

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

March 12, 2018

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

9:30am – 10:40am Ambulance District Meeting

10:40am Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

Emergency Management – Payson Reese

Payson attended the IEMA Conference in Boise in February and a Shoshone Fire Department Drill to view the new rescue truck and discuss how OEM can help purchase needed equipment.

As of Thursday afternoon they met the requirement of 20 to be registered to hold the Rail Car emergency response Course. There are attendees from SIRCOMM in Twin Falls, Filer Fire, Glens Ferry Fire, Idaho OEM, Gooding and Jerome OEM and Lincoln County EMS and Lincoln County Commissioners.

A Public Information Officer Class to be held April 12th & 13th at the Community Center. Everyone who may be interviewed on County business by the News Media should attend.

Will be having a Regional Quarterly Emergency Managers Workshop to be held in Lincoln County on April 5th.

The grant application for the Care Center generator, the Environmental and Historic Preservation Screening form, has been submitted and waiting for a response.

Grant money has been received for Shelters and Animal Control. Working on several other grants and will be looking to see if we can apply to Union Pacific Foundation to purchase some of the extrication equipment.

Working on the County Emergency Management Webpage and a logo for Lincoln County OEM to put on clothing for identification.

Discussion on whether an update is needed for the Commissioners monthly or every other month.

10:50am Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(f) legal and IC 74-206(1)(b) Personnel.

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

11:09am Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Discussion on the upcoming Coroner's Inquest this week.

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Old Business

Property Acquire from BLM

The samples from the transfer station have been approved and are now in the hands of the State. They will then request approval from the Federal BLM.

ADA Accessibility

Chairman McConnell contacted a contractor to get a bid to do a ramp on the front of the building. Have not received it yet. Discussion on where it will be.

New Courthouse

Commissioner Hubert reported that Dave Zortman has land just north of the LDS Church, and approximately 10 acres is available. It may be in the City limits or the area of impact. He would want to sell it for the same per acre price he bought it for. All the other 3 lots we are looking at are in the City limits.

Discussion on whether we are going to consider building a jail in our long term plans. If we want it connected to the courthouse, next to the school would not be a good option.

WIR Registration

Discussion on the agenda items and housing options. Will decide over lunch.

11:50am Claims, Minutes

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the claims for \$60,813.78. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve payment of \$3,000 into the Sheriff's new Revolving Account. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Minutes for March 5, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence

Idaho OEM booklet received for 2017 yearend review.

Received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce thanking the County for past support and an update of chamber activities.

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

1:00pm Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order

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;

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Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman McConnell, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

1:15pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Wood made a motion for case #2018029, #2018032 and #201837 to deny for lack of interview. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion for case #2018031 to deny, not medically necessary based on recommendation from medical review. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:20pm 2017 Annual Justice Report Review

Linda Boguslawski & Renee Waite

Discussion on the statistics of probation for Lincoln County. Statistics are going down, which is a good indicator of the programs working. Those on the “Diversion” program are not included in the statistics.

Discussion on the help from the School Resource Officer and the cooperation they have.

Discussion on the budget and funding received.

Discussion on a new Walker Center Program that is including family counseling and online school and different kinds of activities for development.

1:51pm South Central Public Health Board Appointment

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to retain Charlie Ritter as the South Central Public Health Board appointee. Motion failed for lack of a second. Discussion on why. The Commissioners are not getting any reports from Charlie except the annual report with the officers. They need someone who will keep them updated.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to remove Charlie Ritter as a proxy member to the Board of South Central Public Health and replace with a Commissioner when the current Board appointment ends on June 30. Chairman McConnell seconded. Discussion on the payment received from the South Central Public Health for serving on the Board. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman McConnell made a motion to appoint Roy Hubert to the South Central Public Health Board. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:00pm Zions Bank & Laughlin Ricks – New Courthouse

Michael Tippetts from Zions Public Finance and Colby Ricks, Laughlin & Associates.

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Last courthouse plan is about 18,600 sq. ft in trying to keep with the plan as originally requested when we were looking at the property across the street. The school has no plans to tear down the old gym, so that property is not an option. Discussion on needing separate offices for the Sheriff office versus using cubicals. The new courthouse committee doesn't feel that the 18,600 is adequate to bring all the County services under one roof and leave room for growth.

Discussion on using 20,000 sq. ft. as a base. Current construction prices are at \$200 - \$225 per sq/ft depending on the finishes. For the 20,000 sq ft we would need at least 4 acres to get in the appropriate parking. The cost per sq.ft. includes parking lots, hookups and finishing. Laughlin needs about 6 months to draw up plans after a floor plan is approved.

Michael presented a chart of projected property tax increase per \$100,000 of taxable value based on \$3m and \$4m bonds with the current available rates. Requested that he add a \$5m and \$6m bond for comparison.

If the bond passes in November the money would be available by mid-March to begin construction. Fees for the bond are included in the calculations presented.

Discussion on what needs to happen to be prepared for a November election.

Michael will put together a time line of what is needed.

3:15pm Wood River Land & Trust

The Trust received the letter requesting the property transfer. They didn't have enough time to put together a packet for their Board meeting. Their next meeting is in April.

Commissioner Wood has contacted the IDWR regarding use of river water for a pond. We would have to apply for a use change, but is not a problem, they do it all the time. The main problem is knowing how much water will be needed and the purpose. We will need to have a water engineer work out calculations for us. Commissioner Wood knows an engineer who will do the work for minimal cost. Discussion on possible credit for re-charge into the river.

Discussed the projects with the Mayor and we would need a presentation to the City Council. They have quite a bit of water and may be able to provide some also. They realize they have something to gain by doing this in the City limits. Also talked to the Mayor about a 4 foot trail through the 6th street easement to the park property. That was also an agreeable idea but needs to be presented to the City Council.

The next step is to think about making an offer on the property for the pond, contingent on getting the water rights. Will put on next weeks agenda.

4:35pm Sheriff requested an Executive Session for personnel.

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

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5:00pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular meeting.

Discussion on Southern Idaho Waste landfill fees.

5:05pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk