

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting

July 23, 2018

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

9:30 am- Chairman Wood called meeting to order

Claims and Minutes reviewed.

Chairman Wood asked for some adjustments on the July 16<sup>th</sup> minutes regarding the proposed wage decrease discussion. Commissioners agreed. Clerk will revise the minutes.

Some discussion on claims.

**Commissioner Zech made a motion to accept the claims for the amount of \$19,694.47. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor; motion carries.**

Old Business and Correspondence

Camas Courier- A story on the upcoming Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo; a story on the explosive devise found in Shoshone and a story on a walking path in Camas County; a story on changes that were made on trespassing laws that went into effect as of July.

Brenda Farnworth- Survey on Unfunded Mandates- The commissioners felt as though this is a very important survey in order to help guide Legislative action. Commissioner Hubert wants to approach this as a group effort. The mandate is to include the courts and public defense, ambulance levy and indigent. Closes on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

10:00am- Courthouse Tour

Discussion on the tour.

Commissioners felt it was a very informative tour.

Commissioner Hubert spoke about how the tour was very neat, but did not feel that it related to Lincoln County's particular situation.

Chairman Wood discussed the yearly cost to maintain an elevator if a remodel was an option.

There is discussion on taking a tour on some of the buildings that Colby has done, brand new.

Commissioner Zech felt that a town hall meeting would be a good idea to get a feel for how the community would feel about renovating the old courthouse versus building a new courthouse.

Chairman Wood would like to take a tour of Colby's building and would also like to discuss with him about the possibility of a renovation.

Commissioner Zech agreed with Chairman Wood.

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Commissioner Hubert wants to get a bid from Colby to evaluate the foundation first before deciding one way or another.

Clerk Farnworth suggested having Colby and Jerry Myer do a concept drawing of what a renovation would look like, to have options; approach the public with more options.

10:38am- Wood River Land Trust- Neher Park- Prosecutor E. Scott Paul

Prosecutor Paul felt the contract was good, but wanted the commissioners to note some of the restriction that are listed in the contract concerning motor vehicles.

Chairman Wood reviewed the restriction. She had questions about overnight camping. Prosecutor Paul felt that camping would create undue issues and recommended against it; commissioners agreed that day use only is the way to go.

Prosecutor Paul and Commissioners agreed that the contract for the gift deed is good to go. Chairman Wood will let Wood River Land Trust know to move forward

10:45am- Designating Polling Places- Clerk Brenda Farnworth

Clerk Farnworth reviewed the designated polling places and the procedure for mail out ballots.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the designated polling places for the August 2018 Election. North Shoshone- Mail Ballot only, Lincoln County Courthouse; Richfield district, Richfield Senior Center; Absentee Voting, Lincoln County Courthouse. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Correspondence:

Report on Operating Property in Lincoln County- Clerk Brenda Farnworth- This is not set by the county assessor but by the State. The number went up. Total value in Lincoln County went up 13.5% in 2018 compared to 2017.

11:00am- Idaho State Coroner Training

Dr. Davis suggested sending Mike Piper to the State Training, as the doctor will not be attending and Mr. Piper is the only one on ballot for this position. There is money in current budget. It is in Boise on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Mike Piper is now a Deputy Coroner.

The commissioners agreed that now that Mr. Piper has been sworn in as a deputy coroner he should be able to attend the training.

Correspondence

Commissioner Zech reviewed a pamphlet he received about the Magic Valley unemployment rates.

PERSI Employee Meeting July 24<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4:30pm.

Reviewed the PERSI Director meeting that happened on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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11:15- Southern Idaho Tourism- Local Branding

Chairman Wood reviewed what Southern Idaho Tourism does to help promote Lincoln County. There will be 3-4 campaign pages to specifically help promote Lincoln County tourism. The focus is on recreation for our area. They did a lot of advertisement for Arts in the Park. They will be working on a specific logo for Lincoln County.

11:23 am- Clerk Farnworth- District IV Meeting

Clerk Farnworth reviewed the highlights of the meeting. Don Hall was in attendance, he is the commissioner who went to Washington D.C. The big issues discussed were the transfer of public land, and changing up the newly elected official training.

Commissioner should pay attention to IAC Board of Director representative.

Old Business:

Candidate Debate- A debate will be held on July 26th at 7p.m. at the fairgrounds.

July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm -Elected officials float in the parade; still working on transportation.

Congressman Simpson- VFW visit- August 21<sup>st</sup>- The visit will start at the Good Samaritan Clinic around 11a.m. and then the courthouse visit.

Good Samaritan Free Clinic meeting July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm.

Generator should be taken out of the basement tomorrow. The courthouse will be without it until the electrical and gas can be hooked up.

11:40am- Time Off for the Fair

Typically, the courthouse closes on Friday for half a day so that the employees can go to the fair. All offices would be closed, with the exception of the courts.

**Chairman Wood made a motion to allow the offices in the courthouse, with the exception of the courts, to be closed half a day on Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> so employees can go to the fair.**

**Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Old Business:

Commissioner Hubert- South Central Heath District Meeting

A commissioner from Cassia County said that they had lost a court case because the proper notations weren't used when entering into Executive Session. It was suggested putting "exempt record" on agenda so that the public would know.

Lincoln County Care Center financials were received. They are to be reviewed privately.

11:52am- Chairman Wood adjourned for lunch at the Lincoln County Care Center.

1:01pm- Chairman Wood called the meeting to order

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**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to enter into 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, the meeting entered into Executive Session.**

1:16 pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the Regular Meeting.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to deny claim # 2018054 for reasons of not indigent. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor; motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to deny claim # 2018044 for reasons of lack of interview and no paperwork. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

1:30 pm- Public Meeting- Animal Ordinance

Prosecutor E. Scott Paul handed out the revised draft.

A clean copy of the agreement with the fees listed from Gooding County needs to be attached to the ordinance; the prosecutor feels that the resolution cannot be accepted until we have that. Because the resolution can't be accepted, he does not feel like it is a good idea to accept the ordinance. Without fees, you can't prosecute someone on those charges.

Chairman Wood reviewed the changes that were made since the last public meeting on the ordinance.

Chairman Wood and Prosecutor Paul were concerned about the ability to enforce the ordinance if the Code Enforcer position was not accepted.

Sheriff Rodriguez explained that it would not be a priority to the sheriff office but would eventually be addressed; however it would bog the department down even more than it is now.

Chairman Wood asked the commissioners if it would be better to wait to accept the ordinance to see where the code enforcer position lands as far as the districts are concerned.

Undersheriff Phillips is concerned about the department's lack of equipment to enforce the ordinance at this point.

Prosecutor Paul can cut down the ordinance to fit more along the county's needs if the Code Enforcer position is not accepted.

There was a letter received for a member of the public that was unable to attend the public meeting. Chairman Wood read the letter into the minutes. It was written by James A. Russell and Diana Russell whose chief concern was about where the money to pay for the code enforcer and the equipment was going to come from.

Commissioners agreed that the acceptance of the ordinance and resolution will be tabled until the next meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

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2:00pm- Code Enforcer Position- Brenda Farnworth

Clerk Farnworth has only heard from the Kimama District who turned down the offer. The City of Shoshone also declined the offer.

Commissioner Hubert spoke with Lyle Towne, a Commissioner for the Dietrich Hwy District and was told that there would not be a meeting held in time to get an answer from them.

Chairman Wood suggested adding this to the discussion to the budgeting workshop.

Clerk Farnworth wanted to keep the Code Enforcer in the budget because it is easier to have the money in there than not.

No representatives have shown up from the other districts.

Chairman Wood brought up the fact that P&Z will not have anyone to run that position starting the new fiscal year. The Code Enforcer position was supposed to help with this as well. There was discussion about possibly having Jennifer in the Treasurer Office take over P&Z.

Lincoln County Treasurer Ann Youts said she doesn't want Jennifer to take the position on fully, but would be willing to have her help if need be; believes it would create a security issue if Jennifer was to take on the position fully and having people coming into their office. P&Z would be second to the treasures position, the security would have to be enforced better and Jennifer should be paid for her full experience before the treasurer would agree. Treasurer Youts would not allow Jennifer to do any P&Z during the tax season, October through December. 15 hours a week wouldn't be enough time.

Mary Davidson agrees that P&Z would take 18-20 hrs a week on average; doesn't believe the training would require much time or that space would be an issue.

Commissioner Hubert asked how many appointments are made beforehand. Mary said the majority are walk ins. A lot of P&Z is done over the phone. It would be feasible to do this in part time position.

Chairman Wood asked could the P&Z wage pay for half of the code enforcer salary. Clerk explained that she already moved the P&Z wage into the code Enforcer salary line.

Mary Davidson would agree to still do building permits and have someone else do the true P&Z, I.E: Cof A's, Conditional Use Permits, Ordinances, Divisions, and Variances.

2:30pm- Budgeting Workshop- Clerk Brenda Farnworth

Undersheriff Phillips gave Chairman Wood bids for security systems.

Clerk Farnworth passed out the Fair Board budget to the commissioners; they dropped their property taxes by \$11,000.

Clerk Farnworth also passed out a bid on the new equipment for elections. She has money in the consolidated elections reserve that she receives from the State; it can only be used for elections. She has enough money in this line to upgrade the elections equipment and still have contingency.

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The company that she would get the new equipment from is willing to give \$7400 trade-in for the old equipment and she would receive a \$5300 new customer discount. The commissioners agreed with this upgrade.

Clerk Farnworth presented a revised budget to the commissioners. There was an error on the Sheriff's office Administrative Assistants wages; she corrected that.

The revisions were reviewed.

Commissioner Hubert would still like to have the sheriff's office cut the new vehicle from their budget. He felt that there are enough vehicles to cover everything adequately. Undersheriff Phillips and Sheriff Rodriguez explained that there aren't any extra vehicles that were carried over, and that one of the vehicles is going to Search and Rescue. Clerk Farnworth questioned the value of the old trucks once they go to auction. She put no estimated revenue in for this, so asked the officers for a low-ball estimate.

Further discussion on budget.

Discussion on possibly getting rid of code enforcer to take away the strain on the budget; Clerk Farnworth explained that even if they did that, they would have to then add a salary for a P&Z employee.

Further discussion on Code Enforcer and P&Z employee.

Discussion on if the code enforcer position is declined but the animal ordinance is accepted, then the Sheriff's office would need to bump up the overtime hours. Also discussed was the issue with how an animal would be transported. It would open the county up to liability if a deputy transported an animal and then transported an offender afterwards that was allergic.

Discussion on security systems for the courthouse and maintenance yard.

Because the sheriff's office is not going to Zuercher this upcoming fiscal year, they would need to increase their Spillman line.

Further discussion on the budget.

Clerk Farnworth explained that if Code Enforcer position was cut from the budget and the P&Z employee salary, security camera, and the increase to Spillman line added, the budget would still gain approximately \$8000.

Commissioners decided that it would be necessary to remove the code enforcer from this upcoming year's budget. Because of that, they would have to scale back the animal ordinance for the current time and add a salary for a part time P&Z employee.

Discussion on the security system. Commissioners agreed to add it to the budget.

3:54pm- Board Reports

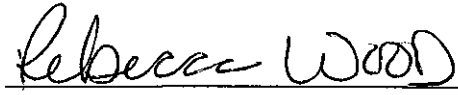
Commissioner Hubert has an upcoming Southern Idaho Solid Waste meeting; he has the agenda

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5:07pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the regular meeting.

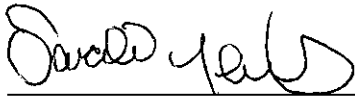
Respectfully,

Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes