

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

March 18, 2019

Present: Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Roy Hubert, Commissioner; Rick Ellis, Commissioner; Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes.

9:45am Chairman Wood called the meeting to order.

Discussion of claims.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the accounts payable for \$11,602.49. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the accounts payable for Indigent claims of \$3,086.39. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

9:58am Connie Stopher and Alexa Wilhelm, S ID Economic Development (SIEDO):

Quarterly update with counties in the Magic Valley. Connie introduced herself and Alexa and discussed what their jobs entail.

Alexa coordinator for Camas County, Gooding County, Twin Falls County, and Lincoln County. She talked about the projects she is currently working on. She has talked with Richfield and Dietrich and hopes to work with them in the future. Discussion on the meeting she had with Richfield. Chairman Wood discussed the corner where the convenience store is could be used for a future business. Gas pump station would be beneficial to the community. Chairman Wood also discussed other locations in Lincoln County that could be developed for new business. Recreation for the county also discussed. Chairman Wood would like to attend the next meeting.

10:07am Discussion on the meeting in Dietrich. Commissioner Hubert discussed private business and schools for parking and expansion. Connie talked about school projects in Twin Falls. Commissioner Hubert discussed the shelter in the Dietrich Park is in need of repairs.

Discussion on Town for A Day. The roll is to showcase the businesses in the area. Targeting dairy producers; Project Golden. Discussion on other businesses in the area.

Discussion on setting up meetings with local small businesses with Co-op opportunities.

Discussion on Neher Park and possible future improvements and grants.

10:35am Archibald Roofing Estimate

Discussion on the details of the bid. Commissioner Hubert will go to the roofer in Gooding to discuss the repairs made in the past. Discussion on the work that had been done and the product put on the roof to see if any warranty is available. This will be put on the next meeting for decision.

10:50am Old business.

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Undersheriff Phillips discussed the housing for EMS at the maintenance yard.

Courthouse Advisory Committee; Commissioner Hubert and Ellis will attend

Transfer Station on BLM land update. Commissioner Hubert read a letter from Senator Crapo.

11:00am Barb Messick, Rob Sharpnack, Kay Billington, Carl Pendleton, Wood River Soil & Water Conservation District (WRSCD)

Here to present the budget and discuss the annual contribution from the County. WRSCD presented information on the equipment that has been maintained. Discussion on annual Tree Sale. Special projects currently ongoing; picnic table at the south end of town, trees at Boot Jack Dairy, other ag projects. Discussion on the Neher Park and the improvements that could be helped by WRSCD specific funds. The fund is specific to improve the plans for fishing.

Annual and five-year plans are in the presentation provided to the commissioners. Discussion on the Dietrich and Richfield water ways, snow survey, cloud seeding, revenue on recharging.

Letter of intent for contribution is included in the presentation. Discussion on the amount for next fiscal year.

11:30am Conflict Public Defense Contracts

Clerk Farnworth discussed the Public Defenses Commission requirement to have contracts for Conflict Public Defender. Currently pay is \$75 per hour to Mark Coppin. Discussion on the other attorney's fees per hour. This is why there needs to be a contract so the fees are not varied. Clerk Farnworth discussed the \$75 because if lower we may not have options for other attorneys. Commissioner Hubert feels this fee is a good price because of our location and travel is not included in the fee. Clerk Farnworth discussed bringing the public defense in-house with Jerome County.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to have a consistent salary for Conflict Public Defense work at \$75 per hour. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

11:45am Canvass March 12th, 2019 Election – Sandy Conklin

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the results for the Gooding Joint School Dist., Jerome Joint School Dist., and Minidoka Joint School Dist.

Chairman Wood read into the minutes the Canvass for the Levies and Bond.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the canvass for the Minidoka School Bond. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the canvass for the Jerome School Levy. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the canvass for the Gooding School Levy. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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Old Business:

Chairman Wood discussed with the artist of the County flag to add the towns in the right place, mountains in the background, and add sheep. The artist added to the image, discussion on the new design. Will add to next week for approval.

12:00pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:00pm Chairman Wood re-convened the meeting.

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

1:15pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and re-convened the regular meeting.

Chairman Wood presented job descriptions for EMS for review.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the EMS job descriptions. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence:

LHTAC Times review

Discussion on maintenance yard fence progress.

Farm Bureau dinner presented video on aquifer recharge. It's very successful; 388,000 acre feet added.

Chairman Wood- Region IV Development- Rupert, Hansen, Buhl - tremendous building going on.

Commissioner Hubert- BLM looks promising to get approval back from Land Transfer; need to put in fence per agreement.

1:30pm

Chairman Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(b) Personnel. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote Commissioner Hubert, aye; Commissioner Ellis, aye; Chairman Wood, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

2:24pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and convened Planning & Zoning Work Session.

3:12 Chairman Wood adjourned Planning & Zoning and re-convened the regular meeting.

Discussion on the Courthouse Advisory Committee meeting last week.


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Commissioner Wood made a motion to accept the minutes for March 11th, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

3:19 Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk