

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Board of Equalization

April 22, 2019

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

10:00am Chairman Wood open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

No expected business.

Conducted other business during this time.

10:30am Chairman Wood adjourned the BOE

## Regular Meeting

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

**10:10am Commissioner Ellis made a motion to pay the accounts payable for \$9,109.19. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

10:15am Dietrich Highway District Road Numbering – Lyle Towne

Here to discuss the sign systems for Emergency Services. The numbering kits were shown and demonstrated how they will be installed at each residence. Discussion on assembly.

Lyle asked who distributed the list. Not all of the names are on the list. Assessor Jones stated the list is not as complete because of the different physical/ mailing address on the system that created the list. Exempt buildings are not on the list printed. Discussion on who will be installing the posts. Commissioner Ellis asked how many posts and kits Lyle would need to place the kits. Chairman Wood asked if the other Commissioners could find volunteers in their areas to place the posts and install the plates. Discussion on a date to start the numbering plaques and pounding posts. Commissioners will take part in getting things put together and work with volunteers to coordinating the installation. Commissioner Ellis will get with the City to move the pallet of plaques to his shop for assembly. May 8, 2019 at 10:00am meet for the assembly to be done at Commissioner Ellis's.

10:45am School Trailer

The trailer will have to be moved whole because of how the structure was built in the current location. Commissioner Ellis went to the location of the trailer with a mover and said the cost of moving is \$7,500. Discussion on what needs to be done before it can be moved. Discussion on the title for the trailer for the County to purchase with Assessor, Linda Jones. Chairman Wood talked to the City of Shoshone and what is required to put on the maintenance yard. The utilities

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hookup may be waived because it is for EMS. Chairman Wood will follow up with the City. Assessor Jones said there has to have a good title before the County can own the building. Her office is working on this. Chairman Wood will postpone this decision to a later date for a title and the city's decision. Discussion on what date the move could be done.

11:00am Correspondence

Letter from Dr. Davis for a candidate reference on So Central Health.

Letter from City of Shoshone regarding the courthouse. They are in favor of renovating the courthouse.

Old business discussion.

Region IV may have a possible grant for the Care Center. Chairman Wood has put the Reg. IV and Care Center in contact with each other.

Samantha with Senator Crapo's office will continue to follow up on the BLM transfer.

11:15am District 26 Representative Review Sally Toone, Michelle Stennett

Sally talked about the ballot initiative and the Medicaid initiative. Discussed the letter written to the House and Senate. The Governor has issues with the Medicaid Expansion and the work-related part of the initiative. Discussion on how Montana has made this work for their state. Discussion on the initiative and how it was processed before passing. There may be changes and amendments to the bill. Medicaid Expansion starts January 1<sup>st</sup> and has been funded. Discussion on the funding. \$19M for 6 months. Idaho has the least number of professionals in the medical field in the nation because of its many rural areas. There are new schools and incentives to help increase the medical field education and help keep the medical profession local. Discussion on the health care system and the growth Idaho is experiencing.

Education takes \$2 billion dollars which is half of the State's budget. 62% goes to some type of Education. Teacher salaries are being increased. A starting teacher wage is at \$40,000, the maximum a Teacher can make is \$50,000. Discussion of the pros and cons of a 4-day school week. Discussion on how many hours of instruction is required for the school year.

Pre K education did not pass. There were matching funds that could have been used. There was not enough support in the Senate to move forward. Changes in the family dynamic has changed and this is something that Idaho could use. Idaho is one of the lowest wage earner states and requires two income homes leaving a gap in the education for children under 5.

Discussion on Party Committees not subject to open meeting laws. Chairman Wood stated they operated as a Private Entity and are not regulated by the same statutes as other elected boards.

1st Responders Legislation passed so they can claim workman's compensation for PTI. Discussion on volunteers, but they are not presently covered.

Solar Panels was approved. Discussion.

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Urban Renewal was approved. Discussion.

11:54am Tax Exempt Property Review - Ann Youts, Treasurer

Ann presented the list of proposed tax exemptions for review.

Assembly of God is renting to another church for the cost of insurance. Discussion on the rent being applied to the cost of insurance and not showing any profit. Discussion if the other church is non-profit. Each Church should file paperwork for tax exemption.

Dietrich Grange sold – it needs to be put back into the tax roll.

Other Assembly of God churches are empty and for sale but left on as exempt until the property sells.

12:00pm Proposal for AHJ Engineering

Chairman Wood talked to AHJ and they sent a proposal for meeting with the commissioners

Est. cost is \$1000.00 time and travel to discuss the courthouse. Commissioner Hubert would like to pay Dan Sharp \$130. Per hour. Discussion.

**12:05pm Commissioner Ellis moved to accept AHJ Engineering for inspection and make a report for the remodel for \$1000 and Dan Sharp for \$130 per hour. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**12:10pm Chairman Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(f)(b) Legal & Personnel. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote Commissioner Ellis, aye; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman Wood, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.**

Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session for lunch.

1:05pm Chairman called meeting to order.

Don't need an Indigent Executive Session, only signatures needed.

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

1:50am Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Chairman Wood read into the meeting the letter from the Republican Central Committee with the applicants for recommendation for the County Sheriff. A packet has been given to the Commissioners and have asked that the waiver be signed for background checks on the applicants. Chairman Wood has contacted POST for assistance with the process in considering the applicants.

2:00am Chairman Wood asked for public comments.

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It was asked how the process was done to make the selection. Chairman Wood will give the Clerk a copy of the email for the process used by the Committee for selection.

Background checks are to be disclosed in Executive Session since it is personal information about the applicant.

Chairman Wood would like to be transparent in the process allowing public attendance to hear the responses to the questions asked of the applicants. Clerk Farnworth suggests to have the questions sent to E. Scott Paul for review before the interviews. If personal questions are needed, a brief Executive Session could be done. Chairman Wood has contacted other County Sheriffs for suggestions in the interview process.

Each applicant will be interviewed separately. The interviews will be held in the courtroom. Because the applicant is interviewing for an elected office, the public should be allowed to attend during the interview process, but the other applicants should wait outside the courtroom during each interview. *(Comment made after the meeting; After discussion with legal counsel, the applicants will be in the courtroom with the public.)*

A question was asked if public opinion could be part of the decision. Commissioner Hubert is not sure that the public can bring forward enough information to aid in the decision.

Is there a possibility that the names will not qualify? If there are disqualifications, and one is qualified the decision will have to be made from the 3 applicants.

The Commissioners will do their due diligence before next week. The Commissioners will have a special meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup> to appoint the new Sheriff.

Clerk Farnworth suggested calling an ICRMP representative to be present for the meeting next week. The Commissioners agree.

2:20pm Surplus Sheriff Vehicles – Undersheriff Phillips.

Undersheriff Phillips presented a list of vehicles to be surplus. Discussion on condition of the vehicles. Discussion whether they hold a live auction or closed bid. A minimum should be set on each vehicle, and a way to see the vehicles before the auction.

2:30pm Copier for Sheriff's Department

Undersheriff Phillips presented the contract for a new copier for the Sheriff's office. The contract covers toner and maintenance. Discussion on cost per copy and this will save the Sheriff's office budget for the next fiscal year.

**2:36pm Commissioner Ellis moved to sign the contract for the Sheriff's Department to purchase the Toshiba copier for \$1,880.00 and sign the maintenance contract with Business Techs. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

2:37pm South Central Public Health District proposal – Yvonne Humphrey, Linda Montgomery

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Linda Montgomery thanked Commissioner Hubert for his service on the board. She presented the minutes and legal notice for the public hearing for the FY2020 budget.

Linda discussed the letter for nomination of Medical Consultant Board Member. The nomination is set for later in the meeting today,

Melody Bowyer discussed the programs supported with the budget. She presented the Commissioners a detailed list of budget items showing the programs discussed.

Melody introduced the staff here to present programs on E cigarette classes on April 25<sup>th</sup> in the Shoshone School District for adults to educate them. Discussion on opioid being put in E cigarettes.

Discussion on opioid prevention; getting Doctors on board with education. Blood pressure machines have been donated to Dr. Davis' office to help patients monitor their blood pressure.

Helen Hopkins, Dietitian and WIC clinician. Reported Lincoln County has gone from 84 recipients in 1994; to today 109 in 2019. Lincoln County ranks high in children in poverty. The new location on A Street has helped getting to residents in need of their services. Online education is now being offered so people don't have to travel far to complete the requirements to receive benefits.

Jeremy St. Clair discussed the budget request. He discussed the wage increase, supplies and software, capital projects, funding for crisis center, revenue funding from State contracts, revenue from insurance billings. The basis for County's contribution is done with a formula by 3% of population. County's portion for this fiscal year is \$30,369.00.

3:15pm Board reports

Clerk Farnworth stated E. Scott would be out of town on April 29<sup>th</sup>. She will contact ICRMP to attend this meeting during the Sheriff's interviews.

Review of agreement for services – Dr. Grey

**Commissioner Ellis moved to approve hiring Dr. Grey for ongoing investigation for \$3,000. Discussion on fees. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Commissioner Ellis discussed Tri-county weed approved the budget for 2019. A 3% increase for wages. Discussion on the employees and when they will begin the season.

Commissioner Hubert discussed So. ID Solid Waste Discussion on other counties waste fees. Discussion on the tonnage going into the transfer station is increasing. Land has been purchased for growth but power lines would have to be moved.

Discussion on free dump week to advertise on website to encourage people to clean up their property.

3:30pm Department Head & Elected Officials

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Carmen Willmore here to discuss the 4H projects coming up. There is a Grange land event in Eastern Idaho. Carmen is petitioning to have it in Lincoln County. Chairman Wood asked Carmen what events are being done in other areas and what can be done in this County. Carmen discussed events in other counties that could be brought here. Chairman Wood is looking for ideas to bring in more patrons to Lincoln County.

4H is increasing in participants. Programs offered other than livestock; cooking, robotics.

University projects discussed.

Cleaning for fairgrounds during the fair discussed. The Fair Board hires outside help for cleaning during the fair. Discussion on making more keys for the cleaning crew.

Discussion on tables and other items for budget purchases to increase the inventory for public use when renting the building for events.

Linda Jones here to report on her office. She discussed her new hires and how good they are in the fields they were hired for. There will be some hardships for tax relief coming to the Commissioners because they missed the deadline for Circuit Breaker. Discussion on the timeframe that Circuit Breaker applications can be taken.

State Tax Commission was here to discuss with the Assessor about the tax assessments. Linda discussed the tax assessment on agriculture lands. Discussion on public comment to the Commissioners on tax assessments. There will be a 65% increase on agricultural land next year.

Discussion on the formula on how agricultural land is calculated for assessment.

Clerk Farnworth discussed the employee changes in her office. Brianne McCoy will be in for a discussion for a grant for Public Defense.

Discussion on Time Clock issues. Linda Jones is having issues with the system not being user friendly. She feels it is too time consuming. Her employees are not able to clock in when needed, making the need for many adjustments. Discussion on how offices use the system.

4:07pm Right-of-way Encroachment Application Approval

This approval was for access to complete the maintenance yard fencing project. The ROW was to allow the fence to be placed next to the ITD fence. This allows ITD to enter the maintenance yard with supervision so they can do maintenance on their building.

**Chairman Wood moved to sign the Right-of-way Encroachment Application Approval for access with ITD at the maintenance yard. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Letter for nomination of Medical Consultant Board Member

**Chairman Wood moved to nominate Dr. Davis for Medical Consultant. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

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**4:15pm Chairman Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(f) Legal. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote Commissioner Ellis, aye; Commissioner Hubert aye; Chairman Wood, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.**

4:45 Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and convened the Ambulance District Meeting.

4:56pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

Election Polling Place Designation

Chairman Wood read the designation into minutes.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the polling places for the May 21, 2019 Election. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes for April 15, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Clerk Farnworth brought an invoice with late fees. Discussion on the invoice for grant writing presented with late fees. A letter should be sent from E. Scott's office regarding the late fees and that the late fees will not be paid.

Discussed the response from the Republican Central Committee.

5:15pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk