

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

June 3, 2019

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

11:00am Chairman Wood opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

VFW Post 3001 – Dan Larson, Amanda Bolich, with other members of the Post and Women's Auxiliary.

Amanda Bolich presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Commissioners.

Commander Eric Bolich read a history and the purpose of the VFW Post 3001 into the record. Amanda Bolich read into the record the history and purpose for the Women's Auxiliary.

Scholarships are part of the programs offered to students. The VFW members go to all the schools in the County to promote their scholarships.

Commander Eric Bolich read the request for \$1,500 so the programs can continue in the community. Discussion on the scholarships offered to the students.

Correspondence and Old business

Discussion on the Sheriff's vehicles gas MPG.

11:30am Melissa Barry, Southern Idaho Tourism

Melissa presented a report on the tourism in our region. Discussion on the hotel market and the growth for the region. Additional discussion on the \$30,000.00 invested in Lincoln County Assets. Mammoth Cave is the feature of the new Hidden Gem campaign. Other assets discussed; Arts in the Park and Lost N' Lava. Discussion on branding for Lincoln County and upcoming projects. Discussion on getting people involved in a cleanup for Neher Park. Amanda will send the request for donation soon.

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

1:00pm Tax Deed Hearing – Treasurer, Ann Youts

Ann has a property at 211 S. Apple Street for a Tax Deed sale. She has sent the letters to the owners and has published the property in the newspaper. There have been signed certified mail returns from the owners and the bank notifying them of the sale. Ann wants a motion to allow her to sell the property. Discussion on the process proceeding with this sale.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to direct the Treasurer to proceed with a public tax deed sale on property RPS01000125T0A. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Note: Treasure complied with state law. Chairman Wood read the Tax Deed into the record. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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1:30pm Prosecutor Contract – Matt Pember

Clerk Farnworth presented the contract for the interim prosecutor, Matt Pember. Chairman Wood discussed an earlier conversation with Matt. Clerk Farnworth said she had talked with Matt and suggested that the Commissioners come to a permanent solution for a new Prosecuting Attorney. Discussion on the Republican Central Committee's attempt to find a qualified candidate for appointment. The Committee was unable to find a candidate for appointment from Lincoln County. Discussion on other options to contract out for a prosecutor. Discussion on a contracted annual salary. Clerk Farnworth will contact public defenders and other counties to apply and request a resume for consideration to the position. Discussion that the District Judge should be included in the process for hiring. Discussion on the contract for Matt Pember.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to sign the agreement for legal services for Matt Pember, Attorney at Law. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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

1:45pm Planning & Zoning Administrator Salary

Clerk Farnworth discussed the pay grade approved last meeting was under the salary amount of an equivalent employee who was certified, not department head, and that Cindi had one more year of employment with the County. She presented the Commissioners a rate increase for Cindi Sievers to a step 3 level pay from step 2 passed at the last meeting. Discussion on the amount increased from step 2 to step 3. Discussion if the formula for step level pay should be changed. Discussion to evaluate on an individual case by case.

Chairman Wood made a motion to allow the Clerk to put Cindi Sievers at the step 3 level P&Z Administrator at \$14.82 per hour. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Old Business discussion.

Discussion on the SISW building at the transfer station and budget for next year.

Discussion on tax assessment increase with Assessor Linda Jones.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes for May 28, 2019 as corrected. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion; added minor wording to subject matter. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the June 3, 2019 accounts payable for \$7,923.72. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:26pm 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;

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Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman Wood, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

3:42pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes

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Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cindi Sievers", written over a horizontal line.

Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk