

## **Lincoln County Commissioners Minutes for March 27, 2017**

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

9:33am Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order and opened the Board of Equalization and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Diana Rowe cancelled her appointment with the BOE, she got her concerns answered.

Old Business

New phone system is going into the Courthouse today.

Well Contamination/Flood update

Received test results from the DEQ by email along with a map of the contamination area. Discussion on the accountability of the contamination and what can be done to prevent in the future.

10:00am Chairman McConnell adjourned the Board of Equalization and opened the Regular Meeting.

Claims, Minutes & Correspondence

Clerk Farnworth presented the Commissioners with a claim filed in District Court by Richard Barnes, Donya Barnes, Marvin Lamm & Cliff Keipper regarding a piece of property under ownership contention in the Kimama townsite sold for tax deed in 1973. Discussion with E. Scott.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Minutes for March 20<sup>th</sup> with two corrections. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Wood motion to pay the claims for \$41,241.89. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Discussion on complaints with the DMV and Titles and Registrations not staying open until 5pm. Read into the record the Resolution 2016-11 where the Commissioners set the hours of public business of the DMV and Titles and Registration to be from 9:00am to 5:00pm and all other County Offices, 8:30 to 5:00pm.

Commissioners would like to visit directly with the Assessor and Sheriff about the hours of operation. Will be on agenda for next meeting.

Letter received from Kippes and Bergin, Attorney's for City of Shoshone stating that the Assessor should not need any further documentation for the Grape Street issue. The Assessor replied that she does not agree, and that she does need more documentation. Discussion with E. Scott. Will be on agenda for next meeting to visit with Assessor.

Commissioners read a synopsis of the new health care proposal from the Federal government and discussed the potential impact to Counties.

Discussed an article in the Camas Courier regarding public airports and obligation of zoning to local land use agencies.

10:45am Andy McClure Letter – K9 Dog

E. Scott presented a draft letter addressed to Andy McClure requesting payment for the dog or to return the dog. Discussion on the issue and the cement pad at Andy's property. Discussion on what the County would do with NOS if Andy returned him to the County. Sargent Denning said that he could be sold back to the kennel where he came from or possibly to another County.

Sargent Denning noted that the Lincoln County Sheriff Department has a very young staff and it would be at least 3 years before there would be anyone in a position to train to be a K-9 handler.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the letter as drafted and corrected by the Prosecutor. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Discussion with Sargent Denning regarding the hours the Drivers Services was being operated and some of the complaints received.

11:00am DIGB4 Member Determination

Sheriff Rodriguez by phone accepted to be the voting member of the DIGB4 Board, but is still working on an alternate.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to nominate Sheriff Rodriguez to the District Interoperability Governance Board (DIGB4) as a voting member for Lincoln County. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to allow; Mashelle Barlow to donate 58 hours; Cassey Scott to donate 30 hours; Scott Denning to donate 63 hours; and Kevin Thompson to donate 23 hours to the Sick Bank. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion, all fell within the allowed 25% of sick hours available. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Discussion on allowing employees who are leaving to donate some or all of their sick leave hours to the sick bank.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to allow Stephen Phillips to use 86 hours from the Sick Bank. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

11:25am Chairman McConnell recessed the meeting for 5 minutes to reconvene at 11:30.

11:30am. WR Soil & Water Conservation District

Rob Sharpneck, Kay Billington, Carl Pendleton and Barbara Messick from the WRSWC and Party Hurley from NRCS joined the meeting.

Carl Pendleton presented the annual report and tree update and passed out a flyer on the Arbor Day Celebration.

The WRSWC purchased a seed range drill with grant monies and are renting it out for use and feel it will bring in some revenue.

Miller/Coors are contributing to cost sharing on water conservation projects.

A new technology allows land owners to use their smart phones to schedule irrigation to help conserve water use.

Discussion on sprinklers watering on the roads and what some of the surrounding counties are doing.

Arbor Day is May 3, 2017 and the annual tree sale is through April 15<sup>th</sup>. They already have some good orders for trees.

Requesting an increase in next year's County contribution from \$5,500 to \$6,000. The District has increased Barbara Messick's salary because of the excellent work she has done for the District in grants and projects. They are contemplating adding PERSI retirement benefit.

Discussion on a project with NRCS to control cheat grass. They are looking for a test plot to try the bacteria on cheat grass.

Discussion on the match to County funding that the State has been making. The last two years have been better, probably at 80%, but prior years has only been about 60% match of the County contribution.

11:58am Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting to lunch at the Care Center.

1:00pm

**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.**

1:07pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion for Case #2017025, to deny for lack of interview. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Commissioner Wood reported from the South Central Community Action meeting. There has been a change in the State program on the distribution of money for help with power bills in the winter months, into a lump sum verses individual requests. They ran out of monies this winter. The funding is not going to change, people need to get requests in early to ask for power assistance for the winter.

They also have a program for veterans in crisis. They have money available for housing, food, clothing and utilities. Rarely used, maybe because people don't seem to know about it.

1:35pm Executive Session 74-206(1)(c) Property

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

1:36pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to offer to purchase Property A for \$71,500, conditional upon on a public hearing and a level one audit on hazardous chemicals. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion. A good starting point for offer and negotiation. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Clerk Farnworth to draft an offer letter.

1:45pm Dog Ordinance Review

Continued discussion on articles for a Dog Ordinance.

2:40pm Tax Deed Sale and Surplus Property

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to sell tax deeded property, Parcel # RP S0100017019A A, 217 E. C Street, Shoshone, ID for a minimum bid of \$3,432.11 at 10:00am, April 24, 2017 at the Lincoln County Courthouse. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to sell at auction the 2000 Ford Windstar Van at a minimum bid of \$300. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

2:49pm Fair Board & Rodeo Committee

Chris Taber and Denise Helsley for the Fair Board

Discussion on the rodeo and what type of rodeo we should be having. Commissioner Wood informed the Commissioners of complaints and comments received about changing the rodeo. Discussion on options.

Discussion on the possibility of a Rodeo Committee. ICRMP said that the Commissioners could appoint a Rodeo Committee.

3:45pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,  
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

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Cresley McConnell, Chairman

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Brenda Farnworth, Clerk