

**Board of Equalization**

**May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

9:35am Chairman Wood called the meeting to order.

There are no patrons at this time.

Assessor Jones has mentioned that due to the State mandate, the agriculture values in the County have to be raised. If she does not raise them, the State will. She will take them up the minimum allowed to ease into the required value.

Because of the increase she anticipates more complaints about values. She will field the questions first, but may have some who want to go to the Board of Equalization.

**Regular Meeting**

9:45am Chairman Wood adjourned the Board of Equalization and convened the Regular Meeting.

Beverage License – Bear Claw

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to issue the retail alcohol beverage license for the Bear Claw, Nina Ward proprietor. Fees are paid for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Correspondence

Received a survey from Ohio State University for economic development to help them finish a study. Chairman Wood will try to complete the survey.

Financials received from BRP for private review.

Chairman Wood reported on the Dietrich incident. We need to promote the Alert Sense and Reverse 911 notification system. Notices go out to everyone in just a few minutes, if they are signed up. Commissioner Hubert reported on a Dietrich Town meeting on how to make sure everyone is alerted in emergency situations. They determined to use the Boy Scouts to deliver door to door notices.

Discussion on Alert Sense and its use. Chairman Wood will request to be an administrator on the system to send alerts. It was good the County already had the water tanks from last spring flood, they were filled and delivered to Dietrich residents during the city well shutdown.

10:00am Claims, Minutes

## LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Chairman Wood made a motion to approve the Commissioner Minutes for May 21, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the Commissioners Minutes for May 7, 2018, Special Meeting as presented. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for the new Courthouse selection committee on May 7, 2018. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood made a motion to pay the Indigent claims for May 25, 2018 for \$13,137.19. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the accounts payable for the County for \$16,001.34. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

### Old Business

The new Courthouse Site Committee has been formed. We have not heard that they have met as yet. May send a reminder to all the committee that they are on the agenda for June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Code Enforcer. Chairman Wood will contact the Highway districts and Cities to see if they will meet on June 11 at 2:00pm.

Discussion on patron requests for a junk ordinance.

Discussion on water on the road and adding a code enforcer into the FY2019 budget.

10:15am Prosecutor Paul requested the legal Executive Session be moved to this morning.

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

10:35am Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

### Animal Ordinance.

Chairman Wood presented an option of keeping the Animal Ordinance draft and moving ahead with the ordinance as is and postpone the licensing with a Resolution. It was agreed to move ahead with a public hearing on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the evening at the Community Center.

Discussion on how to get the information to the patrons. Prosecutor Paul will draft a synopsis for the Clerk to publish in the paper. Also decided to do a flyer in the Sawtooth advertisement. Make it ½ page and put the Animal Ordinance synopsis and notice of meeting on one side and a notice to sign up for Alert Sense and Reverse 911 on the other side.

## LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Discussion on the earlier proposal of sending a new commissioner to the IACC conference. Rick Ellis would like to attend and pay his own way. The opportunity will be offered to Julia Oxarango-Ingram and Larry Kerner as well, since they are all candidates for the November ballot..

11:00 am South Central Public Health to DMV Building

Clerk Farnworth previewed the room at the Maintenance yard that was suggested to move the Election equipment to. She feels it will work but will need to check the roof, as there seems to have been a leak, and the bins and cabinets will need to be removed. It will then need to be cleaned and painted and a heat system there to keep the equipment clean and from freezing.

11:15am Stoker & Condie – 2017 Audit Report - Cancelled

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to amend the agenda to move Commissioner Board Reports into any spare time during the day. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

11:19am Commissioner Board Reports

Commissioner Hubert reported on the meeting with the Attorney General regarding the INL and a 1995 environmental quality agreement. The Department of Energy is not in compliance with the 1995 agreement and they do not want to abide by it. The Navy is in full compliance with their agreement and can continue their shipments.

Attorney General Wasden is particularly concerned about 900,000 gallons of highly radioactive liquid waste buried at the site. The tanks are 60 years old and there is concern how many more years they will last.

2018 was the deadline in the agreement for the transuranic waste to be out of Idaho and the target was not met.

Attorney General Wasden is willing to attend a public information meeting if requested.

A summary of the entire meeting is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Wood reported on some information from the WIR Conference last week about Coroners and what we should be doing. We need to review our training and processes to do a better job.

Coroner training was discussed, also how they are paid. It was suggested that Coroners should be paid by the call and not a salary. Discussion on keeping a couple of deputy Coroners for cover on evenings and weekends and how decisions should not be based on budgets, but what is the best protocol. We need to get the State rules for the Coroner and make sure we are following.

GateWay motel is being renovated and would be interested if there is any help with grants to remodel. USDA programs that were presented at the WIR Conference may be able to help.

## LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

At WIR a panel discussion was held which included Disaster and Emergency managers. FEMA, Homeland Security and a Commissioner from a school shooting. Suggested we have a County facebook page to communicate all the correct information in a situation. A Commissioner and an officially dressed Emergency Manager should be on site for public relations and frequent updates to the public.

11:45am New Website Preview.

New website page was previewed and reviewed what still needed to be completed. Discussion on hiring Diana Rowe in the evenings to help finish the pages. Some departments seem to need some help to finish their page.

12:11pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:03pm

**Chairman Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC74-206(1)(d) – Indigent. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman Wood, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.**

1:28pm Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion for case#2018046 to deny based on Medical Review. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion for case#2018049 & 2018050 to approve. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

1:35pm Courthouse Historical Workshop

Problems and Concerns with the Courthouse were discussed;

ADA compliance; entrance, court and bathrooms as well as counters, fountains and other miscellaneous.

Foundation, water seeping in and remediation efforts have not worked.

Mold issues, mitigation efforts about every two years have not worked. People still complain.

Asbestos remediation

Attic, weight load issues. Cannot use, safety issue. Now only use for storage and can't utilize all of it. No other storage space.

Courtroom safety, no egress, electrical issues.

No room for expansion. No room for public hearings.

Building shifting. Breakroom door just put in last year will no longer shut.

Heating issues, cooling issues.

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Probation, EMS, Emergency Management and Elections are not in the courthouse and would like to consolidate all activities. Need another person in Clerks office, no room to put them.

Julia gave an overview of the purpose of the workshop, which is to discuss the alternative of renovating the current courthouse and building an annex.

It is fiscally reasonable to spend a large amount of money to reconstruct this building plus an addition or to build a new building.

Julia mentioned that additions to an old courthouse can be tastefully done and have been done. Want the building to be a very important part of the community. Want to present other options such as phase expansion versus building new.

Chairman Wood would also like to hear what else this building can be used for.

Commissioner Hubert reviewed the process that the Commissioners have been through all ready and does not want to go back to square one with the process. At that time the cost was pretty equal, to renovate or build.

Introductions were made; Jamee Fiore, Idaho State Historical Society; Paula Benson, Preservation Idaho, 501(c)(3), Steve Trout, Preservation Idaho, also and architect; Katherine Kirk, Idaho Heritage Trust, Jerry Myers, Idaho Heritage Trust & Myers/Anderson Architect and Julia Oxarango-Ingram, currently SIRD.

Steve Trout is working with the State in preserving old buildings. Last remodel, gut and replace was \$185 per sq.ft. Not including the cost of displacing employees during construction.

There are options for tax credits or grants to help modify current vacant spaces and then they are useable space after we leave. Possible private investors. Looking also at enhanced tax value on the County when left.

Katherine Kirk mentioned that our building has been well maintained compared to what she has seen. Suggested we could build a tower off the back for elevators or add an expansion. The layout of the building makes it very easy to make access available.

Jerry Myers did a quick analysis and comparing costs of \$5.4m to build a new building, plus land and utilities cost. In his calculations we could add 9,000 sq ft to bring the same sq ft as projected for a new building to the current 15,000 sq ft at \$190 per sq ft. and it would be \$500,000 less to remodel.

A couple of examples on other renovations the contractors costs were \$109 per sq ft and \$135 per sq. ft. Bear Lake Memorial Hospital, Bonneville Hotel, Caribou Memorial Hospital, are examples.

Overall economic development of the town is critical to keep the energy and value of the downtown area.

Colby Ricks just did a renovation at a High School, very basic for \$106 per sq ft.

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Would like to have a tour of some of the renovations that have already been done in other courthouses.

Would like to continue discussion of options.

4:20pm Resolution to Surplus Equipment

**Chairman Wood made a motion to approve the surplus of the old generator and sell it at the Garrett Construction Auction and read into the record the Resolution 2018-02. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Rick Ellis will contact the City and see if they will move the generator to the site for us..

4:30pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting to the Ambulance District.

Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

## Summary of meeting with AG

After introductions Lew Pence thanked the AG for agreeing to talk with us today to outline our concerns about the DOE and the INL and the impact it could have on our water resources. AG Laurence Wasden summarized several requirements set forth in the 1995 Settlement Agreement and the 2011 memorandum of understanding with the DOE. He was asked if the DOE was in compliance with the agreements and Laurence said they were not. He said, however, on the positive side the Navy is in full compliance with their agreement with the state and can continue their shipments. He said he stopped allowing shipments of waste into the state and will not allow them to continue until the DOE is in substantial compliance. We all thanked him for his efforts even though he is being blasted in eastern Idaho and the Idaho Statesman.

Laurence said he is particularly concerned about the 900,000 gallons of highly radioactive liquid waste buried at the site. He said the tanks are 60 years old and doesn't know how many more years they can last. He was asked if the DOE had a contingency plan in place should a failure occur. He smiled and said they have one 300,000 gallon tank to transfer waste into should a tank fail. It was noted that all the existing tanks are the same age so if one fails the others could fail as well. He understood or concerns as his are similar. He was asked if this waste would be treated at Hanford when treatment of their liquid waste begins at that site. He said it would not. Our liquid waste differs from that in Washington so a new treatment facility has been built in Idaho. He also said the waste is too hazardous to move. He said the DOE has tried out a machine that will change the liquid to a powder form, but so far their efforts have failed. He will continue to closely monitor the treatment situation. He was asked why the DOE was seeking a 4 year extension to the 2035 removal date. Wasden said he believes the DOE put up a trial balloon with this statement just to see if they got a reaction. He said there has been no formal request for an extension.

The AG brought up the situation with transuranic waste and turned discussion over to his assistant who oversees this part of the agreement. His assistant told us that the term transuranic waste includes any material that has been artificially contaminated by radioactive elements. He said the waste is comprised of a lot of things such as anything used in the process of making bombs and things used to study radioactive material. This would include equipment, tools, clothing and items used in medicine or medical research. He said a lot of this kind of waste was buried at the INL in the 50's and 60's. Some were in containers and buried and some were simply disposed of in an unlined land fills. The DOE believes they have retrieved all this material and are ready to package it for shipment to WIPP in New Mexico. He said transuranic waste was to be out of Idaho by 2018 and the target was not met. He was asked how long will the delay be because of the rupturing of 4 barrels at the site. He said he hadn't heard anything at this time. He was told the commission is apposed to INL taking transuranic waste from around the country for repackaging in Idaho. The AG said, according to the agreement the site would be able to do this as long as the waste is repackaged within 6 months and then shipped

out within another six months. We said it may not be good having shipments enter the state using barrels that could rupture. He said most of the transuranic waste coming to Idaho for processing would come from Hanford in Washington. Dan Suhr asked why the EPA isn't involved since they regulate the disposal of waste in the U.S. The AG said the disposal of radioactive waste is under the purview of the DOE. He said the good news is that he has spoken with the new director of the DOE and believes he will have better cooperation in the future.

The AG was asked if the construction of experimental modular nuclear reactors is covered in any way under any agreement and he said they were not. The agreement would only come to play when they dispose of spent fuel from the reactors. We told him we were opposed to their construction in Idaho, especially for a Utah power company. If truly modular they should be able to be shipped to Utah after construction.

Roy Hubert Once again thanked the AG for allowing the commission to come speak with him. He said this discussion had helped us to better understand the overall situation. AG Wasden said, if we could arrange some kind of informational session for the public to attend he would be glad to come speak on the issues.