

## **Lincoln County Commissioners Minutes for March 6, 2017**

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

9:30am Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

Chairman McConnell led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence

Received a letter requesting a provider agreement with Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center. We don't have a current contract and see no reason to enter into one. Sheriff Rodriguez said they use them as 4<sup>th</sup> option. No contract will be signed.

Claims, Minutes

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the Minutes for February 27, 2017 as amended, changing the Dietrich Well cost from hundreds of thousands of dollars to \$25,000-\$100,000. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to pay the claims for \$17,945.43. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Discussion on purchasing water from local Pipers Store for patrons with well contamination, need to order by 11am today. Will order a couple of more pallets.

10:00am Snow Removal  
Jarrett Grey

Reviewed the snow removal around the Courthouse and the Community Center and made more suggestions.

10:15am Goodies for AG's Office

E. Scott would like to spend a \$100 to send a thank you to the AG's Office for the Dietrich case they took over from the County. Just wanted to let the Commissioners know.

Old Business

Wellness Clinic

Discussion on different buildings that may be available.

Chairman McConnell is still concerned about the Workmen's Compensation rates on the Ambulance District. Would like to push for some legislation to be able to get competitive rates

and not be solely tied to the State Insurance Fund. Also, we need to push for legislation to change the levy rate for the Ambulance Districts.

#### Correspondence

Commissioner Wood read into the record a letter written to Steve Miller from Don Hudson and copied to County Commissioner, Times News, County Courier and Governor Otter.

Letter was dated February 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners had an emergency meeting February 11<sup>th</sup> in which an emergency was declared and ratified at the Regular Meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Lt. Governor Brad Little declared a State Emergency February 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### 10:30am Legal Secretary Position

Commissioners received a memorandum from E. Scott requesting a stipend of \$500 to Sue Gregory, who has given final notice, to stay until the high profile cases he has are done in mid-April. She is scheduled to leave on March 24 and this is to entice her to stay another month. Her house is sold and will close on March 17<sup>th</sup> and she may have to rent a room. Discussion.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to allow E. Scott to pay a one-time stipend of \$500 and offer an extra 3 days of vacation to Sue Gregory to entice her to stay until the high profile trials are done. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

#### ADA Accessibility

No update from Chairman McConnell he has been busy with the well contamination issues.

Clerk Farnworth reported that we have been contacted by the ADA for a records request of a copy of the Counties ADA Transition Plan and who the ADA Coordinator is. She sent them an updated Transition Plan from 2007 and the plans for an ADA accessible ramp and plans for building a new Courtroom and Law Enforcement facility. She assumed that she is to be the ADA Coordinator and would like some training. We have not received any comment.

#### 10:45am Andy McClure Agreement

E. Scott presented a draft contract for the agreement with Andy McClure and the use of the K-9 dog to pay back the County cost of the dog. Discussion with Sheriff Rodriguez, he would like a few changes. Returned to E. Scott.

#### April County Government Month and May Mental Health Awareness Month.

Would like to make some plans. Suggest that the Clerk contact the 4H Extension and see if they will put up some posters or displays of what they learned on their field trip to the Statehouse.

#### Correspondence

Commissioner Hubert was contacted by Generac regarding the Care Center generator and told them they were not awarded the bid.

S. Idaho Solid Waste gas/power generation update from Commissioner Hubert. Bank committed to financing and the permit has been issued and they are ready to move ahead.

Commissioner Wood reported that the Fair Board received a notice of past sales tax due on gate proceeds. No one seemed to know anything about it. They do have to file and they are working on it. Don't have a Secretary/Treasurer yet, they have a couple of interviews this month. Still needing one more member for the Board.

Clerk Farnworth reported that Jeremy Pittard, the Counties Public Defender, will not be renewing his contract with the County, which expires in August. He would like to be released from the contract before that if possible.

Discussion on possible regional Public Defender with Gooding County. Chairman McConnell will contact the Gooding Chairman.

#### Well Contamination

Chairman McConnell took a call from Payson Reese, the Disaster Services Director.

Received information from the State Office of Emergency Management (OEM) that the Idaho National Guard can bring in potable water. They can do 2, 1000 gallon tankers for the County. Cost is \$10,000 and the County would have to pay ½ of the cost. Discussed other options for getting water for residents. Discussion if the County is responsible to provide water.

Suggested that Payson contact Glanbia Foods or Idaho Milk Transport because this affects dairies that they get milk from. He will first call South Central Public Health and see if it is possible to use milk tankers.

Requesting that we set a cost we are willing to spend to notify Boise so they know what they can do for us. Clerk Farnworth will draft a letter over the lunch break.

#### 11:15am Patrol Room Door Request

Sheriff Rodriguez identified an issue with the patrol room, the door doesn't close. They have evidence and reports and controlled information from ILETS in there and the information has to be kept secure. If ILETS were to audit, they would lose the service. Best option is to just put a door on the opening where the old bar door is.

Commissioners took a field trip to the basement to see where the Sheriff is requesting the door. Discussion on options to be able to keep the bar door for historical value and getting another bid.

#### 11:30am Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(b) Personnel

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC74-206(1)(b) Personnel. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote; Commissioner Wood, aye;**

**Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman McConnell, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Chairman McConnell adjourned the Regular Meeting to Executive Session.

11:50am Chairman McConnell adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

#### Well Contaminations

Continued discussion on getting water to the residents that have dark colored water. The cost of the \$10,000 was to rent a tanker of water for 2 months. Public Health advised not to use milk tankers and only use a certified potable tankers.

#### 2:45pm Well Contamination/Flood Disaster Update

The County has given out approximately 200 test kits for sampling wells. The County is asking the patrons to share the results with the County so we can track the level of the contamination. We are also allowing patrons to turn in receipts in case the State will pay a portion of the tests.

Four Brothers Dairy has offered to pay for the testing of the wells. Discussion on the legality of the County being involved. It was determined that the County must stay neutral and not receive monies from Four Brothers Dairy. But, if Four Brothers worked out an account with Magic Valley Labs to bill them that would be OK. We cannot turn in the receipts for Four Brothers to the State for disaster reimbursement.

BLM and Shoshone Fire District have been providing water tanks for people to draw water from for stock water. Working on 2- 2,000 potable water tanks with the State that will be set for people to draw water from. Non-potable water has been provided. Bottled water is available to residents from the County and the Community Center is open for residents to use showers.

Discussion of the County purchasing large bladders and filling with City water.

The Shoshone Fire District and City have offered to be a drop off point for water samples and have an employee that will transport the samples to the lab. Discussion on possible issues.

Commissioner Wood reported that she was impressed with the amount of people who showed up at the Town Hall meeting on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. It was well conducted, but the panel members that represented other agencies were reluctant to answer questions.

Discussion on the count of wells that have nitrate problems.

Discussion on the aquifer and the flow of the waters from the flood run-off.

Discussion on the north Shoshone hydro plant. It is supposed to be a self-contained system. The Big Wood Canal Company allows the water from the plant to go into the canal channel.

Discussion on what is going to be done to clear the run-off problem.

3:30pm Community Center Discussion  
Carmen Willmore/Karen Tippens

Discussion on the tables that were missing from the Community Center. There was a misunderstanding and a patron took the tables without the knowledge of the staff. They are being returned. The Care Center does borrow tables a couple of times a year and that is OK. Discussion on other entities that might want to borrow. OK to allow other government entities with discretion, but not individuals. Keep an inventory.

Discussion on a calendar to be posted on a white board so that others renting will know when others will be there.

Commissioners asked Carmen if the 4H students who went to the capital for know your government could put up posters and information in the Courthouse during April because April is County Government month. They will have them do some posters and displays and put them in the hallway of the Courthouse.

4:01pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,  
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

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Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

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