

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting

July 2nd, 2018

**Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Roy Hubert, Commissioner; Terry Zech, Commissioner; Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes.**

9:30-10:00am- Ambulance District Meeting

10:11am-Chairman Wood convened to the regular meeting

Claims and Minutes reviewed.

Commissioner Zech questioned some meal reimbursement claims and the public defenders claims. Prosecutor Paul explained the county's stand on this.

**Commissioner Zech made a motion to accept the regular claims for the amount of \$124,892.18 Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous; motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Indigent claims in the amount of \$400.00. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous; motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept additional claims from the Sheriff's office for the amount of \$1246.36. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous; motion carries.**

10:30am- Beverage License renewal

**Commissioner Hubert made motion to approve the retail alcohol beverage license for Iron Horse Saloon, Shoshone; Main Street Bar, Richfield. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous, motion carries.**

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

10:41am-Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Correspondence:

Idaho Community Trees Newsletter.

Chairman Wood received a call from Seth Griggs with IAC. He would like to have Jerry Mason hold an informative workshop regarding P&Z and the area of impact.

Old News:

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PILT Class Action lawsuit- Twin Falls County has joined the lawsuit. Commissioners are still interested. Prosecutor Paul is working on a memo.

Courthouse ADA ramp- Chairman Wood was able to get the specs from Cresley. Commissioner Zech needs to know the grade percent of the ramp; he also asked about the possibility of putting the ramp in the back, instead of the front. The commissioners had a study done on this possibility some time ago and it was found not to be an option.

11:00am- Audit Report- Condi, Stoker & Associates/ Kurt Stoker

Mr. Stoker presented the 2017 fiscal year audit report to the commissioners; reviewed the report.

Commissioner Hubert had some questions on the depreciation. Mr. Stoker clarified.

Ultimately, the county came under budget for the fiscal year in the general fund.

Mr. Stoker gave a brief review on the management letter and considerations. The County has already addressed several of the considerations and has altered procedures to be more efficient.

Further discussion on the audit report.

12:03pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for lunch

1:00pm- Chairman Wood reconvened to the regular meeting

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to amend the agenda to add the emergency action item- Renewal of the Shaw Mercantile, LLC beverage license. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous; motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the retail alcohol beverage license for Shaw Mercantile, LLC, Dietrich. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous; motion carries.**

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

1:14pm Chairman Wood adjourned executive session and re-convened to the Regular Meeting.

1:15pm- Coroner's budget- Mike Piper

Mr. Piper presented a budget draft to the commissioners; he took an average of the 10 small counties with like population and came up with this budget. He would like his starting wage to be \$6000.00 a year. He asked that the deputy coroners be paid for their services; suggested \$100.00 per call. Budgeted higher for education seeing as he is new to the position. There was some discussion on the autopsy/coroner's inquest line.

Further discussion on coroner's budget.

1:41pm- Contract for Jarett Gray

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Jarett presented a renewed contract. The contracted amount is the same as it has been for the last several years.

Commissioner Hubert informed Jarett that there might be more snow removal depending on if the Ambulance District decides to use the maintenance shop as ambulance barn. Jarett said he did not feel that he would need to adjust the contract for that.

Old Business:

Roof repair- Commissioner Zech- Moller did look at the roof; but hasn't got the bid to the commissioner yet.

Further discussion on ADA ramp.

1:49pm- Prosecutor's Salary- E. Scott Paul

Follow-up from last week's discussion. Out of the 13 small counties, Prosecutor Paul is the 10<sup>th</sup> lowest paid prosecutor. He does not feel that the 5% increase a year would be sufficient to get him to what the salary grade chart would suggest a prosecutor with his amount of experience should be.

1:57pm- Revised Salary Budgets- Clerk Brenda Farnworth

Clerk Farnworth reviewed the revisions.

She added the sheriff's office administrative assistant going up to 30 hrs. a week, and added the bailiff/civil deputy position.

Discussion on what the requested coroner's budget might do to the overall salary budget. The commissioners agreed that Clerk Farnworth should add the coroner's budget to the overall budget as is.

Clerk Farnworth asked the commissioners if they would like her to add Assessor Jones and Prosecutor Paul's salary in as requested by each respectively, to see where it would put the budget.

Chairman Wood is concerned about adding a new position, if the current employees are not being taken care of; not opposed to bumping the sheriff's office Administrative Assistant up to 30 hrs, but questioned adding the bailiff/civil deputy position. The code enforcer position is still on the table, but that salary has the potential to be paid by multiple entities.

Chairman Wood proposed possibly making a 3-year plan to get Assessor Jones and Prosecutor Paul to the recommended salary per the salary grade chart instead of the current 5% yearly increase. The commissioners asked Clerk Farnworth to put this in the budget to see what it would do.

There was further discussion and review on the budget.

The bottom line number is 10% over the prior year.

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Revenue- Clerk Farnworth

Clerk Farnworth presented a projected report for revenue for the current year. Reviewed projections with the commissioners; projecting that the county will not need to use the entire budgeted amount of PILT money for the current fiscal year.

There was further review of the revenue reports.

3:28 pm- Chairman Wood adjourned meeting for a brief break.

## **Board of Equalization Meeting**

**July 2, 2018**

**Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Roy Hubert, Commissioner; Terry Zech, Commissioner; Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes**

In attendance: Assessor Linda Jones; Clerk Brenda Farnworth; Rick Ellis, Public; Larry Kerner, Public; Terry Pennington, Property Owner.

3:30pm-Chairman Wood convened the Board of Equalization Meeting. Chairman Wood reviewed the rules of the meeting. The property owner had not arrived yet. Chairman Wood suggested holding off on the meeting to give the owner more time to appear.

3:41pm- Clerk Farnworth swore in Assessor Jones. The property owner had yet to arrive, and so the commissioners allowed Assessor Jones to begin.

Assessor Jones presented the assessment table that was used to make the evaluation of said property.

3:44 pm- Terry Pennington arrived, Clerk Farnworth swore Mr. Pennington in. Chairman Wood re-reviewed the rule for Mr. Pennington's sake, as he was not in attendance at the time of the first review.

Clerk Farnworth handed out the paperwork that Mr. Pennington provided

Mr. Pennington explained his position. In the last 4 years his property assessment has been raised significantly. Mr. Pennington argues that there has not been any work done on the house or property, therefore the substantial increase doesn't make sense. The agriculture value was increased by almost 30%, but Mr. Pennington doesn't understand how that is appropriate for his 5 acres; he has spoken to P&Z about how many building permits have been issued in the past 15 years to see if that could possibly be a cause of the raise, but there have only been roughly 1 per year.

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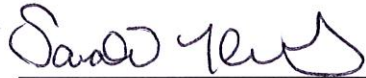
Respectfully,

Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes