

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

March 5, 2018

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

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

Claims, Minutes

Correspondence

Senator Stennett, visited with E. Scott regarding the issues with the Richfield City Election to get his side of the story. E. Scott also made some suggestions on future legislation that may help with these kinds of issues.

Discussion on issues with taxing district elections and how it could be better and relieve some issues of conflict and filing for candidacy if they were received at the County and sent to the taxing districts, rather than filing at the taxing districts and they forward to the County.

Southern Idaho Solid Waste

Commissioner Hubert presented a list the organizations who are exempt from fees at the waste transfer station. They keep a list at S ID Solid waste, but it is up to the County whether these continue as exempt.

Discussion on some issues with waste and costs.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the claims for March 5th, 2018 for \$21,758.31. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion, Clerk Farnworth held some claims for Sheriff's Revolving Trust for \$3,687 until we have a discussion on the checking accounts in the Sheriff's office. Also, Chairman McConnell requested Clerk Farnworth hold the claim to BPR Construction until he gets a few issues cleared up on some things not done. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the Board Of Equalization and Regular Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:00am Sough Central Public Health Annual Review

Melody Bowyer, Director; Linda Montgomery, Chairman and Charlie Ritter, Vice-Chairman.

Discussion on the Board groups and their responsibilities. Looking at policy reviews and trying to consolidate.

Melody presented the information regarding the Health District. Health districts were established by the Legislature in 1970, they have 8 counties in this district. They are funded by the State General fund, by the Counties and by some fee revenues.

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She then presented a list of the services offered.

Commissioner Hubert asked a question regarding a dump lagoon site that Sweet's Septic is building. Melody thinks that should be under the DEQ. However, she will review if we give her the address and get back to them. They were delivering to the Burley site and they stopped them dumping there.

She presented the staffing structure of the Health District.

She then presented information on the SCP Health did during last spring's flooding, time and activities detailed. Chairman McConnell mentioned that the County is working with the Department of Ag to get dye testing done on the hydro-plant to investigate where the water flow goes from there.

Linda presented some nomination forms for "Health Heroes". They would like to get some nominations from Lincoln County.

Melody presented information about the influenza virus issue. 2014-2015 was actually worse, even though it is getting a lot more media coverage this year. We are in week 10 of the influenza season, we are over the hump, but still could get significant cases coming.

She discussed the benefits of the flu shot. It may not keep you from getting the flu, but it will lessen the symptoms. Little ones in school or daycare should get immunized because of the exposure. They are willing to come to do a staff immunization day at the County, possibly on a WIC visit day. If you are over 65, you should get the higher dose, make sure that is what you are getting.

Discussion on schools not having nurses on staff. They contract very limited hours with some schools. There are grants available now for schools to have a nurse on staff. They can contact Cheryl Becker at the office for contact information.

The WIC clinic is currently being held in the Community Center. It is very noisy and not very private for the patients. Are looking for another site and made a suggestion to move into the DMV building. It looks like it will be a good space. Discussion on ADA entrance issues and possibly restroom area that may need to be addressed.

10:45am SCPH Board Appointment

Discussion on Charlie Ritter being the Lincoln County representative on the Board. Charlie good with staying or going. Tabled for further discussion.

10:50am SIEDO Development

Connie Stoffer

She has been working on talent recruitment for a marketing campaign. She presented the responses to the survey that was conducted for marketing ideas. Discussion on the results.

Millennials tend to move to the bigger cities. But, there are a group who have attachments to rural areas and activities that they offer.

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Will be doing some virtual reality videos to do at job fairs and trade shows to promote Idaho and the area. Skiing, hiking, dirt-biking videos. Then some story telling videos about keeping the rural feeling that we have been keeping for a secret for so long, Idaho hidden secrets.

She is going to a conference where she hopes to make contacts for businesses that are looking to locate.

They have been meeting with SIRD and discussing possibilities of merging the two entities and what the focus would be. Discussion on what that might look like. The full board will be discussing again on the 15th. She presented a budget proposal for the combined services and what it would cost the Cities and Counties.

Discussion on reporting and delivering projects and activities.

Discussion on timing of the combining and some grant deadlines do at the end of the month.

Discussion on a possible job fair for students in the County. They have a job fair going on at the Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls, 5-8 on Wednesday, March 7th.

Discussion about Intermountain Gas line going to Richfield Glanbia Plant and potential of connecting patrons to the gas lines. Also, need gas for potential businesses. Connie has an Intermountain Gas employee on the Board and she will mention it to him.

Discussion on railroad loading possibilities.

11:31pm Lincoln County Housing Authority Board Appointments

Discussion on current board members and their terms.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to appoint the Lincoln County Housing Authority Board of Directs for their current terms; Ken Haught, term expires 2018; LeRoy Lee, term expires 2022; Buck Ward, term expires 2019; Dana Sturgeon, term expires 2021; Iva Lee Green, term expires 2020. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor.

Old Business

Dye Testing of Hydro-plant.

Chairman McConnell has tried to contact David Stephenson, from the canal company and he does not return his calls. Discussion on who else to contact. It will be easier for them to do it than for us to go through the State. The main concern is getting it done or getting some answers.

Commissioner Hubert has contacted Bob Bell, from Washington DC. The project number is CD15.21. He was able to find the project online and the information about the project. They never did sign off on the project, so FERC has no jurisdiction, so it reverted to local jurisdiction.

He contacted Lawrence Wasden's office and they had nothing to do with approving the project.

Garret Baxter from IDWR gave some information on the filing for intervention only. They did not give an approval of satisfying the requirements for licensing.

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Brian Oakey, from ID Department of AG, cannot find anywhere the project was ever signed off and approved by them.

Company name was originally filed online as, North Gooding Main Hydro, LLC and Ted S. Sorenson started the project. Another name associated with it is Rocky Mountain Hydro.

Brian Oakey would like to setup a meeting with the Commissioners and canal companies. The County did issue a permit to build. Chairman McConnell will contact the canal companies and try to setup a date that will work for them.

Discussion on who is responsible and in charge.

Commissioners will cancel the meeting on March 26th for spring break and have 5 meetings in April.

12:58pm Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(d). Commissioner Hubert seconded. Chairman McConnell, aye; Commissioner Wood, aye; Commissioner Hubert, aye. Motion carries, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

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

Commissioner Wood made a motion for case#2018012, to approve. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion for case #2018026, to deny for lack of interview. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous

Commissioner Wood made a motion for case #2018019, to close the case since the hospital withdrew based on our findings. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

1:17pm Well Testing Reimbursement update

Mary Davidson.

Mary presented a list of constituents that turned in receipts and some only with results for reimbursement. Discussion on whether to reimburse those who brought in their results and not receipts.

Commissioners agreed to pay out those who turned in receipts and send another letter to those who have turned in results but no receipt.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(f) Legal. Commissioner Wood seconded. Commissioner Wood, aye; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman McConnell, aye. Motion carries, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

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2:15pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Chairman McConnell recused himself from the discussion and motion.

Commissioner Wood made a motion that Lincoln County Commissioners hire a private investigator for the Javier Barrutia case up to \$5,000. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion, if it costs more, the Prosecutor should come back and request more. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Bank Accounts – Sheriff

Rene Rodriguez, Sheriff, Stephen Phillips, Undersheriff, Laurie Buckner, Sheriff secretary, Ann Youts, Treasurer and Linda Jones, Assessor joined the meeting.

Clerk Farnworth presented some control issues as she sees it on the present way the bank accounts are being handled. Discussion on the accounts and how to have better controls.

Treasurer Youts commented that she is the only one who can authorize checking accounts. Discussion on how to setup the accounts and how much should be the base fund.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to open a new checking account at Ireland bank for the Garnishment account for the Sheriff's office and put in \$3,000 as a starting amount and the two Sheriff's bank accounts will be closed. Discussion, reference for authorization for one bank account is IC 31-1802 which refers to the Sheriff's revolving trust account. The drug fund bank account will stay the same as it is for a different use and it has controls as it is administered by the Sheriff and the Prosecutor.

3:10pm Animal Ordinance

Review of the latest changes requested to the Animal Ordinance.

It was agreed to move forward and have the public hearing on March 19th during the regular meeting.

3:30pm WRR&D Donation Request

Discussion on what happened last year, the request was never received for a donation for the FY2018 year. We already have some issues and will probably have to open the budget. Discussion on perhaps contributing less than the \$5,000 and concerns with overages in the budget already.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to commit to WRR&D \$4,000 to pay for unbudgeted request of \$5,000. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion, the request is for SCIPES cloud seeding. Water is an important issue in our area and need to remind them they need to request at budget time. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Old Business

No response from the Wood River Land Trust.

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Chairman McConnell did talk with a realtor, but there is no basis to put a value on the property. Discussion on possible offers.

We can apply for grants every year for this development and could do it in phases yearly as we get grants approved.

Still need to contact IDWR for access to river rights for a pond.

3:45pm Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Clerk Farnworth read the email request from Region IV Development for all counties to declare April as Fair Housing Month. She then read into the record the proposed proclamation.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the “April is Fair Housing Month” Declaration . Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

4:00pm Community Center Cleaning

Chavawn Guthrie has applied as an in-house applicant for the position. The \$100 per week will be added to her regular payroll. Discussion on what the position would be responsible for. Karen will be her supervisor. It was approved to hire her for the position.

4:15pm Old Business

New Courthouse

Commissioner Hubert reported that Courthouses should be built in the City limits. All three places toured are in the city limits.

Discussion on next step.

Discussion on the note from Steve Miller in the Courier regarding the need for jails. If we are considering building a jail at some point connected to our courthouse, the property next to the school would not work for that.

Discussion on the possibility.

4:37pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

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Brenda Farnworth, Clerk