

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting

April 29, 2019

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

9:45am Public Defense Grant

Clerk Farnworth reviewed the terms of the grant with the Commissioners. Discussion.

**Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve 2020 Indigent Defense Grant application. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Discussion with the Engineers and an Architect regarding the tour for discussion at 11:00.

10:00am Claims discussion.

10:20am E. Scott Paul called into the meeting for the discussion on the questions for the interview process.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the April 29, 2019 accounts payable for \$15,266.38. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Emergency Meeting minutes for April 26, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes for April 22, 2019 as corrected to add a change to format during interview per legal advice. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

10:24am Sheriff's Appointment Discussion

Discussion on the questions that will be presented to the nominees for Sheriff during the interview process and the procedure of such.

10:55am Mike Torgerson will record the discussion for the Engineering discussion at 11:00 for Facebook Live.

Chairman Wood called for a brief recess.

11:00am Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

Jim McNall on the phone from ICRMP for legal advice on the Sheriff's interview. Discussion.

11:07pm Engineering Discussion

Chris Holladay, AHJ Engineers, Dan Sharp, Noesis Engineering Services, Colby Ricks, Laughlin Ricks Architecture.

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The Commissioners presented questions to the two engineers and the architect regarding their tour and discuss the condition of the courthouse.

Colby Ricks wants to make clear that they are here to answer the questions and to give the Commissioners an educated opinion as to the scope of work and an estimated cost for the possibility of doing a renovation to the courthouse.

Discussion on the questions asked by the Commissioners to the group. Industry standards will have to be met on any renovation done. Floors and the roof issues were addressed. Discussion if the attic could be used for a partial space for office use. Discussion on the estimated cost to make the necessary reconstruction. Discussion on the time frame to move the employees for the renovation.

Colby does not recommend phasing the construction; they should take the employees out of the courthouse during the construction.

Discussion on timeline and can this project be put together to go to bond in November and the answer was yes.

Discussion on contingency that should be planned for. Industry standard is 10%, Starr Corporation put in 5%. According to engineers, may want to build in 15%.

Colby recommends that the project have a Construction Manager be part of the engineering in the project and also be the General Contractor for construction to have consistency through the project. When we send out to RFP.

Chairman Wood explained that the primary purpose today was to bring in both engineers and get their opinion of what needs to be done to make the renovation of the courthouse to be structurally sound. Both engineers were able to discuss what they saw together as they went through the building.

12:00pm Working Lunch

1:09pm Chairman Wood convened the interview session

This meeting will be held as a public forum, no comment from the public will be taken.

The Commissioners began the interview discussion with the nominees.

Nominees from the Republican Central Committee for Lincoln County Sheriff:

Scott Denning end at 2:10

2:13 Rene King end at 2:33

Chairman Wood called for a brief recess.

2:56pm Chairman Wood reconvened the meeting.

Verlon Southwick end at 3:27.

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3:29pm Chairman Wood called for a brief recess.

3:47pm Chairman Wood reconvened the meeting.

Chairman Wood has discussed with legal counsel from ICRMP regarding the deliberation for Lincoln County Sheriff. E. Scott Paul is on the phone. The Commissioners are waiting for a call from another legal source from ICRMP for guidance in proceeding with a decision for Sheriff.

Everything has to be discussed in an open meeting for filling an elected office and not in executive session.

Old business discussion.

Each Commissioners is to state who they consider would be the best candidate based on their choice from the interview and vetting process.

Chairman Wood's choice is Rene King.

Commissioner Ellis' choice is Rene King.

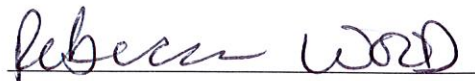
Commissioner Hubert's choice is Rene King.

**Commissioner Hubert moved to appoint Rene King as the next Lincoln County Sheriff and put an action item to swear him in on the next regular meeting. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

4:00pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk