

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting

September 17th, 2018

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

9:30am- Chairman Wood open the meeting

Claims and Minutes

Claims and minutes reviewed.

There was some discussion concerning the impound dog claim.

Commissioner Hubert gave an update on the installation of the gas line for the generator. He asked them for a quote on a block heater for the generator to keep the engine warm in the winter.

**Commissioner Zech made a motion to pay the account payable for the period of September 17, 2018 in the amount of \$13,315.47. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor; motion carries.**

**Commissioner Zech made a motion to accept the minutes for the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

There will be a short commissioners' meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> before the IAC meeting in order to approve some claims and to approve the levy. The levy has to be approved by the end of September. The IAC Conference starts at 1pm that day in Boise.

P&Z Training Area of Impact- It will be October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Community Center.

P&Z Training October 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> in Boise. Chairman Wood will be attending.

Parks and Recs Grant Workshop in Twin Falls on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Wood is attending.

Correspondence:

Pipeline Association for Public Awareness magazine. An information request form was sent. Commissioners would like it to be filled out in order to get more information. It's primarily about gas lines.

Chairman Wood had more correspondence about the 3 String CAFO Public Hearing. She made sure to let them know that the hearing had been moved to October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Neher Park Public Meeting and Walking Tour is on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center at 6pm. Commissioner Hubert will attend the Good Samaritan Clinic meeting first and then meet up with the Neher Park Meeting afterwards.

Sheriff Rodriguez spoke to the commissioners about an incident that happened over the weekend. An Officer was assaulted at a stop. He required some medical attention but is doing well.

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SIEDO- There was a miscommunication on the date of the meeting, so it will be rescheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am.

Chairman Wood read a letter that Alexa Wilhelm, the new SIEDO representative, wrote to the commissioners to give an overview of what the meeting will entail.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Hubert would like to review the National Trust Historic Preservation Grant requirements. He does not want to go forward with it. Chairman Wood is a little hesitant and would like to review it more carefully. She felt as though the information was vague. There is another deadline in February if the October deadline is not possible.

10:30am- County Vehicles- Chairman Wood and Sheriff Rodriguez

Chairman Wood reviewed the county vehicles that are still in the possession of the Sheriff's office. They discussed how many of the vehicles have major issues and how many might be serviceable. They are planning on eventually surplus the old patrol trucks once the new patrol trucks are outfitted with the required hardware. There was a continued discussion on the different vehicles and the different issues that accompanied them.

Chairman Wood would like to provide a vehicle for the coroners department. In the last few months, the county has paid outside entities over \$1000 in transportation cost concerning this matter. Chairman Wood believes that if the County Coroner was provided a vehicle for transport ourselves, it would save the county money. The old Chevy Suburban that the Sheriff's Office was going to surplus could possibly be used for this.

Chairman Wood would also like to consider the possibility of one of the old Ford patrol trucks for the Ambulance Districts CHEMS program. There was money budgeted into the Ambulance budget to get a new, smaller modeled truck, but if the old patrol unit will work, then the money wouldn't have to spent for this. Chairman Wood will speak to Marc Essary, the Ambulance Director, about this possibility.

Discussion on the different possibilities for the surplus vehicles.

Sheriff Rodriguez would like to surplus the White Chevy Pickup in trade for labor. An individual is willing to do all of the wiring work in order to get the new rigs ready. Right now, the sheriff's office is short staffed because several individuals are on vacation or at post and they are having a hard time getting to them.

Prosecutor Paul explained that from a legal standpoint, this would be questionable moving forward. He suggested that it would be better to auction it and then use that money to pay the individual for his services.

Discussion on what is the best step and how long it would take to install.

Chairman Wood asked the Sheriff which vehicle on her list is serviceable; 6110 is the serviceable truck. The sheriff will get an estimate for Tom Caylor to see how much the install for each new rig will cost.

10:58- Financial Review- Open Budget Hearing Date- Clerk Brenda Farnworth

Clerk Farnworth presented the commissioners with a packet for review. They reviewed the property value numbers. It was not as high as they were initially told, so the levy rates will be higher.

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Summary review on the revenue so far, it looks good, but there are some interesting things. Motor Vehicles are up from what they budgeted. Service fees are up but the driver license fees down, the biggest is the liaison grant, and investments are up. Miscellaneous column shows the money that was received from Four Brother's Dairy and the insurance settlement for the wrecked vehicle in the sheriff's office. Indigent money is up and the district court fees are down. All and all revenues look good. It is up for the actual budgeted revenue. Clerk Farnworth is happy about this.

Clerk Farnworth did a summary on expenses as well. Not only where they are but also where she projects them to be. It will not match exactly to the expenditure report because she added another payroll. Discussion on the individual offices overages and shortages. Discussion on the different expenditures.

Further review of the budget.

There is plenty of money in the contingency fund to move over to cover the overage. Indigent is over because the hospitals' cost have risen significantly.

Expense budget is going to be about \$100,000.00 under budget.

Review of what will be moved in order to cover the expenses. They will have to use some of the PILT money that was received.

Discussion on when would be a good time to have the Public Meeting in order to open the budget. The clerk and commissioners decided October 1<sup>st</sup> for the hearing. That will give the clerk sufficient time to advertise the hearing. She will hold the accounts payable open for another 2 weeks after that point.

Big picture; the budget is under by an estimated \$100,000.00.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to advertise the opening of the budget for October 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant IC 74-206(1)(f)- Legal. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Commissioner Zech, aye; Chairman Wood, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, motion entered into Executive Session.**

11:45am-Meeting entered into Executive Session.

11:56am- Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

11:56am- Chairman Wood adjourned the Regular Meeting for lunch.

1:02pm- Chairman Wood reconvened the Regular Meeting.

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

1:10pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

**Chairman Wood made a motion to approve Indigent Claim #2019011 and allow 90 days from date of surgery for wound care and other follow-up necessary. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor; motion carries.**

1:20pm- DMV Building

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There is some concerns regarding Mary being at the DMV building by herself. In her present state, it is not a realistic option.

There are three applicants for the P&Z position. The commissioners would like to do interviews to fill the position on October 1<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon.

The discussion is brought back to the DMV building. Mary does not feel comfortable trying to get in and out of that building, especially during the winter. That sidewalk is not ADA compliant and she cannot risk another fall. She also has concerns regarding the safety element of being there alone. The problem is where they put the new P&Z employee if not at the DMV building.

Discussion on what could be done in order to make room for everyone. Discussion on possibly having the commissioners doing their meeting in the jury room. Commissioner Hubert suggested bringing in a small modular building out back like the sheriff's used to do. They could put P&Z and Indigent directors in that, or the commissioners in it. Chairman Wood discussed the fees that might be associated with that decision. Discussion on remodeling the DMV building entrance to make ADA compliant. This option has been discussed before and the bid is estimated at \$8000.

Chairman Wood reviewed the options with the commissioners. Commissioner Hubert is going to look into the cost of a modular.

DMV Carpet replacement discussion. Dave Davidson reviewed the bid he presented to the commissioners last week. Bozzuto's Furniture had the best prices. The installation date would be about 2 weeks out.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the bid from Bozzuto's Furniture for carpet in the DMV building in the amount of up to \$1414. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

2:00pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the Regular Meeting to the P&Z Work Session.

3:17pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the P&Z Work Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Indigent Claims in the amount of \$15173.62. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous; motion carries.**

3:19pm Signing the Sub-Recipient Agreement for SHSP

The commissioners reviewed the agreement Payson Reece presented the week before.

**Commissioner Zech made a motion to sign the 2018 Sub Recipient SHSP Grant Application. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor; motion carries.**

The commissioners agreed that it would be ok for Julia Oxarango-Ingram to proceed with filling out the grant application for the National Trust Preservation Fund. They believe that while it would not hurt to fill this out, they do not have to accept it if it is awarded to the county.

Discussion on the upcoming meeting for Neher Park and the potential advisory board. Chairman Wood wrote out some consideration that she would like to discuss at the meeting tonight. The commissioners reviewed.

Further discussion.

3:35pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

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## Public Meeting

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

6:00pm- Chairman Wood called the Public Meeting to order.

Chairman Wood thanked the members of the public in attendance, and gave some background on the Neher Park gift deed the Lincoln County had received from the Wood River Land and Trust and the Neher Family. She reviewed the stipulation that were written into the gift deed agreement and read the CC&R's. She clarified that the park would not be rurally developed.

Chairman Wood explained the general area of where the land is at, and discussed how the parking might work once the park is developed. She reviewed some of the consideration the commissioners have discussed with the public.

Chairman Wood had heard from the Lincoln County Rec, they are very interested in being a part of the park development but were unable to attend the meeting because they also had a meeting tonight. She has also been in contact with the Department of Fish and Game about the possibility of stocking the pond on the property. They are willing to discuss the option in more depth.

Chairman Wood then opened the floor to the public. Several people in attendance are members of the public who live in the vicinity of the park. They expressed some concerns regarding the park.

There is considerable amount of concern regarding the management and upkeep of the park as well at the road that leads to the park. There were concerns about that accessibility to fresh water, as there is no well on the property. There was also a discussion concerning the septic system that would be used. If the commissioners are wishing to put a septic system in, it would have to be an above ground system. If they opt to do outhouses instead, there is concerns regarding the upkeep and the continuing expense this option would present.

Several people were concerned that the park would create an environment for alcohol and drug use. The is also concern regarding the noise that it would bring to the area and about the expense that would incur in the everyday maintenance of the park.

There are farmers who currently have to walk their cattle through the land of the park in order to reach private land they use for grazing. They would still like to be able to use this access.

The members of the public that live around the park would like to know how the commissioners plan to keep the people coming to the park from encroaching on their private property and what rights they have if that were to happen.

Chairman Wood introduced Officer Kevin Thompson to the public, and asked that he give a brief synopsis of the rights the land owner would have, if this issue was to arise. He explained the different trespassing laws in the State of Idaho.

Commissioner Hubert asked the public their opinion regarding possible cattle guards being put into place. There was no opposition to the cattle guards but most believed that cattle guards wouldn't be beneficial.

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There was discussion regarding the hours of the park and whether it would be accessible for overnight stays; as well as handicap accessibility, sanitary issues, safety issues regarding the river, and the repair of the current fence in place around the property.

Chairman Wood addressed the fence, informing them that once the deed was officially recorded, the county would address the repair of the fence. She is not opposed to allowing grazing on the land during certain times of the year, but would have to further discuss this. She explained that the park would be closed at night, as per the stipulations written into the deed. She discussed the need for an Advisory Board for the park, in order to make a lot of these decisions regarding the park, and encouraged the public in attendance to sign up to be on the board.

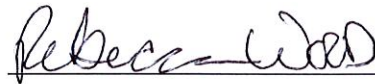
There was further discussion about the landscaping aspect of the park and the possibility of developing a walking path from the City of Shoshone to the park.

Chairman Wood explained that the commissioner's hopes for the park is to develop a place that people could take their children in order to get in touch with nature, fish and picnic. Chairman Wood has received a lot of positive response from the public as well from members of the Neher Family.

6:59pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the public meeting and invited the public to join in the walking tour of the property.

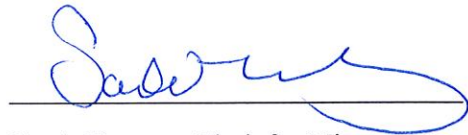
Respectfully,

Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes