

Lincoln County Commissioners

Minutes for May 1, 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 all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Claims, Minutes, Correspondence.

Discussion on the report of citations for Alcohol, Tobacco & Possession written in Fifth Judicial District. Lincoln County is down to 5 from 35 in 2015.

Thanks you received from Hunter Hendren, Hunter Higley and Moira Tabor for the contribution to the Know Your Government trip to Boise.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Indigent claims for May 1, 2017 for \$250. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to pay the claims for May 1, 2017 for \$18,035.23. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Minutes for April 24, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:00am Legislative Update

Senator Michelle Stennett and Representative Sally Toone.

Senator Stennett asked for an update on the spring flooding issues.

Chairman McConnell reported on the recent conditions. State of Idaho would not help on the private well issues and during the process found that the aquifer was contaminated. The State has all kinds of rules and agreements people must follow, but no one manages it.

Discussion on some specific instances. Need to better understand why the coliform counts have gone up and down.

All wells tested by the DEQ as of last week are E-coli free. There are possibly 2 more wells that are not under the DEQ that still are contaminated with coliform.

Discussion on the high mortality rate in cattle and calving this spring due to the harsh winter and dirty water.

The County has provided a lot of free water to homes and to water cattle through the crisis. There are still some that are getting water.

Discussion on the emergency declaration and what help has been received. We were declined on any compensation for the private well testing or clean water provided. DEQ did come in and take over the testing until tests came in clean.

Commissioner Hubert asked about the State Insurance fund and why the Counties and taxing districts can't get competitive bids and must use the State Insurance Fund.

Commissioners expressed concern about the maximum tax levy rate for the Ambulance District and how they cannot operate on the taxes they can levy for. The Recreation district tax levy rate is twice what the Ambulance can levy for.

Discussion on PILT and the inequity of the restrictions put upon the operating of the lands and how the Federal Government can then decide not to payout the PILT.

Senator Stennet reported on the \$52m appropriation for roads and bridges from the general fund from the legislature, which is above the regular appropriation. We are nearly \$800m in debt in Garvee bonds, but that fact is never shared in the public notices.

The surplus eliminator had no money put aside for maintenance of highways. 40% was to go to local and 60% to State highways. Only \$4m to split to all the Counties for maintenance.

Discussion on the bills that the legislature passed that were vetoed by the Governor and how the politics played out in the Senate and House.

Discussion on how the State is considered a welfare state because we get in more money from the Federal Government that we put in in State Revenue.

Education was a big winner and a work force task force has been put together to look at trade skill training earlier in education.

11:00 Amend Agenda

Probation Director Linda Boguslawski requested that the Commissioners amend the agenda so they can approve the new ankle monitor contract. She did not have it until 9am this morning, but needs to get it in today to be affective this month.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to amend the agenda and add the AMS Contract for ankle monitoring. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Good faith reason, the contract lowers the daily charge by \$11 and will save the County significant money. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on the Contract, E. Scott has reviewed and approved the contract as revised. The contract was changed from 36 months to 24 months.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the AMS Agency Products and Service Agreement for ankle monitor service for Lincoln County Probation. Including a Schedule G for Scram GPS Products and Service agreement. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

11:10am Dog Ordinance

E. Scott presented some suggestions for changes to the wording on the draft ordinance.

Discussion on some more recent dog at large issues. Deputy White has issued a ticket in one instance.

11:20am Old Business

At the Care Center, the generator building has been removed. Suburban Propane will put in the connection of gas to the generator. Looking now at Wednesday install. Discussion.

Suburban Propane has approached the Care Center to put in and connect the propane tank.

ITD Task Force update from last week's meeting. Proposals were received and reviewed. Discussion on the proposals. ISU has been selected to redo the studies. Julia from SIRD is working with the schools and local large businesses to get a fast track training program for the skills needed. Discussion.

11:30am K9 Issue

Commissioner Wood reviewed the K9 NOS book and found that the vet bill that Andy claimed he paid was actually paid out of the County funds.

Discussion on the issues with Andy's attorney's letter. E. Scott will find out if the dog is being used as a K9 in Blaine County for next meeting.

11:40am

Discussion on the installation of the K9 unit with the Sheriff and why it was installed since we don't have a K9. Sheriff tried to change the order before delivery, was too late, also asked the City if they would like to buy the vehicle, they have no budget right now. Sheriff would have had to buy some kind of divider for the back to allow prisoner transport and equipment storage. Would have cost about the same, can use the K9 unit for these purposes.

Discussion on the hours for the Driver's License. Don't have the budget to go full time, already going over budget with the current hours. Discussion on coverage during Chavawn's lunch.

12:06pm Commissioner Hubert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned for lunch.

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

Steve Miller, House Representative showed up, thought the appointment was for 1pm.

Discussion on State taking over Federal lands, PILT and SRS.

Discussion on the Craters of the Moon National Park issue, not making it into the House.

Discussion on the State Insurance Fund issue.

Representative Miller reviewed the bills that were presented into the House and what happened with them.

2:15pm Care Center Financials.

It was determined that the financials should be discussed in Executive Session.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC74-206(1)(d) Exempt Records & (c) Property A. Commissioner Wood Seconded. Vote; Commissioner Wood, aye; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman McConnell, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

2:26pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to accept the counter offer for Property A contingent on a successful Phase I Audit. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion on the cost of the Phase I Audit, approximately \$1,500. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:30pm Public Defense Contract for Mark Coppin.

Discussion on the changes in red made by Mr. Coppin.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Contract from Mark Coppin, with the red highlighted changes. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion, Clerk Farnworth will take out the red color and reprint for Commissioners signature next Monday. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Contracts for Conflict Public Defenders.

Clerk Farnworth notified the Commissioners that according to the Public Defense Standards, we must have a contract with all conflict public defending attorneys. Discussion on having E. Scott draft a standard contract from the one signed by Mr. Coppin that can be used.

2:35pm Food Pantry Federal Assistance Application

The Food Pantry, Benevolence & Beyond, Inc. is requesting a grant to help purchase the canal company building they are currently using. This is a request for comment.

Commissioners asked Clerk Farnworth to make some positive comments on the review sheet and return.

2:45pm Courthouse Hours Resolution 2017-07

Discussion on the wording of the Resolution. Would like to change it to what is expected from the Driver's License in the next budget year, understanding that for this year they hours will be less. Clerk Farnworth made the changes and re-printed the Resolution.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-07 Courthouse Business Hours. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion, these times represent the times the Public will be served and all offices will be open as listed in the Resolution. This Resolution super-cedes 2016-11 Courthouse Hours. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:48pm Mental Health Awareness Month

Commissioner Wood read Resolution 2016-13, "May is Mental Health Awareness Month" from last year into the record. Discussion on disseminating information again this year. Will publish and send out last year's resolution again.

3:00pm Employee Handbook

Discussion on the suggested changes for the handbook. Decided to review the entire employee policies over the next few months and make affective with the new budget year.

Discussion on the Courthouse generator and why it keeps cutting out.

Discussion on ADA compliance and the outside ramp.

Commissioner Wood discussed with P&Z and we have minimal zoning for industrial and commercial uses in our County. It makes it very difficult to get any business to come into the County without some property that is already zoned for those purposes. Discussion on the best places for development

Discussion on the purpose of a Conditional Use Permit.

Commissioner Hubert suggested that each Commissioner make a list of what the Board has accomplished when they get questions from the media.

3:49pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk