

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

October 15, 2018

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

9:30am- Chairman Wood opened the Regular Meeting.

Minutes and Claims were reviewed.

Commissioner Zech made a motion to accept the account payable for the October 15th time frame in the amount of \$5238.29. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor; motion passes.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Indigent claims in the amount of \$687.50. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor; motion passes.

Commissioner Zech made a motion to accept the minutes for the October 9th 2018 regular meeting as corrected. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion passes.

Correspondence:

Treasures Bank Statement was \$4,907,080.64. Some funds were moved from PILT to pay bills.

ICRMP letter about nomination of the board.

Contacted by the school district of Richfield and Fridays market about the recycling bins that they uses to have, but have been removed. Have a hard time finding a place to put their cardboard. Been trying to get ahold of someone from Southern Idaho Solid Waste to put a recycle bin that both entities would use. They are both willing to pay for the services. Commissioner Hubert is on the board of Southern Idaho Solid Waste. He discussed how before the bins were getting mixed garbage not just cardboard, it cost \$250 a ton to haul. There was a discussion with the mayors of the cities in the county. He will talk to Southern Idaho Solid Waste about this and feels that they may be more receptive if it is only cardboard and the bin is remained locked.

10:03am- County Extension Office-Sign University Budget-Carmen Willmore

Carmen presented the commissioners with the University budget. She also gave the commissioners an update on operations for the last several months. Both were reviewed. The extension office would like to have a volunteer on the advisory board for the Neher Park.

The budget was very close to what the clerk budgeted.

Further discussion.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to have the chairman sign the county extension offices budget for the 2019 year. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor; motion passes.

Correspondence:

Reviewed an exit interview.

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10:38-Adjourned regular meeting to the Board of Equalization.

10:38-Adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting and reconvened the Regular meeting

10:39am- Last minute bill was received in the mail for the 2018 claims that needs to be approved

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the bill for Worst, Fitzgerald and Stauffer in the amount of \$1365.97. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman Wood, aye; Commissioner Zech abstained from the vote; motion passes.

Chairman Wood gave a brief overview of the ADA P&Z Conference that she attended last week in Boise. She received a lot of good information that she will dive further into at next week's meeting. Recreation, history and arts were the top discussion.

Further discussion.

11:00am- Commissioners Credit Cards

Chairman Wood asked the commissioners if they thought more about this. Commissioner Zech would rather not have a credit card because of the image it would create with the public.

Clerk Farnworth reiterates the benefits of the commissioners having their own, and the different problems that have come out of the commissioners not having one. The checks and balances are still in place. All other elected officials and the deputies have a county credit card.

Commissioner Hubert felt that if a commissioner wanted a credit card, they should have one, but if they don't then don't have to have one. The public perception should not be a concern.

Discussion on the limit of the credit cards.

Clerk Farnworth suggested getting Chairman Wood a card but waiting until the election is done to get the other two commissioners one.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to allow the county Commissioner a credit card with the limit of \$1500. Chairman Wood seconded. Discussion; Chairman Wood has been on the end of issues that arise with not having a card. Clerk Farnworth feels as the auditor that there is good control of the reviews bills; it would be easier for the auditor's office if they did. Commissioner Zech is still against it, and is concerned about the public perception. Vote, Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman Wood aye, Commissioner Zech, nay. 2:1 motion passes.

Chairman Wood will get a card right away, as she is not up for election this year. Commissioner Hubert and Zech will not receive a card until the election is done in order to make sure they will still be the commissioners.

Assessor Jones informed the commissioners about a possible bill that could pass that would alleviate the taxes on dairy equipment. They are talking about making the equipment exempt. This could affect the county budget immensely, in the negative.

The Pies and Politics Debate will be October 26th at 6:30pm at the Community Center. The debates will start at 7:00pm.

Debates with the governor candidates will be broadcast on PBS. Chairman Wood asked PBS if they were accepting questions for that, they told her that they would take suggestions, so she sent one in.

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OPE Surveys were filled out and sent in by Chairman Wood and Commissioner Hubert. Commissioner Zech will do it this week.

Discussion

11:45am- Structural Engineer Report Review- NOESIS

The commissioner received the report for review.

The report is approached in that it will help decide whether it is better to remodel the building or build new. The foundation is in great shape, the only problem is there is no sheer resistance. There are minor cracks but nothing substantial; it was in better repair than expected. The building is not a reinforced structure and so either an internal or external frame structure would have to be installed.

They did not include an estimation of cost because it was very close to the last engineer estimate. They provided a risk assessment of the building, which classified the building at a 4. The options of adding on, without doing a breezeway, would leave the building at a level 4 risk. If an annex were to be built, it would have to be attached through a breezeway. The breezeway would have to be at least 40 ft in order to be up to code. Discussion on other building codes. If the courtroom, sheriff's office and commissioner's room were moved to the annex, the current building risk assessment would have the potential of dropping to a level 3 or 2 and the requirements would not be as stringent. NOESIS walked through the stages that were used in order to get these recommendations.

NOESIS referenced a prior structural engineering evaluation that was done in 2005 on the courthouse to help develop his report. The evaluation listed recommendations that should be complete in order to make the structure sounder. Of the listed recommendations, NOESIS identified 4 that were not fully incorporated and that were now considered life safety issues in his opinion. They are: 1) Remove all heavy file storage from attic floor. The attic floor may support light storage, but nothing should be stored over the courtroom. 2) Provide reinforcement or intermediate support for second floor framing that exceeds a span of 18 feet. 3) Provide new roofing and remove and replace all roof decking and joist that are deteriorated. 4) Provide positive out-of-plane anchors at the attic floor to the exterior masonry walls. He was unable to determine whether the last of these suggestions were completed but deemed it necessary if not so. The roof structure is overstressed by 53% and the floor joists are overstressed by 43%.

Ultimately, he believes that staying in the building and getting it to code would cost more than to build new. The next step on the structural engineering end would cost a substantial amount.

Further discussion.

1:05pm Executive Session

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, meeting entered into Executive Session.

1:20pm Chairman Wood adjourned executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Commissioner Zech made a motion to deny indigent claim #2019009 due to lack of documentation. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion passes.

1:24pm- Review of Metal Detector

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The question is who is moving it and where is it being moved to. Ann Youts is concerned about the lobby. The metal detector is obstructing the flow of the office and she doesn't want to lose the bench in the lobby area in order to make space for it. She would like to remove all the extra stuff, the safe, cases, etc. and put it on loan to the museum in order to create more space for the metal detector and the bench.

Sheriff Rodriguez reiterates that the discussion from last week concerning this was just preliminary. They haven't decided on what they would be doing with it for sure.

Chairman Wood asked for consideration on moving the case and safe out of the lobby to the museum in order to make room for everything. Everyone agreed that this would be a good choice for the current time. They need to get a hold of Payson in order to see if they can fit it in the museum.

Further discussion.

1:42pm- Office Trailer- Clerk Farnworth

Clerk Farnworth presented the commissioners with two options: a 10x32 for \$375 a month or a 12x56 for \$500 a month. There is just not enough room in the current courthouse to make room. Clerk Farnworth is going to measure some space around the building to see where the trailer might be placed.

Discussion to be continued after the P&Z Public Hearing.

1:49pm- Chairman Wood adjourned the Regular Meeting. The P&Z Public Hearing will convene in the courtroom at 2pm.

4:35pm- Chairman Wood reconvened the Regular Meeting

Clerk Farnworth measured the space for the trailer. They found a way to make it fit without having to remove any trees, or have it sit on any sprinklers.

Commissioner Zech wanted to postpone the decision until they are able to talk with the architects to see if the trailer location would be in their way.

The clerk and the commissioners want to get something right away. There is concern about availability.

Julia Oxarango-Ingram suggested asking the school about space available at the old high school. There is nothing available there; and it is not just the commissioners that need a space at this point.

Chairman Wood reviewed the options.

Further discussion

Commissioner Zech would still like to wait.

Commissioner Hubert felt that we need something now.

It would be \$6600 a year to lease. They expect to be in it for about a year. The commissioners would like the clerk to ask if there is another lease length option.

Julia asked if the commissioners had considered using one of the old building downtown, remodeling it with the money that they would use to lease the trailer.

The commissioners explained that they are concerned about operating without their support staff and wouldn't like to be away from the courthouse.

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Clerk Farnworth spoke to the trailer company. They would be willing to do a 6-month lease, instead of a year but they would charge \$550 a month instead of \$500 a month.

There was a discussion on possibly holding commissioner meetings at the Episcopal Church instead of renting a trailer.

The commissioners asked Guy to make an appointment with the Episcopal Church contacts to see what could be worked out with them. He will also get ahold of Jerry Wallace about the Methodist church for a second option.

Chairman Wood asked the commissioner to study their agriculture comp plan concerning the P&Z hearing.

4:59 pm-Chairman Wood adjourned the Regular Meeting.

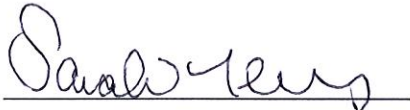
Respectfully,

Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes

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Rebecca Wood, Chairman

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Sarah Thomas, Clerk for Minutes