

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

August 20th, 2018

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

9:35am- Chairman Wood called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Zech was absent; he will not be in attendance for the next couple of weeks.

Claims and Minutes reviewed

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$16,254.28. Chairman Wood seconded the motion. Commissioner Hubert made comment about the bill for Jeremy Pittard, and how it should be close to the last one. Vote unanimous in favor; motion carries.

Old Business

Congressman Simpson's VFW visit will be tomorrow.

Farm Bureau Tour and Luncheon on August 25th; Commissioner Hubert will find out the time and let the other commissioner know.

Probation Conference Room- Dave Davidson

Probation Officer Linda Boguslawski had one of her probationers paint the conference room for their community service hours; the individual was a little careless on the prep work, leaving paint everywhere. The molding is ruined and will have to be replaced. The carpet is bad in there, so while replacing the molding, he would like to change the carpet. Dave did not have the measurements yet. The commissioners agreed that Dave should get a bid on the carpet.

Old business:

IAC Meeting September 24th-26th; the reservations are made

The State Coroners Conference September 27th-28th; reservations are made

Jerry Mason- P&Z training about the Area of Impact will be in September, but there is no set date yet. Mr. Mason does all the P&Z training for the state

DMV Building Discussion-There is a possibility of putting the P&Z and Indigent Directors in that building. The commissioners would like to table the discussion until Mary Davidson is back to work.

The park plans are still in the works. There are recreational grants available from Glanbia and Chobani; Connie Stover from SIEDO suggested these to Chairman Wood. Chairman Wood also gave Connie the name of a resident who owns property near the railroad. The railroad is

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considering putting a railroad stop in, if there was some land available. The resident may be willing to sell. Connie was going to look into that.

Correspondence:

Chairman Wood received some calls about today's P&Z public hearing. She explained she could not go into to full discussion but gave them the public hearing notice.

There was an email received from Kimberly with the Public Defense Commission about the Public Defender's grant. Clerk Farnworth talked to Kimberly about some of the county's questions regarding the grant while at her clerk's conference. She asked Kimberly if the grant money could be used to help build a new building; Kimberly was unsure of the answer but suggested that they apply for it and see what happened. In the past, other counties have been approved to use the money for remodels but never for a new building.

She also spoke to them about the county share requirement for the grant. Brianne and Kimberly are going to set a meeting with Clerk Farnworth to discuss this. Clerk Farnworth expressed to them that it is not fiscally responsible of her to inflate the county's budget in order to meet that county share and obtain that grant. Other items discussed at the conference were: can the county use the grant money to pay the entire amount of the conflict public defenders, not just the overage. They are also going to the legislation to discuss possibly changing the grant application to State funding instead; because it is mandated.

Clerk Farnworth reported that when Bear Lake County got the court authority to build a new courthouse, it only gave them authority to build, but not to levy for the funding. If the county were able to get the court authority, they would still be required to have an election to get a levy to pay for the loan. The court order gives the authority strictly to borrow but not to levy from the public.

Commissioner Hubert was contacted by the Bear Lake County Commissioners to discuss the lease to own information that he has gathered.

Clerk Farnworth discussed with the commissioners the need to establish a financial policy for what all the county funds are used for. Boise County had a suit brought against them, which ended with the Judge ruling against them. They were ordered to pay \$5,000,000.00 to the petitioner. The county wasn't allowed to file bankruptcy, so they had to use all of their cash from all accounts to pay the suit. Because they didn't have a financial policy and resolution explaining the accounts and their restrictions, they lost all the money.

Sheriff Rodriguez introduced the new hire, Dan Vanleeuwen to the commissioners.

Budget and Forgone Resolution- Clerk Brenda Farnworth

Lincoln County Ambulance District

Commissioner Hubert would like to review the public meeting discussion. Clerk Farnworth reviewed the Ambulance Districts public meeting minutes.

Commissioner Hubert read the resolution into the minutes.

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Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Lincoln County Ambulance Districts 2018-01 resolution adopting ensuing budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$477,164.00. Chairman Wood seconded the motion. Vote unanimous in favor, motion passes.

Clerk Farnworth gave a brief synopsis of the public meeting discussion on the overall county budget.

Discussion on whether the commissioners should be paid on the wage grade scale or if all commissioners should start at the same wage and not get wage increases. It was suggested that the commissioners review this during next year's budget,

Further review of the public hearing discussion.

Commissioner Hubert discussed the letter that former County Commissioner, Mike Telford had written for the County Budget Public Hearing. Commissioner Hubert had done some research concerning some of the statements that Mr. Telford had made in the letter that he would like to clarify on. In one part of the letter, Mr. Telford stated that the commissioners should, for the benefit of the citizens of the county, spend less time on other boards and committees and prioritize. Commissioner Hubert pointed out that at the time Mr. Telford was on the Board of Commissioners, each commissioner was on roughly 10-12 different committees, while the current commissioners are on 8-9 committees. Mr. Telford also referenced in his letter the increase in property values and in turn, accusing the commissioners of increasing the property taxes. The Assessor's Offices had to increase the property evaluations per the State's request; but Commissioner Hubert pointed out that the Mil Levy percentage has, in fact, gone down the last 3 years instead of up like Mr. Telford suggested. Commissioner Hubert discussed the conversations that he had with several members of the public after the Public Hearing, who expressed the opinion that Mr. Telford was one of the main persons responsible for the restrictive ordinances that have been placed on P&Z. Since the current commissioners have taken over the P&Z board, they have removed some of these restrictions out of the ordinances and continue to work on others; rebutting the comment Mr. Telford made in the letter suggesting the commissioners should "reduce government by reviewing all ordinances and regulations and repealing any possible".

Further discussion.

Commissioner Hubert read the resolution into the minutes.

Chairman Wood made a motion to accept Lincoln County 2018-03 resolution adopting ensuing budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$3,766,533.00 and the use of forgone. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion passes.

Correspondence:

Chairman Wood had a discussion on Facebook after the public meeting about Commissioner Zech's wages. It was being claimed that his wages had been reduced. Chairman Wood let them know that was false and had Commissioner Zech validate that this was the truth. This opened a

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discussion on at what point should a new commissioners be considered equal to other seasoned commissioners; and should they be paid the same. Would like to have this for future reference

Bid for Courthouse Renovation- Colby Ricks

Clerk Farnworth presented the bid that Colby emailed, Chairman Wood read the proposal into the minutes. Architect services and basic design \$5000/ Structural Engineering \$2460. Total \$7460. If the commissioners agree, he would like the commissioner to approve and sign the bid.

Chairman Wood phoned Commissioner Zech into the discussion. Commissioner Zech wrote a letter for this discussion. Chairman Wood read his letter into the minutes. He would like to back up and get more than one proposal before accepting the bid for Laughlin Ricks. He felt that although it would cost more money upfront, that it would be the responsible approach of the commissioners as public entities to do this; he also believes that by doing so we would be gaining the knowledge of other architects about the different concerns they may have about the building, difference of opinions on the foundations.

Commissioner Hubert felt that this discussion has already been hashed over and doesn't feel that getting more bids is necessary. He reviewed some of the bids he has got in the last several years. Felt that there is already a lot of information gained.

Clerk Farnworth believes that because the commissioners have changed the direction of the project, that they need to get bids from different architects, because it is a huge project and a large amount of money, there should be choices.

Further Discussion

Julia Oxarango-Ingram discussed National Trust for Historical Heritage Preservation grant and when the next grant is available. Her hope is that this grant could help offset the costs of getting multiple bids. She believes it is a matching grant, and believes that it would be around \$10,000. She had contacted JaNene Buckway to help write the grant.

Undersheriff Phillips suggested the county hire only one structural engineer and have them do a report and then give that to all architects to use; this would cut the bid cost down. Clerk Farnworth agreed.

Chairman Wood discussed the fact that when bids for the rendering of a new courthouse concept were accepted, Laughlin Ricks was significantly cheaper than the others. Julia and Clerk Farnworth question if what each bid had offered was comparable to what the others had offered.

Clerk Farnworth found the structural engineering report that had been done in 2014. It included the attic and roof. She reviewed the study and suggested using this report, and asking the same company to do a follow up.

Chairman Wood would like to give these structural engineering reports to Colby to see if that would change his bid. She would like to speak to her state contacts concerning the matter. She would also like Julia to look into the strings that might be attached to the grant.

Chairman Wood doesn't feel comfortable with making a decision today, she is going to speak to ICRMP and speak to Prosecutor E. Scott Paul about this. She also wants to make sure that applying for grant would not have any further conditions that could hinder the county. Chairman Wood asked for Commissioner Hubert's opinion.

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Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for August 13th, 2018 as presented. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor; motion passes.

Reviewed upcoming P&Z Public Meeting notes.

Discussion on policy and procedure of presenting public opinion expressed to the commissioner if the member of the public is unable to attend the actual hearing.

Discussion on P&Z public hearing notice posts.

2:00pm- Regular Meeting was adjourned to the P&Z Public Hearing. Hearing was moved to the courtroom to accommodate the amount of public in attendance.

4:16pm- P&Z Public Hearing was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was re-convened.

4:16pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

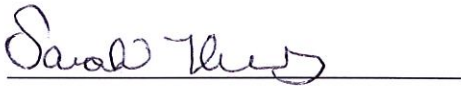
Respectfully,

Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes