

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

August 13th, 2018

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

9:34am- Chairman Wood called the meeting to order.

Claims and minutes reviewed.

Chairman Wood asked for some adjustments to the August 6th meeting minutes.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the minutes for the Special Meeting on August 1st. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the minutes for the Regular Meeting for July 16th. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the Indigent claims in the amount of \$5304.72, Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Zech moved to accept accounts payable in the amount of \$7558.71. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Zech made a motion accept additional accounts payable in the amount of \$2258.97. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:03am- Emergency Service- Payson Reese

Payson presented the commissioners with July updates; reviewed and discussed.

AED's were distributed throughout Shoshone. They were received off of a grant that Payson applied for. The location to receive these were Shoshone Fire Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, and the Shoshone City Hall/ Library

Presented the commissioners with the new FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation binder; he will do an annual review of this plan.

SHSP and EMPG have been submitted and are waiting for the State's approval. FEMA was not ok with Lincoln County using the grant money to purchase dog-catching equipment. The State felt that this is necessary purchase and within the standards. Payson is waiting to hear from the State about the final decision before buying any of that equipment.

A lot of information concerning the LCOEM was handed out during Arts in the Park.

Correspondence and Old Business:

Sheriff's Office new pickups have a safety recall. Chairman Wood reviewed the recall.

IAC meeting in Boise September 24th-25th

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Farm Bureau Luncheon and Tour August 25th

Congressman Simpson will be here August 21st. Good Samaritan Clinic would like Clerk Farnworth and Mary Davidson, Indigent Coordinator, to attend in order to give Congressman Simpson an overview on the indigent claims.

Chairman Wood met with the owner of property A concerning park plans, it was a good meeting. He is considering the offer. Chairman Wood is going to get some concept drawings to show the property owner.

Undersheriff Phillips let Chairman Wood know about Rosetta Stone being sold online for \$60 for the complete set. Chairman Wood asked the commissioners to consider setting a dollar amount to buy Rosetta Stone. The commissioners agreed that it is a good investment. Discussion on the policy and usage plan. Commissioner Hubert suggested a \$200 limit for this purchase.

Commissioners agreed on up to \$200 limit if something becomes available.

Bruce Adelson CEO of Federal Compliance Consulting Firm is coming to Idaho; he will be in Shoshone on August 15th. Commissioner Hubert is unable to meet with him. Chairman Wood will be able to meet with him; but would like to get list of questions to discuss with him. He did a prior report concerning ADA compliance in Idaho Courts at the request of the Supreme Court.

Chairman Wood will meet with Mr. Adelson on August 15th at 3:00pm.

Budget Meeting tonight at 6:00pm Community Center

Richfield Schools Open House for the School Bond tonight at 7:00pm

Rec District Open Meeting tonight at 5:30pm

City of Shoshone Meeting sometime this week about gifting land to the Rec District for the city pool expansion.

P&Z public hearing meeting next Monday.

Correspondence and Old Business:

Chairman Wood discussed the need for review of CAFO policy in P&Z. She was approached by a member of the public concerning why Lincoln county P&Z will not allow for dairy expansion within the county.

Discussion on lack of Industrial and Commercial zones in the county and what could be done to help corrected that; look at possible rezoning.

Clerk Farnworth recommended getting an advertisement out on the open position for P&Z administrator; so that when the new fiscal year begins, there would be someone fill-up the position immediately.

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Discussion on where the new P&Z administrator might be put once they are hired. The old DMV building was suggested, but having Indigent office down there instead of P&Z since P&Z works closely with the assessors. However there are concerns about safety.

The possibility was discussed with Mary Davidson, the current P&Z Administrator and Indigent Director. Mary suggested putting both Indigent and P&Z in the old DMV building; that would eliminate the safety issue and there is plenty of room. It would also allow the two offices to provide help to each other when needed. Clerk Farnworth and Mary are going to tour the building and come up with some options to present to the commissioners.

Mary was asked to come up with a job description for the open position.

11:00- Animal Ordinance

Prosecutor Paul is not in attendance but asked the commissioners to review the ordinance and mark up what they don't want, once he returns he will draw up a new draft.

Commissioners reviewed the ordinance and discussed the changes that need to be made.

Add impounding back in the ordinance; scratch most of the nuisance clause except for Section D: Humane Care.

11:15am- Public Defense- Brianne McCoy

Brianne works for the Public Defense Commission and is required to meet with the county commissioners quarterly. She presented the commissioners with a brief overview of the different standards of compliance that are going to be put in place for the county public defenders.

She also informed the commissioners about the work load standards for the public defenders, and how those averages were made. Lincoln County is well under the average case load number.

The state needs to provide the county with the money that will help the county compliance of these new standards if necessary.

There was a discussion on why the county did not apply for the public defense grant this year. Clerk Farnworth explained that because the county is required to maintain a local share amount in order to receive the grant, it was decided against applying. The clerk would have had to over-inflate budget in order to have the local share available of \$88,000.

Discussion on what the grant can and cannot be used for.

If the county decided to make a joint office with another county, each county would get another \$25,000 from the commission.

11:35am- Sheriff's Office- Sheriff Rodriguez

New Hire- Daniel Vanleeuwen starts next week. He comes to the county fully trained and certified with 5 years' experience that includes drug task force and canine certification. He will be starting at deputy beginning salary; but Sheriff Rodriguez would like to give him raise increase because of experience.

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The Sheriff's Office will be fully staffed at this point; however, Deputy Rees will be leaving for post at the end of the month.

Jail Proposal- Paperwork is not complete enough for an official proposal but the Sheriff gave a brief overview of what he is thinking. They have been doing some studying of the Jefferson County Jail. Jefferson County has a 130-bed jail, once the building was paid off; the revenue from the jail in a years' time was enough to cover the Sheriff's Office budget plus have \$1,000,000.00 surpluses to the county. Sheriff Rodriguez believes that Lincoln County could see similar numbers. A jail in the county would bring in revenue and jobs. Jerome County contracts bed out to other counties; the Sheriff would like Lincoln County to do that as well, he believes the building would pay for itself very quickly.

Further discussion.

12:00 pm- Chairman Wood adjourned for lunch

1:00pm- Chairman Wood called the meeting to order

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

1:13pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion that Indigent claim #2018056 be denied, not indigent. Commissioner Zech second. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Zech made a motion to approve Indigent case #2018008, 2018038, & 2018034 for payment. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence:

Denise Helsley from Fair Board called to let the commissioners know that they are having a lot of issues with the sprinklers. Chairman Wood called Dave who called Jarrett. Jarrett is working with a sprinkler expert to get the issue taken care of. Jarrett would like a key to the community center so that he will have accessibility to sprinkler system at all time. Chairman Wood would like to get him a key; the commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Zech made a motion to accept the minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 6, 2018, with added additions. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

1:30pm- Courthouse Renovation Discussion- Colby Ricks

The commissioners would like to know the different possibly of renovation and annex addition.

Colby thought it would be a good idea to do the annex addition first, that way the rest of the courthouse personnel can use the annex while the current courthouse is renovated.

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Commissioner Hubert is concerned that there wouldn't be enough space to hold all the employees. Colby agreed that they would have to do measurements before they would know.

Colby suggested getting a structural engineer to come and look at the courthouse in order to discern whether the building is structurally sound enough to do a renovation. He estimated the cost of a structural engineer at \$1500.

Commissioner Hubert would like a complete cost analysis on what it would cost for a renovation and annex addition; he believes that if the courthouse is renovated, the updates need to be cost effective and modernized with LED lights and better insulation.

Discussion on the whether the public should have input on the conception before having the drawing. Not sure that a new courthouse drawing should be presented to the public.

Discussion on what it would take to get the current courthouse compliant and fire safety; Commissioner Hubert would like to have a firm answer.

Colby felt it would be a mistake not to have a new footing and foundation laid for this building if a renovation was the direction chosen. He felt that doing a separate annex building instead of a connected annex would be more cost effective.

Commissioner Zech is wondering about using the funds we have available in reserve to build an annex and later on bond for a new or remodeled courthouse. Commissioner Hubert is not comfortable with using the full \$1,500,000.00. He would feel more comfortable only using up to \$1,000,000.00.

Clerk Farnworth understands the ease of having a separate annex but felt that it would degrade what they are trying to do with the renovation and keeping the period and ambiance of the old building, she thinks that connecting the annex is a better option.

Julia Ingram felt that it would be due diligence of the commissioners to get the new bids from other architects; so that other concepts could be considered. Chairman Wood explained that it would cost money in order to get the concept. The only thing that the architects would give without money was a bid on the concept and not the concept itself; feels that Colby has already proved that he can do the concept.

Chairman Wood would like to know how much money it would be to get a drawing and for Colby to produce a proposal that includes the structural engineer in it.

2:15pm- Idaho Power Annual Update- Dan Olhmstead

Idaho Power can help the remodel be more energy efficient and work with contractors.

Commissioner Hubert is going to serve on the Magic Valley Community Update Committee. Discussion on what the committee does.

Idaho Power is updating some wood poles along the Dietrich Hwy with metal poles to help with fire prevention.

Hydro, wind and solar energy is producing enough energy to help lower the cost of electricity.

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There are several programs to help pay with new construction and remodels. He would like the commissioners to keep these programs in mind while the commissioners consider what will happen with the courthouse.

Further Discussion

2:36pm- Emergency Address Posts

SIRCOMM told Chairman Wood that the Police and Fire Departments are complaining about address posts throughout the rural areas of the county. The county has received a grant to update all posted addresses but has lacked the manpower to get them switched out. Mary Davidson and Chief Kelly need to meet and get a plan to get this accomplished.

Chairman Wood would like to send notice out in November with the tax bills so the public could be notified.

This will help emergency services on calls to arrive at location in a timelier manner.

Further Discussion

3:00pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the Regular Meeting; call to order the Ambulance District Meeting.

3:38pm- Chairman Wood re-convened the regular meeting

3:38pm- Review Budget and Forgone Resolution- Clerk Brenda Farnworth

Clerk Farnworth presented a salary review of the wage progression since she has taken office.

Also presented a summary comparing last year's budget versus the 2019 proposed budget.

Reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Zech would like the full budget to be available at the public hearing for members of the public that may request it. Clerk Farnworth will be sure there are copies available.

Clerk Farnworth presented the revenue and levy paperwork for review.

Chairman Wood asked Clerk Farnworth to be prepared to discuss the forgone at the public meeting.

Commissioner Zech would like the levy amount from last year to be added.

Clerk Farnworth explained the forgone amount. Further discussion

Commissioner Zech has a letter from a member of the public regarding the budget meeting. He will read it at the public hearing meeting. Commissioner Zech read the letter into minutes. It is from Lincoln County resident Mike Teleford.

4:25pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting

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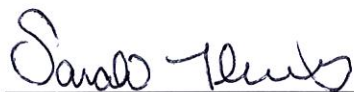
Respectfully,

Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes

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Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:

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Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes