

Regular Meeting

January 7, 2019

Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Roy Hubert, Commissioner; Terry Zech, Commissioner; Brenda Farnworth, Clerk for Minutes.

9:30am Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Claims, Minutes

Revisions were requested to be made to the minutes of December 24th.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the claims for \$182,413.96. Commissioner Zech seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion passes.

9:45am Masonic Hall Remodel -John Boling

John has a concern about the ability of the floor to support the suggested remodeling of the upper room for the EMS. He suggests that an engineering firm review the supports prior to making any remodels. Commissioners will discuss.

John went ahead and presented the suggested plan. Discussion.

He would anticipate his labor cost to be \$2,000. He is not scheduled to be on EMS at this time so he can complete this project. He will use his own equipment and will not charge extra. He will need an ST101 to make purchases non-taxable. He will check on contractor discounts at providers and will also request a bid on materials from the local hardware store. He will need to contact Guy in P&Z for needed permits.

Discussion on the walls only going to 8ft and not clear to the ceiling. This would reduce the load on the floor supports and also reduce costs and eliminate the need to add heat ducting.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to move forward with the remodel of the Masonic Hall for the Ambulance using John Boling at \$1,525 plus \$2,000 labor, minus any discounts received on product plus permits. Commissioner Zech seconded. Discussion; The understanding is that a bid will be obtained from the local hardware store for materials. If there are any unforeseen issues causing additional expense, John will come in for approval by the Commissioners. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:20 Community Center Agreement

Discussion on the bonded security paragraph on the agreement. It was agreed that Sheriff and Police deputies could be hired as security. Attendees of 75-125 will require 1 security personnel and over 125 will require 2 security personnel. E. Scott will make the recommended changes to the agreement and will be reviewed again next meeting.

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10:30am AlSCO Contract renewal

There are no changes to the costs. Review and discussion.

Commissioner Zech made a motion to renew the contract with AlSCO for rug maintenance for the next 12 months as specified in the contract. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:35am Maintenance Yard Fencing

Dave requested to discuss the fencing bids with the Commissioners because he felt that the contractors were not following the same requirements and the bids were not apples to apples.

Chairman Wood had discussed the bid from E&R Fencing and all the components were included even though they weren't stated in the bid. It was felt that he should state all the components in the bid so there was no question as to what will be done. Chairman Wood will contact him and ask him to re-submit.

10:45am Payroll Information

Clerk Farnworth presented some donations to the sick bank for information only. The total of the sick bank is 357 hours. There also were some signatures needed on payroll changes and an exit interview for information only.

11:00am Youth Activity Building

Steve Sells introduced himself and Jess Lynn. They used to visit their grandfather, Bud Swan, here in Lincoln County and have many fond memories of the area. They have a small trust that was left to them by their mother, and would like to do something for the youth of the community. They were thinking of turning the old Nebraska Bar into a youth center. They would donate the money to the City or the County to fund the acquisition and approximately \$15k to fund improvements. Title would then be in the County or City name.

There is a need in this community for a safe place for kids to gather after school and for internet access for those who don't have it at home and a myriad of other ideas to help the youth.

Some of the ideas discussed were; internet access for online classes, homework, tutoring, citizenship classes, college counseling, arts & crafts, revolving community events, a pamphlet kiosk for colleges, English as a second language, a possible small game room. It could be a place where there could be visits from fire and police for interaction and bonding with kids. There is a place for outdoor grilling and there is a full kitchen for other group activities. A safe place to go.

Discussion on involving the Recreation District into the discussions. Questions to be answered include; who would administer it and where would the funds come from to keep it functioning? What ages would be allowed unsupervised? Perhaps form a non-profit to administer?

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Discussion on grants for youth recreation and safe places. If it is a joint venture between the City, County and Recreation District they have more of a possibility of getting grants.

Discussion on the next steps. Suggested we add the Chamber and Saddle Up to a joint meeting. Discussion on open hours. Staff would be the most expensive cost, unless we could get volunteers to staff.

Discussion on contacting the Boys and Girls club in Twin Falls on the model they use, perhaps even a joint venture.

Steve will contact the seller and get an inspection on the building to see if there are any structural issues. He will report back on January 22nd at 11am during the Commissioners meeting.

11:45am Courthouse Advisory Committee

Commissioner Zech has a list of people who are interested in being involved on the committee.

Commissioner Zech suggested taking the funds the County has and making the current Courthouse ADA compliant by adding an elevator, and utilizing the upstairs. Commissioner Hubert commented that once we spend a certain amount of money on upgrades, then we have to bring the entire building up to code and are no longer protected by the grandfather clause of historic buildings.

Commissioner Zech had information from contractors, that they feel construction costs are at the peak and will come down.

Commissioner Hubert went to Power County and saw their remodel and new annex. He visited with personnel there who said it cost about 50% more than they had planned.

Further discussion on a courthouse committee.

Chairman Wood suggested that we advertise for participants on an advisory committee. She suggested that the wording of the motion be sent out with the invitation so interested persons would know what it would be for.

Claims, Minutes – Action Item It was decided that interested persons should write a letter with their intent and why they wish to be on the committee to the Commissioners or come in person to visit with the Commissioners. The deadline for these letters or in person visits would be the meeting on January 28th.

The notification of the committee invitations will go out on social media and to the Commissioners agenda list.

The Commissioners need to decide the number of members to be on the committee and the scope of what the committee should do. This will be decided at the meeting on January 22nd.

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12:15pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:05pm Chairman Wood reconvened the meeting.

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

1:45pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the regular meeting.

Investments – Treasurer Youts

Treasurer Youts informed the Commissioners that interest rates are dropping and she is wanting to know what the plans are for the courthouse and when we may need money for construction.

We are currently getting 2.3% on the E-Bank. Discussion on interest rates and what we need liquid for a courthouse. Bonds are paying 2.5% – 3.2%. Commissioners feel that we will not need a significant amount of money for a courthouse for a year yet.

Discussion on investing \$1m on a longer term bond to get a higher interest rate. This is probably what she will do.

1:55pm Landfill Specials – Circuit Breaker

Assessor Jones reported that last year we had 86 applications for circuit breaker that resulted in a deduction of (\$8,170) in landfill specials.

Discussion on land values and State calculations.

Discussion on how to notify the public about the circuit breaker. Flyers are going out now and they are due back by April 15. Assessor Jones needs to know if the Commissioners intend to allow those who qualify for the Circuit Breaker to also have their landfill fees removed again.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to allow those who qualify for Circuit Breaker and those who are 100% military disabled to have their landfill fees removed for the year 2019. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

A letter of complaint against the Commissioners was received from Judy Hudson. It involved personnel so it will not be read into the minutes, but is noted as received.

The survey has been completed on the Nehr Park with a new legal description. Clerk Farnworth will get it recorded.

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Mike Mast from High Country Roofing did some repairs on the roof at the maintenance yard. The gutters have not been installed yet but are scheduled for this week.

2:45pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting to P&Z.

3:28pm Chairman Wood re-convened the regular meeting.

Discussion on upcoming events.

3:40pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

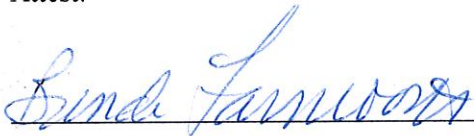
Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Brenda Farnworth, Clerk