

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

June 18th, 2018

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

9:30 am Chairman Wood called the meeting to order.

Claims and Minutes reviewed

There is some discussion on poll workers and further training. Possibly sending out an educational pamphlet to voters about what poll workers are allowed to do and not to do at the polls.

Clerk Farnworth presented the February 26th minutes and the changes that were made to them. Because there was such a significant correction, Clerk Farnworth felt that a review and vote would be in order for acceptance of the revised minutes. Commissioners reviewed.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the June 4th 2018 minutes as presented. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood made motion to accept amended minutes for February 26th 2018 regular meeting as presented. Chairman Wood read the changes into the record. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Zech had some questions concerning the poll worker charge in the claims. Chairman Wood and Clerk Farnworth clarified.

Commissioner Zech made a motion to accept expenditures for the period of June 15th Indigent claims in the amount of \$2033.45. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Zech made motion to accept accounts payable of regular claims for the period of June 15th in the amount of \$10,272.03. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

9:58 am ITD Right of Way

Jeff Ward, Rod Hubsmith, Kasey Hubsmith, and Carl Legg in attendance

All in attendance were given the amended minutes from the February 26th regular meeting.

Rod Hubsmith discussed his concerns with certain statements made in the February 26th minutes by the commissioners.

Chairman Wood addressed these concerns and explained the error made in the minutes. Chairman Wood explained their interest in possibly making a bike/ walking paths from Shoshone to Neher Park. Also from Neher Park to Marley road; but was afraid that that may not be an option because of private fence lines. There has been discussion about possibly making a biking path from Richfield to the Blaine county line. At this point, this is in a very preliminary discussion. Chairman Wood asked Rod Hubsmith his opinion and knowledge concerning the situation.

Rod Hubsmith discussed some of his knowledge on the matter; asked Carl Legg for further explanation about ownership. Carl Legg addressed the commissioners.

Further discussion on railroad right away vs. ITD right away to the land between Shoshone and Richfield.

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Chairman Wood addressed the meeting explaining that this is merely an idea and that there has been no further action taken in the matter.

Rod Hubmsith expressed concerns with up-keep from county; asked the commissioners to keep the citizens more informed on certain matters.

Commissioner Hubert ensured all there that there would be no further action taken without them being contacted.

All conclude that now that the minutes have been amended to reflect the actual discussion, most concerns have been quelled on the matter.

10:35am- Salary Grade Review

Clerk, Brenda Farnworth.

Presented a letter provided by probation officer Linda Boguslawski that was written by the Honorable Judge Ingram concerning the need to raise the salary grade for probation.

Clerk Farnworth presented a proposed salary grade budget raising the pay grade of all clerical employees by \$2.00; overall increased to total budget would be 15% if they were to do this.

Proposed salary grade budget included the added positions of Courthouse Maintenance and the Emergency Manager, which are contract jobs on the current budget; as well as the sheriff's raise, and the possible new position of Code Enforcer, which would increase the budget by 10%.

Not clear on where we are with revenue at this point, so it is unclear where the extra money would come from if they were to approve.

Clerk Farnworth feels that if we could raise clerical salary starting wage to \$13.00 and the sheriff's department to \$17.55, that that would be sufficient in making our county comparable and competitive to other counties. If we were able to do this, then we would be able to stick to the 3% raises in these departments in the future years to come.

Further discussion

Clerk Farnworth asked the commissioners if they would like her to continue forward with this budget plan; decided to move forward with the analysis to see where the budget ends up once the revenue is entered.

11:02 am- Budget Review- Probation- Linda Boguslawski

Linda explained that the detention line would be over budget this year. She increased JV probation supplies and office supplies and added \$5000.00 in detention line for next year's budget; discussion on wages.

Linda explained the reimbursement procedures of SCRAM units and GPS units from the defendants.

Further discussion

11:18am -Correspondence

Letter from the Judge

Letter from Southern Idaho tourism- Tourism is the 5th largest revenue in Idaho. They requested \$425.00 from Lincoln County to help promote tourism in Lincoln County. This donation will help create a pamphlet that promotes different tourism options around the state; sends out pamphlets all over the state.

FERC Letter- Hells Canyon hydroelectric energy review

Letter from Indigent Health Care Solutions- Software available to indigent clerk; passing off to Mary.

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Information concerning the PILT conference call happening June 19th

NACO Annual Conference and Exposition Brochure

Website hosting- Have not gone live yet; going to attempt to go live tomorrow or Wednesday.

11:30 am- Laughlin Ricks- Colby- New Courthouse plans

The new plans show the new courthouse at approximately 24000 sq ft. The sally port is not included in that measurement. With it, it would be approximately 26,342 sq ft total.

Discussion and review of revised plans; further discussions on other options or possibilities that may be available

Julie Ingram discussed certain grants that may be available to help make the courthouse ADA compliant if a bond didn't pass.

12:07pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:00pm Chairman Wood re-convened the meeting

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

1:29pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion on case #2018051 to approve. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood shared comments received regarding the Sheriff's Department on the Outlaw Days in Richfield. They helped people with rides and to the bus and their services were much appreciated by the towns people.

1:31pm Agenda Item

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve retail alcohol beverage licenses for; Fridays Market llc, Richfield, Little Wood Saloon, Richfield, Johnny's Country Store, Shoshone, Mountain View Lanes, Shoshone, Sawtooth Foodtown, Shoshone, The Main Stop, Shoshone. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

1:36pm Old Business

Roof Repair Maintenance shop; Commissioner Zech to call Moller Construction for bid.

Pilt Conference, Commissioner Hubert will be in to attend and Clerk Farnworth.

It's too late to get on ITD Board meeting. Chairman Wood will get a letter to them that they have agreed to attach to the minutes

Flipping the switch on June 27th; all commissioners are planning on attending unless Chairman Wood is not feeling well after her procedure.

Congressman Simpson VFW visit; still unsure on time.

1:45pm Notch Butte NFPA Overlap Agreement review; follow-up from last week's discussion.

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Commissioner Zech made a motion to approve the Notch Butte RFPA Overlap Agreement. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:00 pm Letter of Intent to donate to WRSWCD review.

They ask that we add the donated rent of their range drill to the letter in the amount of \$1800 as an "in kind" donation; as well as the \$6000.00 donation. Chairman Wood read letter into the minutes.

Discussion

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to have the Chairman of the board sign the letter of intent to donate to WRSWCD. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made motion to go into Executive Session pursuant IC 74-206(1) (f) Legal; Commissioner Zech seconded. Chairman Wood calls for a vote. Commissioner Hubert, Aye; Commissioner Zech, Aye; Chairman Wood, Aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

2:26 pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

2:26pm Discussion on upcoming public meetings regarding the Animal Ordinance.

2:46pm- Courthouse Generator- Dave Davidson

Dave received a phone call from Under Sheriff Phillips concerning some issues with the generator on Sunday morning. It was hot to the touch and the exhaust was leaking fumes. The fire department was dispatched because of the level of CO2 that was evident. Commissioner Hubert has been working on getting a bid from Magic Valley Electric to move the generator outside. This should help solve some of the current exhaust issues.

Chairman Wood inquired about the current function of the generator. Fire Chief Kelley expressed to Under Sheriff Phillips that he did not feel that the current generator was installed up to code. Commissioner Hubert asked if Dave could remove the lid of the generator so that it could be moved. Chairman Wood asked Dave to find out exactly what Chief Kelley was concerned about and report to the commissioners. Sheriff Rodriguez phoned into the meeting to report what information was passed down to him.

3:06 pm Chairman Wood adjourned Regular Meeting and convened to the P & Z work session.

4:23 pm Chairman Wood adjourned P&Z work sessions and re-convened to the Regular Meeting.

4:24 pm Discussion on upcoming public meeting concerning Animal Ordinance.

4:30 pm There was an update from Dave on the generator. Main power and gas are currently turned off per Chief Kelly's recommendation. The Chief will have the report concerning the incident to the commissioners by Wednesday.

4:35pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

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Public Hearing- Animal Ordinance

6:02 pm Chairman Wood called the meeting to order.

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Chairman Wood introduced the commissioners and thanked the public for attending the meeting; gave background of how this ordinance came to be and the amount of time the commissioners have taken to revise this ordinance in order to fit our county's needs.

Chairman Wood reviewed the ordinance with the public; asked the commissioners for any other input.

Commissioner Zech explained that although there is not a set price for the licensing yet, if your animal is spayed/neutered the fee will be less.

6:25 pm- Chairman Wood opened the floor to public comment

Members of the public expressed their agreement in the need for some sort of ordinance to be in place to help keep animal owners responsible, as well as giving the officer grounds to stand on when certain animal issues arise. A lot of concern was expressed about the provision of the ordinance that states all dogs must wear collars. Lincoln County is a rural, working community and there is concern that a dog might get "caught up" in fences or equipment if they are required to wear collars. Also, some questions regarding a possible kennel provision being put in place.

Chairman Wood explained that while the proposed county ordinance does not have a kennel provision in it, the current ordinance for the City of Shoshone does.

Discussion on whether licensing is necessary for county animals. The majority of the consensus is that there is a need for licensing; in the very least, to help identify lost dogs that may be found.

Some discussion on the possibility of not having to register an animal on an annual basis; possibly having the registration be good for a longer period of time, and charge some more than you would for an annual registration.

Several members of the public expressed their concerns about the danger a pack of dogs can cause. One dog alone is not usually the problem; however when dogs group up, the "pack mentality" becomes an issue. Expressed concern for not only livestock but the safety of any person who may come upon this situation as well; further expressing the need for some ordinance in place.

Some concerns about not being allowed to let animals roam freely and having to fence said animals. The public does not want to get cited for such things.

Chairman Wood explained that the ordinance is more to help educate and inform people; not looking to cite people for every little thing, but explains it is also necessary to have something put in place so that the county will have some ground to stand on if a large issue were to arise.

Chairman Wood called for an impromptu vote to see where the majority of the public was landing on the issue. There were 15 Yes votes to 6 No votes in favor of the ordinance. Several members of the public choose not to vote.

Some concerns from the public about the provision that allows an officer to use deadly force if they deem an animal is in imminent danger.

Chairman Wood explained why there is a need for a Code Enforcer, and stated that the commissioners would be able to hire someone specifically to fit the positions needs if the upcoming budget allows.

Some questions concerning the fines and fees to specific charges.

Lincoln County Prosecutor, E. Scott Paul addressed the meeting; clarified the difference between fines/fees associated in a charge that involves a dangerous animal vs. a loose or roaming animal.

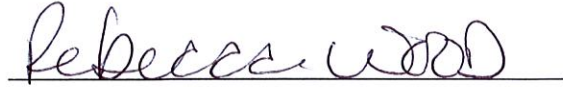
Chairman Wood addressed the meeting. Thanked the public for attending and for their input.

7:26 pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

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Respectfully,

Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes

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Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes