

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Equalization

March 19, 2018

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

9:30am Chairman McConnell called the Board of Equalization to order

There was no business for the Board of Equalization.

9:45am Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting.

Regular Meeting

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

9:45am Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

Claims, Minutes

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the claims for March 18, 2018 for \$25,759.02, Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor,

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the claim for J.R Gregory for \$472.38. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Commissioner Minutes for March 12, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:00am Southern Idaho Solid Waste (SISW)

Josh Bartlome, DEO and Stephanie Thompson, CFO

Present; Mike Piper, Jerry & Sherry Fitzgerald, Becky Scott, Rick Ellis, Don Hudson, Linda Jones, Assessor

Josh presented the letter to the Commissioners dated March 18, 2018. The letter gave the background for the updating of the fee policy and schedule and the SISW issues and purpose. Each county pays for their own waste haul and anything that is disposed of at the landfill as their share. If anything comes into the transfer station that is from other counties, county citizens have to pay for the disposal. .

About 5 years ago they did a cross-disposal fee, for out of county waste delivered to the transfer station. Lincoln County gets to keep the fees that come in for this.

Biggest concern is when it comes from a commercial hauler bringing disposal into the county transfer. \$500 fee for first time, \$1,000 for second time and increments up \$500 each time and never re-sets.

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Discussion on waste generating in other counties and cross-disposing. Been reviewing solid waste fees at each county and trying to equalize the assessment across the counties, especially for those smaller counties that do not charge a tipping fee. Need to make sure we are all solvent for the future.

The counties are charged \$16 a ton for garbage transferred to SISW. The current fee is not sustainable as they look into the future. They are trying to analyze what the County is being assessed for. Also each County should have a reserve for future capital expenditures. Many of the Counties are not collecting enough to cover their costs and put a reserve aside. Lincoln County is close and already has a reserve of \$190,000.

The new Twin falls expansion of a transfer station cost \$2.3m. Need to make sure we have funds available to make expansions without going to the public for a bond. We currently are utilizing a 48 ft transfer trailer. If we made improvements to accommodate the 53ft trailer, we could save some shipping costs.

SISW has 7 different counties. Discussion on the types of garbage that comes into the landfill from not only constituents but from businesses.

Discussion on the mega dairy in Lincoln County and how they are being assessed. The district is the one who sets the fees at the transfer station, not the County. For the past 4 years they have been working on definitions of waste coming in and a reasonable fee that should be associated with it. Trying to equalize the fees across the 7 counties.

He would like to see consistent ordinances across all 7 counties in regards to waste disposal and the fees that are charged.

Commissioner Wood commented that it would have been good if SISW had informed the Commissioners and the citizens before they starting charging at the transfer station. She also discussed the increase and changes that the BOCC made in the collections in the past two years and feels that we are in a good place. With the new fees at the transfer station we are double charging our taxpayers. Also concerned about the training and controls of the new volume cash coming into the transfer station with the new fees.

Josh, feels comfortable about the transfer station employees being able to assess the loads of how much and what. Discussed the double assessing of fees. He did come to the Counties a couple of years ago and explain the process that was happening and assumed that the Counties were being informed.

Discussion on the fees that the county is charging and the additional cash coming into the transfer station.

Commissioner Hubert commented that the system has been improved and now receipts are issued for all monies coming into the transfer station and turned into the County with the cash.

We bring in yardage for payment and we are charged tonnage going to SISW. They are based off of EPA formulas for each type of waste composite and that's what they are using. According to

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Idaho code, it is the district that sets the fees at the transfer station. They are trying to be lenient the first few times to help constituents be aware.

Josh apologized for not informing the Board or the constituents earlier. Had planned to roll the new charges out in June, but an issue in Minidoka County forced the new fees ahead of schedule.

The Board does have the authority to issue fee waivers They need to send a letter from the Commissioners to the SISW Board, but they have to approve.

Our Board may need to review what they are charging for waste fees.

Don Hudson commented on needing to make things more efficient. Would it be feasible to install a compactor or re-cycling to reclaim the values of materials and have less going into the dump site?

Also, commented on the issue of not informing the public better and this caused some grief for the Commissioners.

The compactor would not see a benefit because they already utilize the space well in the trailers. The most beneficial help would be to install a scale to weigh in all the waste and charge accordingly to what we will get charged, tonnage to tonnage.

Re-cycling containers are already throughout the county. They are so filled with trash that they can't be re-cycled. They are bringing 3 containers to each transfer site so that employees can separate re-cycling materials. Some diversion programs cost money. We only have one employee at the Lincoln County site. They can add another full time employee to deal with re-cycling, but it increases the cost to the County. They pride themselves on efficiency and do comparisons with other transfer stations throughout the State and are the lowest cost except for Elmore County.

The fee of \$16 a ton is the lowest in the nation. This fee is very tight now at best and don't know how much longer they can hold at that.

11:01am Middle Snake River Resource Board Appointment

Chairman McConnell stated that we will table the Board appointment for a later time.

Lincoln County Chamber – Payson Reese

Payson presented information regarding the Chamber activities for the coming year; Arts in the Park, History Day; Lost N Lava; and the Lincoln County Chamber banquet.

The Chamber has rebranded their logo, “Where Adventure Begins” to align with the County Marketing objective. Are excited about working closer with the Commissioners to bring business and activities to the County.

For the Historical Society annual History days they would like to use the Courthouse lawn and include vendors. They received a \$1,500 grant that was used to replace display cases and are redoing the cases and adding some fun new things.

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Lost N Lava entertainer Krystyn Harris was on American Idol and has moved on in the competition. She is still scheduled for the Lost N Lava event this year if she does not have a conflict with the American Idol.

11:08am Wood River Soil and Conservation District –

Barbara Messick, Carl Pendleton, Rob Sharpnick, Rick Johnson

Barb gave an update on the tree sale, currently at 35 years of tree sales.

The rangeland drill has been well used this past year. It is rented out to landowners or homeowners and was used on 2,500 private acres.. Was well used after the mammoth fire last year. Just rented it out to Albion and get opportunities to do so frequently. Now, Blaine County is currently looking at purchasing a drill.

Working on the cheat grass analysis project, using a bacteria to take the cheat grass out in a biological way versus chemical.

Discussed needing to replace the old trees at the courthouse as they are removed. Need to work with an arborist for the right kind of tree. Need to get with Barb right away to place an order.

Looking at variable rate irrigation projects. Have three interested in Lincoln County, some in Blaine County. Using a contractor out of Salt Lake which uses satellite imagery to help point out need for changes in water rates and there is possibility of cost sharing to farmers.

Asking for a continuous support next year from the County.

Discussion on the Sage Grouse issue. We feel that the State plan is better than the Federal plan, but they are concerned about the States not properly taking care of it. But feel that it will be coming back to the States.

11:39am Executive Session IC 74-206 (1)(c) Real Property

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

11:53am Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive

Commissioner Wood will go ahead and gather more information for available use on the property in question.

11:54am Canvas of March Election

Nancy Rodriguez, Elections Deputy presented the March 13, 2018 election results.

The Shoshone School bond failed, at only a 58.33% vote for it needed a 67% margin to pass. The Shoshone School levy passed by 70% and Richfield School levy passed by 80%.

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Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve and read the Certification into the record of the abstract of votes for the Shoshone School District 312 levy for March 13, 2018 by the County Clerk. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert read into the record the certification of the abstract of votes for the Richfield School District 316 levy for March 13, 2018 by the County Clerk. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner McConnell read into the record the certification of the abstract of votes as Board of Canvassers for the March 13, 2018 election. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve and read into the record the certification of the abstract of votes for the Shoshone School District 312 Bond for the March 13, 2018 by the County Clerk. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Approve Mail Ballot Precinct for May Election

Commissioner Wood may a motion to approve the polling places for the May 15, 2018 election and read the polling places into the record. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion, the Commissioner had to approve the polling places before we were able to get with the strip mall to see if we can use it for the next election. Will consult with the Secretary of State to see if we can change after we have a chance to look at the building. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

12:05pm Middle Snake River Resource Board Appointment

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept Gary Bowman as a member of the Middle Snake River Resource Board. Commissioner Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

12:06pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the meeting for lunch at the Care Center.

1:02pm Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order.

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

1:21pm Chairman McConnell adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Wood made a motion for case #2017011, case #2017019 and case #2017021 to take out of suspension and approve for payment. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion for case #0217035 to approve. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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1:26pm Memorandum of Understanding for Gooding Police – Dog holding

Review of the current proposed MOU with the Gooding Police.

Discussion on how to set out the fees by Resolution so they can be changed as needed.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Gooding Police Department for the holding of dogs. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion; the current fee schedule until we have a resolution is a \$10 intake fee plus \$15 per day. Second time is a \$40 intake fee and third time is \$80 intake fee. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

1:35pm Animal Ordinance – Public Hearing

Chairman McConnell read into the minutes the public hearing notice that was published on March 8th and March 15th 2018.

Discussion on what the animal ordinance covers, stock being horses and cows, are not covered under the ordinance. E. Scott will add a definition in the ordinance clarifying that the ordinance does not cover stock animals.

Discussion on animals in season and the intent of the ordinance.

Internet comment to Commissioner Wood asked whether or not if after the third offense we could require them to be spade or neutered, but we cannot legally do so but the Court can order.

Discussion on the purpose of the ordinance and what happens to very destructive dogs.

Discussion on the reason the ordinance came about. Law enforcement needed the option to be able to cite for dangerous animals.

Prosecutor E. Scott suggests that a definition be added for animal and tighten up the first paragraph with ‘dog’ vs ‘animal’.

2:05pm - 3:38pm Planning & Zoning Meeting

Old Business

New Courthouse-Zion’s bank Bond counsel.

Michael Tippets sent in a proposed letter for seeking proposals from qualified bond counsel from the Idaho Bond Bank Authority. Discussion, don’t need a motion since there is no money to be paid but just asking for proposals.

New Courthouse

Committee will meet next week on Tuesday to put together another floor plan.

Dye Testing at the Hydro-plant

April 4th, Department of Ag will be here to discuss the issues.

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Ed Hagan from DEQ will be coming down and looking at the hydro-plant and is trying to get the canal companies to attend a meeting. Discussion.

Surplus Auction

Commissioner Wood did preview the PublicSurplus.com site. Looked good, Commissioner McConnell will take a look also. Discussion.

County Park,

Waiting for Wood River Land Trust to have their meeting in April for the Nehr park.

Will meet the first week of April with Debbie at ITD to discuss the encroachment for the trails.

Will get on the next agenda with the City Council to discuss park and water issues.

4:08pm Express Ramp Estimate

Reviewed the estimate. Will leave to next budget season.

Correspondence

Request from State Animal Damage Control Board for FY2019 budget.

Lincoln County Housing Authority Audit for FY2017.

Continued discussion on Land fill fees.

Chairman McConnell called for an Executive Session.

4:55pm

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

5:39pm Chairman McConnell adjourned the Executive Session and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

Cresley McConnell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk