

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

May 28, 2019

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

10:42am Chairman Wood opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Sheriff King discussed the money from the sale of surplus guns, \$2,000, and the amount he expended, \$2,017. He asked if the funds from the sale could be transferred to the expense fund for reimbursement. Discussion.

Chairman Wood talked about the conversation with Ann Parker regarding the trees at the fairgrounds. There are tree limbs that are hanging low to the ground making it hard to mow and kids are starting to swing on them. It would be a good idea to have them trimmed up. Commissioner Hubert also mentioned the trees at the Care Center and that it the County's responsibility to trim those trees as well.

10:47am Commissioner Hubert made a motion to have a tree trimming company come to trim the trees at the Courthouse, Care Center, and Fairgrounds. Chairman Wood seconded. Discussion, it would be a safety matter to remove the fallen limbs and to get a bid. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:50am Canvass May 21st Election

The two elections held on May 21, 2019 were the Minidoka School Bond and Richfield Highway District Commissioner.

Chairman Wood moved to accept the abstract of votes, reading the canvass certificate for Minidoka Joint School District #331 Bond into the record. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the abstract of votes, reading the canvass certificate for the Richfield Highway District Commissioner into the record. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

11:00am Code Enforcer Discussion

Present: Jerry Heimerdinger, Dave Guthrie, Mark Kime, Lyle Towne, Travis Brownlee, Tony Owens, Representatives for Lincoln County Highway Districts.

Chairman Wood stated that the previous administration's ability to have deputies enforce the ordinances set by Lincoln County didn't have time to educate and write tickets. Sheriff King stated that he should be able to put deputies on task to enforce the ordinances. His opinion is that a code enforcer would not be necessary at this time.

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Tony has been making calls on water ordinance issues for his district. He stated there are more than just water citations. There are other violations that are just as important to have monitored.

Chairman Wood discussed the other ordinances such as load cover on trucks, dogs at large, and burns. She asked the attendees for their opinion.

Discussion on how issues faced by Highway Districts other than water on the roads.

Tony Owens said that he has seen the calls responded to by the LCSD, but no tickets seem to be issued. Discussion on the fine amounts for citations.

Chairman Wood discussed the need for a code enforcer to enforce the many issues not being addressed at this time. Safety is another element to add to the discussion. Discussion on whether or not to have a code enforcer needing to be POST certified.

Tony said by having a code enforcer dedicated to enforcing the ordinances being violated, that it would take some of the prioritizing away from the LCSD.

Clerk Farnworth said that if the County were to set up a position that does not have to be POST certified; they could make the job similar to the P&Z Administrator. Discussion on what would be offered by hiring a new person or using the current LCSD for the job. Clerk Farnworth speaks to the concerns of the Highway Dist. and that having a person dedicated to the issues would allow them to travel and monitor and catch issues better. Chairman Wood agrees to having a dedicated person looking for violations and being able to make the call to give a citation.

Discussion what funds have been budgeted for by the Highway Dist. for a code enforcer.

Chairman Wood said that this is the time to set aside funds for next fiscal year's budget and then address in October whether to hire for the position. The LCSD would be able to work this into the schedules now, but this may be a position needed to be fulltime at some time going forward. Discussion on how long will the funding for this position be funded, and whether by the LCSD or assisted funding with the Highway Dist. Discussion on how much it would cost to hire a fulltime person to do the job and how much the Highway Dist. would budget to contribute to the position.

11:43am Lawn Contract – Jarret Gray

Chairman Wood discussed the contract for lawn care for the courthouse. Jarret stated that there are no changes from last year's contract. Commissioner Ellis discussed the fairground snow removal. Jarret said he talk to the City regarding the snow removal and how it was put in the way of the sidewalk. Jarret and the City worked out a resolution to the issue. Discussion on the maintenance yard for snow removal. Jarret is going to get his background check done so he will be able access it.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to continue with the courthouse lawn and snow removal by Jarret Gray for \$14,840.00. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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Jarret said the next invoice will be a little higher because he had to make repairs to the sprinkler system.

11:50am Payson Reese for the Community Center Generator

Payson handed the Commissioners a quote from Magic Valley for the generator to be installed. The scope of work was discussed to get the generator in place. Discussion on the grant for \$10,000 to install the generator. Clerk Farnworth said this expense was not put in this year's budget. Discussion on which fund could be used to fund the generator to be used in the case of an emergency in the County. Discussion where it will be placed at the Community Center. Everything is in the bid except the concrete pad and gas piping.

11:57am Commissioner Elis made a motion to except the bid for the generator for the Community Center. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion on where to purchase the tank for propane. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

12:00pm Chairman Wood adjourned for lunch.

1:05pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

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

1:10pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to deny case #2019038 as not indigent. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the beverage license for Friday's Market LLC, in Richfield ID. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes for May 20, 2019 with one change in the price of the modification on shotguns, and Emergency Meeting of May 23, 2019 as presented. C Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the May 28, 2019 claims for \$6,931.17. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Discussion on the claim for monthly reimbursement for Rick Ellis on the county cell phone reimbursement. Clerk Farnworth reminded Commissioner Ellis of the liability of having county business on his personal phone. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

1:20pm Old Business

Clerk Farnworth reported that the Grant from the Public Defense Commission was approved.

BLM property transfer

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Received a letter on the BLM transfer of land. Advertisement was done on May 13th by the BLM. Discussion on the acreage that was removed from the request. We requested 20 acres and the total will now be 13.7 acres. Review of the terms of the agreement. The approval can be finalized by July 19th for \$10 per acre.

The Care Center can be used as a secondary facility for an emergency in case of a disaster in the County. The Care Center has sent the information to Region IV to start the application for the FEMA Grant. Region IV is helping with this.

RFQ and RFP documents have been posted on Lincoln County Facebook and in the Times News. Discussion where else to post the forms.

Discussion on the Doctors nominations for SCPHD Medical Consultant. This has the information with all the Doctors' qualifications for consideration.

1:30pm P&Z Administrator Salary

Clerk Farnworth presented the proposed salary. Discussion on the grade level to start.

1:38pm Commissioner Ellis made a motion for change of status for Cindi Sievers wage increase to 14.41 level 2 as Planning & Zoning Department Head and the .50 Chief Deputy wage for the Clerk. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion she will be going to step 3 in October. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Mary Davidson addressed the Commissioners on a Class A permit and the Building Permit to a current state for the Zoning Ordinance. This will be published twice and there will be a copy of the ordinance in the Clerk's office. The public hearing will be on the June 17th Planning & Zoning meeting.

4:44pm Haffner's – Door Locks

Clerk Farnworth has concerns because of the turnover of employees. She has discussed with the Sheriff and Dave, maintenance, that we put in key pads for the front and back doors. discussion on the cost.

1:45pm Chairman Wood made a motion to put in the key code pads for the front and back doors. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Discussion because of the employee turnover in the past few months. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood had a discussion with the Central Republican Committee to inform them what the Commissioners had to do and the Statute that supported the decision to appoint an interim Prosecutor. The Committee said they have posted that they were taking applications for Prosecuting Attorney. Discussion on the timeline for the Committee to do their due diligence.

1:53pm SCPH Board of Health Appointments

Chairman Wood read into the record the letter and nominees. Discussion on the nominees from Cassia County and Camas County.

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Chairman Wood made a motion to cast the vote to Pam Jones, Camas County, and Bob Kunau, Cassia County to sit on the Board. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:09pm Neher Park Discussion

Chairman Wood asked if anyone would come to the meeting on May 30th and support the Neher Park project. Chairman Wood has spoken to many supporters of the project. She spoke about what will be discussed at the meeting by the volunteers who will be presenting what their contribution to the park would be. Discussion on grants that may be awarded for the improvements. This meeting will be streamed live online. Discussion on the money that was paid by 4 Bros.' fine and was to be used for recreation, this money in part is what is being used for the Neher Park project. Discussion on the property and the history of the land. In addition, a Neher Family support letter will be presented at the meeting.

2:30pm Schedule Post Drilling for house numbering – Emergency 911

Mary Davidson spoke to the Commissioners about the way to organize placing the posts for the house numbering. She suggests to meet with Casey Kelly, Shoshone Fire Chief, to implement a plan to put the posts at each home. Discussion on the direction of installation and the placement of the posts. Rick Ellis will attend the meeting as the Commissioner Representative with the Fire Chief, Mary, and Cindi for organizing the post placement.

2:47 Board reports

Commissioner Hubert reported on the Solid Waste meeting that will be held in Lewiston. Discussion on possible recycling in Lincoln County.

Chairman Wood reported on SIRCOM. They had a resignation for Director and had previously lost a Deputy Director. They need to fill these positions. Discussion on qualifications for the positions.

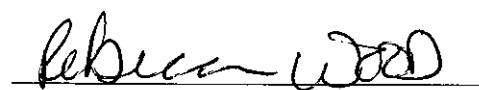
Dave Davidson reported on the maintenance yard; water/septic tanks have been pumped; roof repair is finished. The rain gutters still need to be installed. Discussion on the other things that should be done at the maintenance yard.

Dave is going to get the supplies to start making the repairs to the cook shack at the ball field.

3:24pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

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Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk