

April 16, 2018

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

9:30am

Chairman Wood noted that Commissioner McConnell will not be here today he has started his new job, but will be available by phone. Has worked this weekend and will continue to work nights and weekends until May 5th.

Clerk Farnworth read Commissioner McConnell's resignation letter into the record and her acceptance letter as County Auditor.

Discussion on boards under Commissioner McConnell. He will attend the evening board meetings for the next couple of weeks. Will need to divide the remainder of the board assignments until a new commissioner is appointed.

Commissioner McConnell will fill in on nights and weekends as Deputy Coroner. Will have to rely more on Dr. Davis and Larrin Sant.

Chairman Wood noted that Dr. Davis is not running for Coroner and we only have until 5pm tomorrow night, April 17th for a write in candidate to file.

Review of current board assignments for Commissioner McConnell. SIRCOMM and Wood River Resource Conservation District are the most important. Will discuss with Commissioner McConnell tonight.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to amend the agenda and add a meeting with the State Legislators at lunch. Chairman Wood seconded. Discussion, just a casual informal meeting, no commissioner items to be discussed. Legislators were going to be in the area and invited the Commissioners to lunch. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Old Business

Stopped in to the leasing company last week to check on the status of the Sheriff's leased vehicles. Are in transit from Mexico. We should have them soon.

9:50am Claims, Minutes

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the Commissioner Minutes for April 9, 2018 as presented. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the claim for Payson Reese for EM Equipment for \$299.99. Chairman Wood seconded. Discussion, this needed to be issued on a separate check so needed a separate register. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the claim for Tremelling provider refund for \$162.60. Chairman Wood seconded. Discussion; this is the EMS refund. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the claims for \$59,818.02. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:10am Sheriff Bank Accounts

Sheriff Rodriguez and Treasurer Youts

Chairman Wood put this on the agenda as there seems to be some confusion as to what the Treasurer needs and she wanted to have everyone discuss.

Treasurer Youts needs to verify at the end of every month that the \$3,000 of County money put into the Sheriff's account is still in the account. She also needs to know the variances to the \$3,000.

Discussion on how and when.

Clerk Farnworth commented that the auditors will want to know what any funds over or under the \$3,000 are for and should be documented on the reconciliation each month. They will pick random months to test.

10:17am Correspondence

Discussion on taking the generator out of the basement. There has not been a bid received, they will come and give a bid. We do have a cement pad the generator should be able to be set on.

Commissioner Hubert had a visit with a member from Mud Lake regarding commissioner districts and they feel the way their districts was divided they have no voice. He felt we were right in considering the smaller towns.

Old Business

Courthouse ramp discussion, was held so we could budget for the ramp installation. It will still be useful no matter the future use of the building.

10:30am Investments – Treasurer Youts

Discussion on investments outside of the State fund. Indicators are that interest rates are projected to drop significantly. We have some investments at 1.8% and some at 3%. All these could be called and we would have to reinvest them at almost nothing. State investment is 1.5% interest.

Discussion on whether to invest in some non-callable investments at a fixed rate.

Commissioners will take this under consideration until next meeting.

11:00am

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Child Abuse Prevention was cancelled.

Old Business discussions

Southern Idaho Tourism is waiting for May or June to take pictures of the area to be a feature in their book. They will also do some flyers and add us to their state advertising. The river is a key and our park projects would really add appeal.

Discussion on getting a grant to help remodel some of the old buildings for use.

11:21am Chairman Wood called a 10 minute recess.

11:30am Sheriff Staffing issues

Sheriff Rodriguez said that he and Under Sheriff Phillips reviewed the projected calculations from Clerk Farnworth. They understand the issue and could not come up with any other solutions to keep the deputy from taking another position.

Clerk Farnworth reported that there was quite a discussion at the IAC Legislative meeting last week. All the Counties are having the same problem, not enough deputies and the cities are able to offer more money.

Discussion on various scenarios and places to advertise.

11:53am Chairman Wood adjourned for lunch.

1:05pm Set Budget Hearing Date for FY2019

County and Ambulance Budget hearing will be Monday, August 13th, 2018 at 6pm at the Community Center.

1:13pm Half Year Financial Review – Clerk Farnworth

Clerk Farnworth presented the revenues for year to date to budget. There have been some exceptions to revenue; \$57k received from a SRO Grant that the payment had not been applied for, \$60k in revenue from the court settlement for the water contamination issues last spring. \$34k of the miscellaneous revenue was an insurance claim for a wrecked vehicle.

Revenues are as expected to budget at 46.55% with PILT yet to come in.

Clerk Farnworth led the review of expenses year to date. The \$20k in the Commissioners misc. donations was sharing the court settlement with the City of Shoshone and the Fire Department who helped with the water contamination issue; \$10k for the City, \$10k for the Fire Department, \$10k for the County and \$30k was set aside for a County improvement project.

Another exception in the Commissioners is the donation to Wood River Resource Conservation and Development. They had not sent in a letter requesting a donation during budget time and there was nothing budgeted. Determined it was an oversight on their part and the donation of \$4,000 was approved.

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Discussion on the Coroner's salary. Apparently Dr. Davis felt it has not been enough, but he has never requested more and was always given the standard increase with the rest of the elected officials.

The maintenance yard repair was partially an insurance claim for damage done by the City dump driver which was offset with insurance revenue.

Sheriff's A-Budget is running over, and if you take out the ITD Grant budget is running about \$10k over. The benefits are under because they are down 2 deputies.

The new vehicle expense was a replacement for the wrecked vehicle and is offset by insurance revenue.

Indigent hospital care if already over budget by \$6k. Have had a lot of large indigent claims this year. May have to open the budget and use more of the reserve. We have a reserve of \$300k.

Public defense contract and conflict are way below budget. Mark Coppin is not charging the county for travel time.

Overall expense budget at 47.16%. In good shape for the year.

1:55pm Southern Idaho Solid Waste Fees – Exemptions

Discussion on the meeting with Southern Idaho Solid Waste regarding the letter requesting the fees revert back to the pre-March status. Meeting went well.

They mentioned that Lincoln County had some issues at the transfer station of upgrades and repairs that we need to do based on Federal and State regulations. We need to construct a building for the employees with a restroom. They would also like us to increase the size of the station to accommodate the 53' trailer.

We get charged a \$16 a ton fee, plus transportation, plus employee fees, which comes up to \$56 a ton.

A new scale will cost approximately \$120k. They suggested we transition to a full scale over the next 5 years. It would cost us more in operations and personnel, more like \$62 a ton.

Result, they are going to be much more lenient at the dump with fees. 1 full pickup load per week will be free and considered household waste if not commercial and it comes off personal property. Also 1 full load per week of green-age. Should not have been charging for clean scrap wood, will not be charged in the future.

We could also have an exemption list. Discussion on suggested exemption list. Discussion of a free cleanup week in the spring and one in the fall. First Saturday of May and 1st Saturday of October are free tire days.

They will also be doing some re-training of employees to be more lenient. They will not go by 4L plates anymore, but residency will be based on driver's license.

Out of County fee is double. The 2nd pickup load is charged by the cubic yard, \$1 a yard.

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Discussion on 4 Bros Dairy on their 23 houses that are getting charged the \$95 per house. The dairy is allowing them to dump all their garbage at the dairy and they bring a dump truck load for them. Chairman Wood feels they should be exempt. Any others should come to the commissioners to request an exemption.

2:32pm Bond Counsel Review

Counsel proposals were reviewed from MSBT Law, Hawley Troxell, Gilmore Bell and Chapman and Cutler LLP. Discussion on services and costs.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept MSBT Law as our bond counsel. Chairman Wood seconded. No further discussion. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:55pm Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(d) Exempt Records

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

3:06pm Courthouse Historical Workshop

Discussion on when to have the workshop and what should be the purpose of the workshop. The proposed date to give Julia is Tuesday, May 29th at 1:30pm to 4:00pm. The purpose should be to give suggestions on what to use the old courthouse for in the future, not to do another feasibility study on how to renovate the courthouse for continued use. Clerk Farnworth will draft a letter of explanation to Julia.

3:30pm Courthouse Committee

Discussion on how to form a committee to help with the selection of a site for the new courthouse.

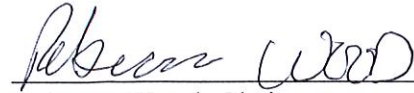
It was determined to have a town hall meeting on May 7th at 6pm at the Community Center. Flyers will be put in the Sawtooth advertisement on Friday, April 27th. Next meeting to determine how to select the committee. Suggested 2 from each Commissioner district and an independent chairman.

Discussion on the timeline to make the November election with a bond. Will be tight, but will move forward with that end in mind.

4:20pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.


Respectfully, Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

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Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Brenda Farnworth, Clerk