

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

9:30am – 10:15am Ambulance District Meeting.

10:15am Emergency Management – Payson Reese

Met with the Dietrich Mayor and City Council on procedures on emergency alerts for their area.

At the next LEPC Meeting will talk about emergency alerts, Alert Sense and Reverse 911 and possibility of WebEOC training in the future.

Update on grants. Chairman Wood requested an update on the generator for the Care Center. Payson will call again for the bids.

Worked with Shoshone PD, Lincoln County Sheriff on the shooting incident, was there to help as Public Information Officer. Chairman Wood asked for an update on the badges and logo shirts so he can look more official to the media.

Assisted Lincoln County Sheriff with the Hazardous Materials call, contamination of Dietrich City water. Worked with Shoshone Fire, LC Sheriff, DEQ and Dietrich Fire. Was in communication with IOEM, Jerome OEM and Chairman Wood on the incident. Potable water tanks were stored at the Dietrich Fire Station while city water was off in Dietrich. Worked with the media for multiple days until the DEQ and City of Dietrich came back with clean water samples.

Discussion on how to get more patrons signed up for Alert Sense and Reverse 911. The County sent out a flyer this week with the information to sign up.

Discussion on how well the County residents are prepared for an emergency. We need to communicate with our patrons that they need to be prepared to sustain themselves for two weeks before FEMA or other help could arrive.

Discussion on having a booth at the fair to promote patrons being self-prepared. Discussion on where we got bottled water from last year during the emergency flooding and well contamination. Will purchase as needed and not keep a supply.

Payson presented a summary of the activities he has completed since he took over the position in June of 2014. He would like to add more hours to his schedule. He is averaging 50-60 hours per month, not including the flooding or fires and the contract is only for 30 hours.

Dale Alder field officer for the State Office of Emergency Management presented a summary of the grants available. We still have money available from 2016 and 2017 SHSP grants. Discussion on how to use the grant money. These are 100% grants.

All SHSP grants require an environmental review, which takes about 10 days. If we have projects in mind, we need to have the product in hand before the grant ends.

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He explained the EMPG grant that can be used for emergency management operations, but is a 50/50 grant and the County must pay up front. Payson has been applying for his operation costs, but will look again to see if there is anything that can be applied for.

Question was asked if we had a command center for emergencies. OEM does not, but the Sheriff has a trailer that he uses, we were recently given an old ambulance that they are going to convert into a command center.

Payson presented his proposed budget, a few items decreased. Clerk Farnworth noted that he should be paid as an employee, since he does not have his own equipment. She will work on a proposal for discussion.

11:03am South Central Community Action Partnership

Ken Robinette and Angie Ferrera

Ken presented the program services statistics for 2017 and shared some specific stories.

Gooding office had to be closed due to funding cuts and they re-structured their staffing. Angie is the new northern Counties mobile office outreach. She is at the Golden Years Senior Center in Shoshone 2 days a week.

Discussion on the possibility of low income housing projects. The development must be in an area with city water and sewer. Applicants must be in USDA income guidelines and have good credit. They must put in 35 hours a week on the project. Takes approximately 1 month per home, and usually build 6 homes in a division. The land is included in the package. Currently looking for property to start the next project package.

Discussion on the weatherization and energy conservation program. Still have 796 eligible homes on the waiting list. The low income energy assistance was down in 2017 from 2016. It may have been because of the change in the program, less personal assistance.

Ken presented the Lincoln County 2017 statistics.

The food bank in Richfield has been temporarily closed, the building has sold. Misty McCuwen would be the contact if they wanted to see if they can meet the requirements to assist the food bank at the school.

Ken reported that for every \$1 they get through the block grant and donated \$1 they maximize \$6 to \$1.

Ken presented the FY2019 budget request of \$1,500.

11:30am Laughlin Ricks – rescheduled to June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Correspondence

Memorandum from the District Court Trial Court Administrator for the alcohol, tobacco & possession citation reports for the county. Statistics for Lincoln County are down. One reason is the change in juvenile misdemeanors are now infractions and won't be counted.

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Letter from ITD, project meeting has been moved to Shoshone for the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Southern Idaho Solid Waste flipping the switch on June 27<sup>th</sup>, Roy Hubert, Rebecca Wood and Rick Ellis are registered for the event.

Commissioner Hubert met with Magic Valley Electric. They will give a bid to unhook and re-connect the generator to move it out of the courthouse.

Proposal from High County Roofing and Archibald Roofing for the maintenance yard building. Discussion on getting another bid. Commissioner Zech will contact Mueller Construction for another bid.

12:06pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

1:00pm Chairman Wood called the meeting to order

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

1:27pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion for case #2018024 and case #2018051, to table for more information. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion for case #2018052 to deny for lack of information and not indigent. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion for case #2018053 to deny, not a resident of Lincoln County. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

1:34pm Executive Session - Legal

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

1:45pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Old Business

Need to have the new Website active by Friday of this week. Chairman Wood will call In Motion to understand how to change over.

ADA Ramp. Discussion on getting something more pleasing to the eye than a metal ramp. Perhaps someone local to build.

conditions. Should have it back by the middle of the week to the Commissioners for legal review.

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2:00pm Code Enforcer Position

Shoshone City, 4 Highway Districts and Shoshone Fire were invited.

Discussion on the position and the purpose. Will be a certified deputy and will have to go to post and will carry standard equipment.

Clerk Farnworth will put together a proposal to send out to the districts by email. We need them to give a yes or no so we can know if we are moving forward.

2:30pm Budget Review – Treasurer

Not many changes in the B-Budget. Treasurer Youts feels we should raise the clerical salaries more because we approved a \$2 increase in the Sheriff's Deputies starting wages. Discussion.

2:40pm Budget Review – Assessor and County Valuation

Assessor Jones reduced a couple of categories, not any large changes. Recently decided that she needed to add a computer to County Valuation.

She requests that her salary be brought up to the salary grade for her 13 years of experience, which would be a 15% increase to \$61k. She also requests an added \$2 an hour for each of her employees to compensate for the Sheriff Deputy increase.

Discussion on County Valuation travel. Clerk Farnworth noted that they haven't used much of the travel budget, it was agreed to reduce by \$1,100.

3:05pm

Old Business

Clerk Farnworth received an email from Jerry Myers wanting to know the wishes of the Commissioners for a renovated Courthouse tour. Commissioner Zech and Chairman Wood and Clerk Farnworth would like to go on the tour. Commissioner Hubert thinks it is a waste of time. The decision was made to go ahead with a new courthouse months ago and he feels we are going backwards. Chairman Wood explained that she feels we were given new information from the historical workshop regarding the foundation, mold issues and floor renovations that were different than we understood before. She feels we should look at it again. We should still move ahead with the floor plans for the new courthouse and the site committee as well.

It was determined to suggest June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> as dates to give to Jerry Myers for a tour.

3:25pm Animal Ordinance.

Discussion with Prosecutor Paul on the animal ordinance regarding infractions and misdemeanors. He suggests that the penalties be changed. He will draft another version. We will still hold the public hearing on June 18<sup>th</sup>, but will note the proposed changes.

3:30pm Claims

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**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the claims for \$25,971.34. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

4:17pm Notch Butte Rangeland Fire Protection Association

Roy Prescott gave an update on the association's activities during the year. We had a fire near Kimama last year and they had two disks out and had the fire contained before the BLM even made it to the site.

They are expanding their boundaries as patrons are requesting. They have an overlap agreement letter to overlap with local fire districts. They need the County approval before going to the fire districts.

In order to qualify for public surplus, they have to show support from local counties. They are presenting a letter of recommendation from the County Commissioners before going to the fire districts. They are currently getting equipment deeded to them and using private equipment. Are starting a grant process for more equipment.

Discussion on the fire last year at Sticks and Stones and the issues. They have become members of the association.

They are set up on the same channels in radio communication as the BLM for coordinated communication.

They would like \$500 from Lincoln County in FY2019 to help with liability insurance. They will draft a request letter for the Clerk.

4:38pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting to take a tour with Dave to the ball field.

Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Brenda Farnworth, Clerk