

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

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

9:30am Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to amend the agenda at 4:15 to add Ambulance District scheduling. Good faith reason, financial, as the overtime in the Ambulance is very high. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Commissioner Hubert requested an Executive Session regarding Attorney Tug Worst and will call for at some point in the agenda when time permits and E. Scott is available.

Minutes & Claims

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the minutes for October 10, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the minutes for October 23, 2017 as corrected, The first paragraph having some grammatical errors that need corrected. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to pay the claims for November 6, 2017 for \$45,425.87. Commissioner Huber seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made motion to pay claims for Indigent for November 2, 2017, for \$300.85. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

10:00am Tax Exemption Ordinance – 63-602NN

Discussion on the reason for having an ordinance to allow the 63-602NN property tax exemption for new business or business expansion. Commissioners reviewed several sample ordinances from different Counties. One was selected as a good model and given to Prosecutor Paul for review.

10:30am Bid for Snow Removal – Maintenance Yard

Jarrett Grey put in a bid for snow removal. Discussion. There are several questions about the bid, will ask Jarrett to come to the next meeting to discuss.

10:45am Resolution 2017-13 to Adopt State 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

Clerk Farnworth presented the resolution as given by the vendor, a few minor word changes. Discussion on the need for the resolution prior to knowing if any employees are interested.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-13 to Adopt the State 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and read the resolution into the record. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion on the one statement that the Clerk omitted from the sample resolution. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Chairman McConnell passed around the financial report for the Care Center for review and reminded the Commissioners any discussion must be done in Executive Session.

10:55am Correspondence

Chairman McConnell completed the evaluation form for Carmen Wilmore as the U of I Extension agent. Discussion on the good comments and work done at the Extension Office.

Received a bid from CTR for mold and asbestos abatement, \$14,000. Reviewed the details of the bid and discussion. Bid was for the entire basement. Will ask them to just bid the evidence room where abatement is needed.

10:23am Marsy's Law – Victim Rights

We were approached by Dr. Keith Davis requesting someone to be the contact person in the County for the Marsy's Law Legislative initiative. Discussion on what Marsy's Law is, promoting victim rights. This has been backed and approved by the Sheriff's Association. Commissioner Wood will serve as the County contact.

11:31am Scholarship – Deputy Thompson

Deputy Thompson explained a Venture Scout trip to Camp Filmont in New Mexico. It is a Boy Scout park and training camp. Camp Fee is \$960 and approximately \$400 for travel expense. This amount is out of reach for the families of the eligible scouts, but is a great development program for youth. They only have the camp every two years, and don't have much time for fund raisers for this next year's camp. Asking the County for \$500 each for 5 Scouts from Lincoln County to help them attend the camp. The Scouts will work to raise the remaining funds.

Search and Rescue has the Charter through the Sheriff's Office for the Lincoln County Venture Scout Group.

Discussion on the propriety of the County sponsoring a group. Commissioners will take under consideration.

11:501m. Christmas Party Budget

Discussion on what was spent last year and what should be set as a budget for this year.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to allow a budget of not to exceed \$1,300 for the Christmas Party for employees and partners. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

12:00 noon Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for Lunch.

1:01pm Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

P&Z Discussion

Mary Davidson gave the Commissioners an update on current applications.

1:30pm Medical Recovery Services – Taylor Lugo

We currently have a contract with Medical Recovery Services for collection of bad debt from the Ambulance District, but they have not received any bad debt accounts from them. Accounts are typically turned over to them in the 150 to 200 days past due.

Discussion on what a collection process would look like for the Indigent accounts.

We already have a contract with Medical Recovery Services, so Taylor will set up another account for the Indigent.

1:45pm Representative Sally Toone dropped in and updated the Commissioners on legislation she is working on for increasing the maximum levy mill from .0004 to .0006 to help in the financial stability of the Ambulance District.

2:00pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the Regular Meeting to open the Ambulance Public Hearing.  
(Meeting Minutes are separate for the Ambulance District)

3:00pm Chairman McConnell re-convened the Regular Meeting

Beacon Web development Webinar.

Commissioners viewed a webinar of the web designs they provide Counties.

Sheriff Rodriguez was unable to make the meeting, email issues tabled.

3:47pm Executive Session for Indigent

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

3:50pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the regular meeting.

**Commissioner Wood made a motion in case 2017034, on an additional request from 6/26/17 for service date 6/17/17, to deny as not the obligated County. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-20(1)(b) & (f). Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote; Commissioner Wood, aye; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman McConnell, aye. Motion carries, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.**

4:00pm Chairman McConnell recused himself from the Executive Session.

4:22pm Vice Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting. Chairman McConnell joined the meeting.

#### Ambulance District Scheduling

Commissioner Wood presented several alternatives to the current schedules that the Ambulance is using that looks like they would reduce the number of overtime hours. Discussion of different schedules.

5:15pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting to reconvene at the Public Hearing for Commissioner Re-zoning at 6pm at the Community Center

#### **6:04pm Public Hearing on Commissioner Re-zoning.**

Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

Chairman McConnell read the rules of a Public Hearing and then requested that Commissioner Wood read the legal notice for the hearing and Commissioner Hubert to read Statute IC 31-704, the legal basis for re-districting.

Chairman McConnell then turned the meeting over to Clerk Farnworth to explain the process she and the Elections Clerk Cindi Sievers had gone through to come to the District map proposal before the hearing.

Clerk Farnworth started with the current Commissioner District map and explained the inequity in the Districts that existed as of the 2010 Census data. District #1 had a population of 2,319, District #2 had a population of 1,168 and District #3 had a population of 1,721. She explained that the County is not in compliance with statute 31-704. It doesn't matter what has happened in the past, we just need to correct it and move forward and that is why this process began back in March.

Clerk Farnworth then went through each map version explaining at a high level each District and the reasons they decided it wasn't acceptable. When it came to version 4, which is the version currently under public review, she went through the legal description of the boundaries and followed along on the map which each patron in attendance had.

After the explanation, Chairman McConnell asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Chairman McConnell then asked if there were any comments. Don Hudson spoke and presented a 2 page document to the Commissioners as to why they didn't need to, in fact shouldn't be doing any re-districting. Mr. Hudson's document is placed as an attachment to this record.

Clerk Farnworth asked to comment on the statements from Mr. Hudson and offered more explanation as to why they need to, because it's the law.

A few more comments from the patrons started a good discussion over the various maps and issues with them and then some suggestions were offered for different alternatives. Clerk Farnworth will take the

suggestions and see if they can be incorporated into a new version and still be able to keep the populations in the districts within the acceptable variance.

Commissioner Wood asked if everyone understood the need to redistrict. She also noted that time is of the essence here because of the due date of having an adopted plan by January 1 according to the statute.

7:25pm Chairman McConnell thanked those present and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,  
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

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Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

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Brenda Farnworth, Clerk