2 acres and made a division. It was labeled as a split not in compliance. It has been removed, but the Assessors' office has not changed it on the parcel. Mr. Dansie has sold the balance of his property to the same person. Now that the division of the parcels are owned by one owner, Mary wants to resolve the issue for the new owner of an illegal split. Under the new ordinance would be a legal split.

**Commissioner Hubert moved that Glen Dansie's division dating back to 2013 to Gary Eden and the remainder of his land sold in June 2017, be accepted without any noncompliance notations on any of their deeds. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.**

Mary has had 2 inquiries regarding putting in new subdivisions in the county.

221pm Claims, Minutes & Correspondence

Correspondence:

Department of Juvenile Compliance audit has been approved. Commissioner Wood read into the record the things that have been improved.

Invitation to Zions Bank's celebration on July 21<sup>st</sup> 12 to 1:30pm for 20 years in business.

Sircomm Report on the number of billable calls in the county for the year.

University of Idaho letter for all the public libraries in the state. The use for libraries has gone up.

Discussion on records request to Sheriff's Department.

Discussion on County flag ordering for upcoming events with the new logo.

2:36pm Minutes

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Ambulance District minutes for June 19th as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve Regular Meeting minutes for June 19<sup>th</sup> with correction. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Commissioner Wood talked to Terry Ruby regarding property in Richfield with a considerable amount of thistle. She was not impressed with his response, but wanted to let Commissioner Hubert know since he is on the board.

2:45pm Claims

**Commissioner Hubert moved to pay the Indigent claims for \$5,010.39. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert moved to pay the claims for \$48,704.76. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Chairman McConnell will not be back due to a Coroner call.

2:47pm Commissioner's Budget Review

Clerk Farnworth and Chairman McConnell discussed in an earlier meeting, the possibility of having an administrative day. Commissioner Hubert is not in favor adding an extra day. He has many meetings and works well from home. Commissioner Wood is in favor and would like to purchase a laptop for the Commissioners use. The commissioner meetings are up 20% by having 4 meetings a month. She also feels that by increasing the salary and having an administrative day would let them work on county projects. This will include making the Commissioner's position a full time job from part-time.

Discussion on the agenda. Commissioner Hubert has looked at other commissioner agendas and suggests we follow examples of some other Counties. Discussion on ICRMP and Jim McNall's opinion on how our agenda is laid out.

3:03pm Beverage License

**Commissioner Hubert moved to approve the retail beverage licenses for Main Stop at 155 N Main, Shoshone, Mt. View Lanes at 608 N Greenwood, Shoshone, Eagles Nest at 119 N Main, Dietrich, and Shaw L& L Merc. at 59 N Main, Dietrich. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.**

Continued discussion on the Commissioners' salary. Commissioner Wood has an idea of a starting point of \$15.00 per hour at 37.5 is about \$30,000 per year.

Clerk Farnworth discussed the minor changes to the next budget for 2017-2018.

3:15pm Animal Control Ordinance – Review Kennels

The draft for the kennel license was read into the meeting for the record by Commissioner Wood. The changes are an improvement and addresses concerns that were brought up in other discussions. Discussion on who will be responsible for issuing licenses. It was discussed that the Clerk's office would handle it. It makes more sense to have the Vet office handle them. Commissioner Wood will contact the veterinarian to find out their opinion and ask them to the next meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

3:30pm Employee Handbook pages 19-26

Linda Jones present.

Clerk Farnworth read text into the meeting for discussion.

3:41pm Chairman McConnell returned.

Discussion on family leave, maternity leave, compensation time, sick and vacation used for such. Discussion for a review after 4 weeks with the elected official and an appeal option with the Commissioners for maternity leave.

Discussion on safety training; Add risk management to policy; Designated Dr.'s office for worker's comp injuries was discussed.

4:15pm Update Chairman McConnell on business discussions while he was absent.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to amend the agenda to add BOE for the good faith reason that the Assessor Linda Jones has to meet Idaho Code to present the Property Roll for approval. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.**

4:25 Chairman McConnell adjourned the regular session and into Board of Equalization.

Linda Jones handed out the Property Tax Roll. Values went up to \$238,714,664, up by \$6,978, 528 from last year.

Linda Jones handed over the tax roll, discussion.

**Commissioner Wood moved to accept the market value for properties of taxing districts for \$238,714,664 the year 2017. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion; went up \$6,978,528 from last year's total. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion carried.**

4:28 Chairman McConnell adjourned the Board of Equalization and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Continued discussion with Chairman McConnell on previous business discussions.

A further discussion on the P&Z noncompliance split for the sale between Dansie and Eden.

Commissioner salary discussion continued.

4:51pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,  
Cindi Sievers, Chief Deputy

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Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

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Brenda Farnworth, Clerk