

Lincoln County Commissioners Minutes for May 15, 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.

Claims, Minutes & Correspondence.

Discussed note received from E. Scott regarding the Kimama township issue.

Chairman McConnell read the following letters for signature into the record;

Thank you letter to Tug Worst and Kara Glecker
Letter offer on purchase of Property A
Letter to Jade Williams awarding Coffman/Smith Scholarship

Chairman McConnell gave an update of the flooding and water situation. The Fire Station is no longer accepting water samples and delivering to the lab for testing. There are still a few patrons who haven't tested, and he received a phone call from a patron who received a positive E-coli test last week. He explained the situation and what the County will do. Commissioners agreed to provide bottled water for them until they are free from E-coli.

10:00am Dog Ordinance.

Review of draft of the ordinance from E. Scott. More suggested corrections and revisions.

10:30am Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(f) Legal Counsel

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

10:49am Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Courthouse and Fairgrounds Security Cameras

Discussion with Sheriff Rodriguez about taking over and looking into the security cameras at the Courthouse and the Fairgrounds.

Discussion on the camera system in the Courthouse, the Sheriff can see the camera recordings. Clerk Farnworth mentioned that the computer in the server room is not running, and we don't know who or when it was shut down.

Discussion on the types of systems that can be used. Sheriff will make a contact and get back with the Commissioners.

11:00am Laughlin & Associates, Architects
Colby Ricks and Roger Laughlin

Discussion on what needs to be done to move forward with design and options. Laughlin will send a form to each Office and department requesting needs and wants. They will use this information to form the first draft of a plan.

Discussion on the size of the current lot across the street, whether it is big enough to construct a whole new courthouse before the old school is taken down. The School has informed the Commissioners that it will be about 18 months before it can be vacated.

Discussion on options, phased approach or build the entire building at one time.

12:04pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:00pm Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

School Resource Officer

Sheriff Rodriguez explained the position of the School Resource Office. They have already formed a Juvenile Board to work on problems. The School Principals, Judge Ingram and Deputy Thompson are currently on the Board. It will include an after school program and a summer program. Goal is to not criminalize kids for being kids but to build relationships with them where they can influence their behavior for the good.

Discussion on the fact that the Commissioners have always funded the SRO position, but the Sheriff had stopped using that position and they had become a patrol deputy.

Requesting the position be approved prior to the next budget, would like to start the position with the next school year in August and not wait until October.

Officers shared some examples of how a SRO would have helped in some current situations that they encountered.

1:38pm Library Donations
Clay Ritter, Library Director

Clay explained the repairs needed for the library building and upgrades. Major repairs were needed to the building, some pillars had to be added to sure up the building. Clay is looking for grants to help with the costs. The repairs are going to reduce his bookshelf space and with the remodel he was hoping to put in more.

He thanked the Commissioners for helping the Library with the expanded programs that have increased the attendance at the libraries. Our libraries are ranked #3 in attendance at the summer reading programs.

1:53pm Old Business

Care Center Generator was installed last week. The propane will be going in soon.

2:00pm Ordinance for Watering the Road

Discussion on the ordinance draft and changes from E. Scott. Will set the public hearing for June 5th.

Discussion on an Emergency Fair Board meeting because of delays in contracts for the Rodeo.

2:00pm North Wind Proposal-Property A

Reviewed the proposal for the Phase I ESA on the property for \$2800. Commissioner McConnell will get another bid for comparison.

2:45pm PILT Support Letter

Clerk Farnworth presented a draft letter for approval to go to President Trump, Senators; Mike Crapo and James Risch and Representatives; Raul Labrador and Mike Simpson asking for them to support the full and continuous funding of PILT. Review and discussion.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the letter in support of PILT for signature as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

3:20pm Resolution 2017-09, Beverage License Fees

Clerk Farnworth presented a new resolution for fees for the Beverage Licenses for the County. The past ordinance was from 1958 and there have been some discrepancies in pricing over the years. Discussion.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-09, Beverage License Fees and read the resolution into the record. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion on the pricing structure. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

3:27pm Resolution for Destruction of Records

Clerk Farnworth presented a Resolution for the destruction of some records that have exceeded their minimum retention period. The lists have been reviewed and approved by the Prosecutor.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-10 Resolution for Destruction of Records and read the resolution into the record. Commissioner Hubert

seconded. Discussion on how the records will be destroyed. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

3:30pm Employee Handbook Review- Pages 1-13.

Discussion on various points of the policy, a couple changes were suggested. Need to add a section for the procedure for approving a new hire at a higher wage than is the approved starting wage for the position.

4:04pm Commissioner Hubert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk