

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

April 8, 2019

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

9:30am Chairman Wood open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to pay the April 8, 2019 accounts payable for \$5,400.00. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to pay the April 8, 2019 Indigent accounts payable for \$23,019.82. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

9:54am Correspondence

Chairman Wood asked the public how to keep the community informed on county business. Her response was to communicate using Facebook, website, Chamber of Commerce website. No one responded to Chairman Wood's request.

10:00am Emergency Management – Payson Reese

Payson reported on the meetings he has attended this last month. Discussed the upcoming meeting for the Jerome OEM Disaster workshop on April 19th, 2019.

Commissioner Hubert asked about the possibility of floods for this year. Payson has only heard from the National Weather Service and the floods should be minor. Discussion on sand bags, water tanks, and the County's preparedness.

Previous Commissioner McConnell had hiked out to the dessert in the past to report on any possible flooding. He will to do this for the County's safety this year.

10:08am Joann Rutler is the new Chair for the Republican Central Committee She is here to discuss the Sheriff's position. The Committee is prepared to help in the process if there is a vacated seat or resignation. Joann asked when the seat could be vacated. Discussion on timeline for the Sheriff's seat and when the Committee will be notified.

10:20am Correspondence

Chairman Wood read into the meeting the letter from Board of Commissioners Cassia County regarding aquatic invasive species. Discussion on whether Lincoln County should support them. Commissioners are interested in attending and will contact Cassia County Board of Commissioners.

Letter from Keller Lenkner regarding opioid litigation. Discussion on the attorney's fees. The letter will be sent to E. Scott Paul for review.

10:30am Middle Snake Water Resource – Bob Muffley

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Bob gave the Commissioners an updated book. There have been new Commissions to the organization. Bob talked about the Middle Snake Water Resource (MSWR) Commission's background and its inception. Discussion on the Commissioners representing Lincoln County for the MSWR. The contents of the book was discussed. The purpose of the Commission was explained and the projects they have done.

11:07am Advisory Committee Recommendation

Cindi Sievers gave the Commissioners the recommendation from the Committee. Chairman Wood read the recommendation into the meeting. The recommendation from the committee was to renovate the courthouse and annex for County's business. Discussion on the town hall meeting. Chairman Wood asked Cindi to report on the survey on Survey Monkey. There have been 166 surveys and from those, it mostly supports to renovate and annex and support of a bond.

Discussion on the choices on the survey regarding renovate or not renovate. Discussion on the courthouse structural safety that was addressed in a previous meeting with the structural engineer. What will the employees do while construction is being done. Concerns of safety for those who work in the courthouse. Discussion on the structural engineering report and the architects' views for renovation.

11:42am Prosecutor Records Scanning

Clerk Farnworth and Persecutor E. Scott Paul.

Clerk Farnworth has asked a company to submit a bid to scan the remaining records (163 boxes) in the attic. The program is \$3,000 but \$40,000 to scan the records. Clerk Farnworth's proposal is to have one of her employees scan the documents for the prosecutor. Discussion on the process and what it would take to accomplish. A re-quote \$4,300 for software. In addition, a backup system, scanner, computer, are needed, as well as time spent by an employee. A total of \$5,522 cost. Commissioner Hubert asked about the employee's time was needed elsewhere, could another person be hired part-time. The response from E. Scott said his assistant could also help. If another person is needed, it could be put into the next budget. Discussion on options for storage space and what is in the attic to date.

11:56am Commissioner Ellis made a motion at accept the \$5,522.00 record scanning software, scanner system. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion on the prosecutor budget and that is to scan the prosecutor's old records. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

11:57am Credit Card Company – Clerk Farnworth

Clerk Farnworth discussed the issue she is having with the purchase for materials for the Planning & Zoning post project. The credit card was refused because of a 10 day hold on checks paid that are not from Zions Bank.

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Ireland Bank has offered to give the County credit cards for business use. Discussion regarding the Ireland Bank's reputation. Clerk Farnworth will keep the Zions Bank cards until all charges are cleared.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to change from Zions credit cards to Ireland Bank credit cards and prescribed by Clerk Farnworth. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion on Ireland Bank. The Clerk has checked the details of the bank. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

12:03pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:00pm Chairman Wood reconvened the meeting.

Commissioner Ellis made the 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 reconvened the regular meeting.

Chairman Wood made a motion in case #2019036 to approve. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Wood made a motion in case #2019037 to approve. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Ellis made the 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.

1:45pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

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

1:57 Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Correspondence

Site Selectors Guild Conference. Discussion what the Guild looks for and local drone video.

5:00 Meeting for Rural Economic Development at the Snack Bar will be attended by Chairman Wood.

McDonald's will no longer lobby against minimum wages.

2:00pm Opioid Litigation

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Discussion on the lawsuit for opioid litigation against the pharmaceutical industry. A letter from Mooney Wieland was reviewed by E. Scott and said the contract would not be something the Commissioners should consider.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion not to go forward with Mooney Wieland lawsuit contract. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:15pm Old business discussion

District IV meeting April 23rd, Gooding

2:19pm Fire Code for County

Undersheriff Phillips presented to the Commissioners that the Planning & Zoning ordinance had already adopted the international fire code. Discussion who was the P&Z administrator at the time it had been adopted. The fire department had not been informed that the ordinance had been adopted. Conditions should be met by new businesses in the county and CAFO ordinance enforced.

2:25pm Chairman Wood moved to amend the agenda for Lincoln County Sheriff due to an emergency situation. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood read into the meeting a letter of resignation from Rene Rodrigues.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the resignation letter dated April 8th from Rene Rodriguez Lincoln County Sheriff. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Discussion that it is effective immediately. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood move to officially vacate the Lincoln County Sheriff position. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood read into the meeting the Idaho Code Statue 59-906 for vacancy of an elected official and the new appointment procedure.

Undersheriff Phillips will continue as acting Sheriff until a new Sheriff has been appointed.

Chairman Wood moved to sign and read into the minutes the letter to the Republican Central Committee dated April 8th for the resignation of the Lincoln County Sheriff. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:35 Chairman Wood called for a brief recess.

3:00pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

The Used Trailer Discussion

The Richfield School District has a double wide 24x60 trailer available for \$499.99 and the purchaser will be required to remove the deck and move the trailer to new location. A description and condition of the trailer was given by Chairman Wood. Discussion on moving the

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trailer. This trailer could be made usable for the EMS housing. The other option is to use it for offices for the County. Commissioner Hubert asked about the skirting on the trailer.

The Commissioners asked Marc Essary, EMS Director, his opinion on the trailer for EMS housing. Marc said it is a move in the right direction. Discussion on the needs to make it work for that use and the cost to move the trailer.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to purchase the trailer for \$499.99 at the Richfield School District. Chairman Wood seconded. Discussion: County should remove the deck, move the trailer, leave the site clean, and a section of fence needs moved. Get a permit from the City. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Marc asked that the construction on the current location for EMS be stopped.

3:21pm Chairman Wood adjourned the regular meeting to go into Ambulance District.

4:10pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

Gretchen Parsons from KMVT here to interview the Commissioners regarding the resignation of the Lincoln County Sheriff Rene Rodriguez.

4:18pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

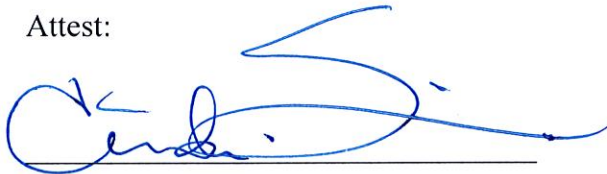
Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk