

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners
May 23, 2016
Regular Meeting

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

9:32am Chairman Hubert called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hubert opened the Board of Equalization.

There were no patrons signed up for review.

Old Business

Contracts that E. Scott was supposed to have completed for the Commissioners today will not be ready. Discussion on issues with E. Scott not attending Commissioners meetings and not being prompt with requests. E. Scott is not in today.

Discussion on Source Water Protection Ordinance.

Chairman Hubert presented information from last Middle Snake Water meeting; 95% of drinking water comes from wells, 100% in Magic Valley. Only public water is regulated, no national standards for private well. 1986 well head protection program was adopted, only for public water. All information on this can be obtained from the internet. Need to remember that this ordinance is for local control only, do not want to get DEQ involved. Concern is it doesn't have any teeth in it to enforce.

Discussion on what the purpose of the Source Water Protection Ordinance is intended to do. Shoshone City already adopted the Ordinance, Richfield and Dietrich seemed to be on board and the County is just an extension of that.

Jerry Mason is re-writing some of the wording in the ordinance and then suggested that Commissioners review the changes.

Chairman Hubert closed the Board of Equalization.

9:58am Executive Session 74-206(1)(f) Legal Counsel/ICRMP

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

Chairman Hubert adjourned the regular session and opened Executive Session.

11:16 Chairman Hubert adjourned Executive Session and re-convened Regular Session.

Correspondence

Commissioner McConnell gave an update on projects. The work at the ball field is complete and the sprinkler system on the Courthouse grounds is complete.

The rain gutters on the west side of the building are still not installed. Will contact EarthWorks for a status report.

Need to get an estimate for replacing the roof on the Shooting Range building so the claim can be turned into ICRMP.

Discussion on the Liaison for the Area of Impact on the Richfield P&Z Board, and who should make the recommendation for the position and is the position a voting member. Clerk Farnworth will ask Alex Sutter if he was a voting member and get a recommendation on proper protocol from Jerry Mason from ICRMP. Will report after lunch.

11:30am Public Hearing on the DMV Fee Increase
No public in attendance.

11:45am

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to approve the Drivers Services Administration fee increase from \$3.75 to \$8.32 per registration. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion; we are losing money in the Drivers Services, approximately \$40,000 per year according to the Assessor's calculations. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Claims

Commissioner Wood made a motion to pay the claims for May 23, 2016 in the amount of \$28,509.11. Commissioner McConnell seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to pay the Indigent claims in the amount of \$162.40. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

12:00pm Public Auction

A public auction was held at the Courthouse to sell the American Legion building owned by the County. Three bidders were at the auction, Andrew Fitzgerald was the winning bidder at \$24,000.

12:13 Minutes

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of May 9th 2016 as presented for Lincoln County Ambulance and Lincoln County. Commissioner McConnell seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

12:14pm Chairman Hubert adjourned the meeting for working Lunch at the Care Center.

1:31pm Chairman Hubert re-convened the regular meeting.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(d) Indigent. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote, Commissioner Wood, aye; Commissioner McConnell, aye; Chairman Hubert, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Hubert adjourned the meeting to Executive Session.

1:46pm Chairman Hubert adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the regular meeting.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion for case #2016-033 to approve to pay \$1,978 for rental assistance. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion, Cassey will try to negotiate a lower settlement amount if paid today. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carried.

1:45pm – Canvass Votes of May 17th Election.

Commissioners reviewed the election results and the Poll Books.

Discussion on issues from the Election and Clerk Farnworth reported that she called a meeting of the Chief Poll Workers and discussed issues. It was a good discussion on several issues and suggested changes were made to improve the process. It was a difficult election with the issues of a closed primary on the Republican Party and all the Sheriff candidates were on the Republican Party. Many voters were confused and upset about the process.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to pay the Election Poll Workers in the amount of \$3,875.20. Commissioner McConnell seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion, reading from the abstract; “We the Commissioners of the county and state aforesaid, acting as a Board of Canvassers of Election, do hereby state that the attached is a true and complete abstract of all votes cast within this county at the Primary Election held May 17, 2016, as shown by the records now on file in the County Clerk’s office” and to accept the voting as accurate. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:15pm New Pop Machine

Ann Youts presented a bid for a new pop machine for the Courthouse, the old machine is not keeping the pop cold, and is very old. Base machine is \$3,500 and \$3,700 for pop and snacks. Discussion on options and how much the machine is used.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to replace the pop machine with a new pop and snack machine for \$3,700. Commissioner McConnell seconded. Discussion; to be paid for from

the Commissioners Courthouse Renovation and repairs. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:30pm Tax Exempt Property

Diana Rowe presented a copy of the letters that were sent out to the patrons it was felt should be tax exempt with request for information needed. Several 501(c)(3) companies on the list still have not completed the necessary paperwork to receive tax exempt status. They have until June 23rd to file the requested information. They feel they have done all they need to do and will not call them.

Commissioners took several of the companies to call and notify and Chairman Hubert requested that the Clerk's office call the remainder and notify them.

2:30pm LHTAC Transportation Plan – City request

This item was not discussed, the agenda item should have been a request for cancellation of Special Fees on property that the city owns.

Ciara Naylor presented for the City some property on Grape Street that is being assessed the Special Solid Waste Fee. They are requesting a tax cancellation for 2015 taxes in the amount of \$394.76 for 4 parcels. These parcels are along the new bridge being built on Grape Street and have no buildings on them. The Assessor has already removed the Special Fee for 2016.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to cancel the Special Fees on the following City properties; RPS01090010T04A, RPS00005356GT3A, RPS00005356GT2A and RPS00005356GT4A in the amount of \$394.76, which is taxes and interest. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion, this is for 2015 and the 2016 fee has been removed by the Assessor. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on update and re-approval of the County Transportation Plan. This plan should be updated every 5 years, has not been updated since 2007. The City needs an updated plan to move ahead with a grant request.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to take the last three items of the agenda to just fill in's as time is available. Commissioner Wood seconded. Discussion, Commissioner McConnell opposes not having a time since they were timed on the agenda. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Clerk Farnworth notified the Commissioners that the Courthouse is having difficulty with the internet connection. In discussion with Cable-One, it was noted that the volume plan that the Courthouse is on, is a very old plan and not offered anymore. We can upgrade the plan for an additional \$63 per month.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to upgrade the Cable-One internet plan to \$280.95 per month. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the Beverage License for Johnny's Country Store. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:56pm Budget Hearing date

The budget hearing date was agreed to by Commissioners on May 10th by email for the Assessor. Confirmation of August 25th as the Budget hearing date.

3:03pm Warrant of Distrain

Ann Youts, Treasurer, updated the Commissioners on a property that is going up for Tax Deed Sale in two weeks. Was finally able to contact one of the owners, and she is going to try to pay. Cannot allow any more time per statute.

3:11pm – Middle Snake Water Resources Commission Appointee

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to appoint Mary Davidson to the Middle Snake Water Resources Commission. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Mary Davidson updated the Commissioners on FEMA Flood Plain regulations. She was unaware of some of the requirements. Will be looking into ordinances and regulations and will update the Commissioners.

3:50pm S. City and Fire District

Nick Westendorf and Dave Davidson presented to the Commissioners an estimated bid for engineering on the new fire station. Looking at a cost of \$60,000 for the engineering fees up to the Bond election process.

They have discussed with Region IV about a potential grant, but will need some help for the engineering fees.

Discussion on options for financing and/or bonding.

They will look into more information and come back at another meeting.

Old Business

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to appoint Diana King to be the Liaison for the Richfield Area of Impact to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

4:28pm

Chairman Hubert adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,
Brenda Farnworth
Clerk

Chairman, Roy Hubert

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk, Candace Lucero