

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

August 6th, 2018

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

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

Claims and Minutes reviewed

Discussion on the claims.

Commissioner Zech asked for some revision on the July 16th minutes.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the claims in the amount of \$52,950.39. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Zech made a motion to accept the minutes for July 23rd Regular meeting. Commission Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:06am- Discussion on asking architect on possible bid for courthouse remodel

The commissioners reviewed how they have selected the architects at this point.

The plans that have been received at this point were for a floor plan for a “new” courthouse. They would now like to have plans for a remodel of the current courthouse with an added annex drawn up.

The prior bids were reviewed.

10:18am- Ambulance Credit Cards

Application from DL Evans, they need minutes from the commissioners stating who is approved to have a credit card and the credit limit for each.

Commissioners agreed that both Sandy and Marc will need a credit card, with the credit limit of each being \$1000.00 for the Lincoln County Ambulance District.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to sign the application allowing Sandy Harnar and Marc Essary to acquire DL Evans credit cards in the amount of \$1000.00 each for the Lincoln County Ambulance District. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor; motion carries.

Correspondence and Old Business:

Statement of Treasures cash account, \$5,326,259.52.

Notice from Federal Spillway Assessment on Hells Canyon Hydro Electric plant; investigation of drains and some preventative maintenance to be done.

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Veterans Resources asked the commissioners to add a Veteran's Services link to the county website.

10:27am- Sick Bank Request

Commissioners reviewed the request for the use of the sick bank time. There is currently 221 hours in the sick bank. The request is asking to use 110 hours.

The commissioners decided at this point to enter into executive session in order to openly discuss the request while maintaining the privacy of the individual requesting the hours.

Chairman Wood made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant IC 174-206(1)(b)-Personnel. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Commissioner Zech, aye; Chairman Wood, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

10:33am- Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the request for 110 hours from the sick bank. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor; motion carries.

Correspondence and Old Business:

Park plan- Neher Park- Lawyer drawing up papers; should be to the commissioners in the next few days.

Congressman Simpson VFW Visit on August 21st

August 25th -Farm Bureau tour and luncheon.

August 13th Budget Hearing at the Community center 6p

August 13th Richfield Public hearing on the school bond at 7p

September 24th-26th- IAC meeting in Boise

10:45am- Animal Ordinance and Fee Resolution- Prosecutor E. Scott Paul

Prosecutor Paul handed out a revision of the ordinance for the commissioners to review

The language for licensing and impounding has been taken out. It still helps to prosecute individuals who have loose dogs that hurt livestock.

Prosecutor Paul suggested waiting to add a nuisance clause until we see how the Sheriff's office spends their time with the current ordinance. Undersheriff Phillips and the commissioners agree with keeping the nuisance clause out as long as the ordinance covers humane care somewhere else in it. The dog at large charge would cover the rest of the issues addressed in a nuisance clause.

Chairman Wood expressed concern about not having the impounding information in the ordinance. The ordinance needs to state that impound animals will be taken to Gooding County.

Prosecutor Paul agreed to add the impounding language back into the ordinance. .

Correspondence and Old Business

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County Commissioner average salary across the entire US average a little over \$58,000.

There has been some concern from public about possible pole work by Idaho Power in Dietrich.. P&Z hasn't heard anything about it, but will look into the situation.

11:15am- La Campensina Market LLC- Alcohol Beverage License Application- New Business

The application was reviewed by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Zech made a motion to approve the Retail Alcohol Beverage license application for La Campensina Market, LLC at 135 S Rail St., Shoshone. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous; motion carries.

Old Business:

Chairman Wood is still working on the website, continuously updating. Diana has not been able to work on her end. Chairman Wood will meet up with her to see where they are at and when they might be able to make a public announcement.

11:30am- 4H - Pam Pantone

Pam presented the commissioners with some work from her club, The Rail Riders and wanted to thank the commissioners for providing the chicken for the potluck.

Discussion on the 4H activity during the fair. There are about 10 clubs in Lincoln County. The numbers were down a little this year. There was discussion on what could be done to help promote 4H membership.

11:45am- Probation New Employee- Cody Pickup

Probation officer Linda Boguslawski brought her new hire, Cody Pickup in to be introduced to the commissioners; review and discussion on the progress that he has made so far.

Linda would like Cody to be able to take some Spanish language courses to help with the communication barrier their office faces and was hoping the county commissioners might be willing to help pay some of that.

Commissioner Hubert suggested that if the county pays for Spanish classes then it should state in Cody's contract that he would need to stay employed by the county for an allotted amount of time, or would have to pay the county back for the courses.

It was suggested that maybe the county could buy the Rosetta Stone program and have it available to other employees as well. Clerk Farnworth was going to look into this option.

12:00pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for lunch.

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

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

1:08pm Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

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Commissioner Hubert made a motion for case #2018055 to be denied for a lack of interview. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion passes.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve case #2018057. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion passes.

E. Scott addressed the Commissioners and gave the order of the indigent hearing.

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

2:44pm- Executive Session adjourned. Regular Meeting re-convened.

2:44pm- Courthouse Discussion

Chairman Wood reviewed what information had been gathered at this point; foot prints and elevations. Laughlin Ricks has done a preliminary drawing of a new courthouse. They were never asked to look at a possible remodel.

Commissioner Hubert made a recommendation that Colby Ricks come in and get an estimate of what it would cost to remodel the current courthouse with an added annex.

Commissioner Zech is very passionate about keeping the old courthouse intact and renovating. He proposed having a series of town hall meetings and doing surveys to get the feel of the community.

Chairman Wood made it clear that there would never be a hard decision made without the communities input, but are only at the very preliminary stages of this endeavor and does not feel that there is enough information put together yet to present to the public. Commissioner Hubert agreed.

Discussion

Chairman Wood clarified that Laughlin Ricks is willing to do some rendering of a renovated courthouse, but at the time was only asked for a rendering of a new courthouse. Laughlin Ricks is willing to do any conception drawing that the county would like to see.

Discussion

Commissioner Zech questioned if the county had enough money in reserve to be able to do an annex without having to pass a bond.

Clerk Farnworth's opinion is that the county could reasonably put forth approximately \$2.5 million without putting the county in trouble. That would be approximately an 11,000 sq ft annex by her estimation. She believes the fiscally responsible thing to do would be to use the money in reserve before asking for a bond from the county.

Discussion on having a public meeting on the different options for a courthouse.

Chairman Wood cannot see having a public meeting without having some sort of drawings to show; wants to have facts and figures in hand to show the public for all options before a public meeting is set.

Chairman Wood has no problem asking architect for drawings, but would like to be able to give him some sort of direction as to what the commissioners would like to see.

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Discussion

Chairman Wood concluded that the consensus of the group would be to ask the architect for plans on connecting an annex to the building addition versus a standalone annex. The historical essence of the building needs to be restored if it is to be renovated. Bring back some of the historic integrity.

Discussion

3:54pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes