

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Board of Equalization

June 24, 2019

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

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

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to move the Board of Equalization after 4:00pm. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Good faith reason to allow the Assessor to have the property tax roll ready and if anyone wants to appeal. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

9:38am Chairman Wood took the Board out of BOE and into the regular meeting.

Regular Meeting

June 24, 2019

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

9:39am Commissioner Ellis made a motion to pay the June 24, 2019 accounts payable for \$33,558.89. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion on Phillips insurance reimbursement. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the minutes for June 17, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on the removal of the decking in Richfield.

10:00am District Court Budget Review

Judge Wildman, Shelli Tubbs present.

Clerk Farnworth presented the proposed budget for FY 2020. Shelli stated there is a District fund for a court interpreter that may be used. Discussion on the salaries and other lines. Judge Wildman discussed the change of the Law Clerk from Jerome County to Blaine County and having Lincoln County pay a portion of the Law Clerk's wages. Discussion on the Law Library and the cost.

Commissioner Hubert asked about the ADA compliance report the Supreme Court had the Counties send them. Discussion about the Supreme Court attaining Bruce Adelson's services to examine the 5th District Court's courthouses and their ADA compliance.

Shelli gave an update from the Supreme Court and the meetings for Commissioners. An ISP Officer is offering free vulnerability assessments for safety for courthouses in the District. He

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will give suggestions to keep staff, judges, and others safe. Chairman Wood stated that would be very helpful now and for the future building options.

10:30am SIRCOMM & Zuerkers

Chairman Wood had to reschedule the meeting because of the personnel changes with SIRCOMM; she was unable to put the meeting together.

Sheriff King is in communication with someone from Zurerkers. He also wants to know if he can move forward with ICRMP for the Sheriff's policy manual. Discussion on the budget, and whether he can do it in this fiscal year. Discussion on a new hire.

11:00am Prosecutor Applications

Clerk Farnworth presented the applications she had received. She suggests the Commissioners to come up with questions to ask the applicants for the interviews. There are 3 applicants. Discussion and review on the applications. Chairman Wood wants the applicants to sign a background check agreement. Discussion on the date to hold the interviews.

11:15am Public Defender Grant Letter

Clerk Farnworth made a small change to the letter adding a sentence at the end of the letter. She read the sentence into the record.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to allow the Commissioners sign the grant questions and application. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence

PILT Summary amount \$931,768. This is for 585,251 acres. Clerk Farnworth said that Counties were advised to consider 80% of that amount. Discussion.

Draft for contract for dog impound and transportation by Suzie Peterson.

11:30am Code Enforcer – Highway Districts

Present: Jerry Heimerdinger, Scott Zimmer, Lyle Towne, Dietrich Highway District; David Guthrie, Richfield Highway District; Mark Kime, Shoshone Highway District.

Chairman Wood read the proposed budget for a Code Enforcer. She asked the attendees what was discussed at their Board meetings. Dave, Richfield, said they discussed the position and they discussed the same amount that was in last year's budget of \$4,500. No amount has been set. Jerry from Dietrich asked the Sheriff how much time has been spent by his deputies on calls. He said the deputies are responding to calls for water on the roads. Discussion on the hours and calls made. Discussion on the complaints from the farmers and the fines. Dietrich Highway's opinion is that this is the Sheriff Department's responsibility. Sheriff King stated the only time a deputy is responding is because of a call out from SIRCOMM. Mark Kime discussed there are year-round issues that could justify a Code Enforcer. Jerry stated Dietrich is not on board with supporting a Code Enforcer.

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Commissioner Hubert asked what is the Highway District's response on water on the road and dollar amounts for repairs to the roads from the damage. Mark Kime, Shoshone, is in support of the Code Enforcer. Discussion on budgets with the County and Highway Districts.

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

1:30pm Chairman Wood reconvened the 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.

1:55pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion in case #2019039 to approve. Chairman Wood seconded. Two Vote Aye, One Vote Nay, motion carried.

2:00pm Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with City of Shoshone for the Modular Trailer
Commissioners reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding.

Commissioner Elis made a motion to sign the MOU between the City of Shoshone and Lincoln County to place the modular trailer at the maintenance yard for use as EMS quarters. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Clerk Farnworth presented a letter of complaint to Chairman Wood. C Chairman Wood read the letter into the record. She will talk to the person and

Chairman Wood discussed the update from the working lunch at the Care Center. There are residents. There are 26 employees from the 51 that live in Lincoln County. They are currently working on hiring more which will bring them to full staff. Grant is moving forward for the addition and remodel to add four bedrooms and enhance existing. Discussion on the grants and Region IV Development. Region IV is working closely with the Care Center to help with the grants.

2:15pm Commissioner Hubert made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the beverage licenses for Iron Horse, Johnny's Country Store, Valley Coop #3125 & #3414, Shaw Merc, and Eagles Nest. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:19pm Small Community Air Service Development (SMCADC) Program.

This program is trying to add an airline to the area from Twin Falls to Denver. SkyWest Airlines is trying to get a grant. They are wanting a letter of support from the Commissioners. Discussion on the letter.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to sign a letter of support to the SMCADC. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Old Business discussion

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3:00pm Budget Review Coroner

Clerk Farnworth and Mike Piper, Coroner, presented the proposed budget for FY 2020. Discussion on the dues for National and County Coroner. Discussion on the budget lines. Discussion on the improvements and updates to the equipment and services for the Coroner's job. Discussion on the need for transportation for the deceased.

Clerk Farnworth presented a draft for the Mutual Aide Coroners Agreement with Lincoln County and Gooding County. Discussion on the draft. Mike will look at it and get back to the Commissioners to finish the agreement.

Discussion on the current wage and the insurance. Mike stated that his deduction from the insurance reimbursement is taking too much from his wages. Discussion on how this is calculated.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to gross up the wage for the insurance reimbursement for all employees affected. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion with Sheriff King whether the Search & Rescue ambulance could be used by the Coroner to transport the body. He will see what can be done. There is a different vehicle that possibly could be used.

3:35pm Department heads, Elected Officials, and Emergency Services

Payson Reese updated the Commissioners on the concrete pad for the generator at the Community Center. He is working with Region IV to make the Community Center an emergency shelter in the event of a County disaster. He has a meeting in Pocatello he will attend for Fire.

Discussion on Arts in the Park in July. He is getting calls from vendors and expects to have about 50 booths.

Sheriff King gave an update for his department. He is working on getting back to full staff. He is down two deputies.

Cindi gave an update on Planning & Zoning. There will not be any hearings for July; it will be a work session.

Discussion on the Prosecutor's office having to be a contracted position since there are no applicants that qualify to be appointed into office.

Linda Jones reported on her office. A Richfield resident sold a property and there are problems with the property lines in that area. She is working to resolve is issue. Her employees are doing well. She has two new employees and they are very good at the jobs they are hired for. She said she has to update her property maps and has created her own map book process to keep them current.

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Clerk Farnworth has been interviewing for an Elections Deputy. She had quite a few applications to choose from and will hire someone soon.

Coroner Mike Piper is going to a training for certification in Las Vegas in July. This is being paid by a grant. The technology is being updated by being online for most of his reports.

4:00pm Timecard discussion

Linda Jones and Sheriff King has had difficulty with the software. The software for clocking in and out, if missed, is being a time-consuming process. The time to clock in has also been a problem for her department. Sheriff King has deputies who, when called out, are not always able to clock in or out when they are responding to calls.

Clerk Farnworth says that paper timecards are not efficient. Discussion on the process using the online timeclock system.

4:15pm Ambulance Grant Pay

Clerk Farnworth presented claims for the CHEMS Grant and the CHEMS Grant Budget.

The Commissioners have to make a decision on the consulting fees. There is a budget line for County handling fees. She wants to know who will receive the fees. Discussion on setting up the Grant funds and Clerk Farnworth's time to administrate the grant. She has discussed this with Matt Pember, legal counsel for the County. Matt said that he did not have any reasons not to be able to pay Clerk Farnworth for her work done handling the grant finances from the grant funds. The fund has to be spent this week form the federal side of the grant. Discussion on the fund and the grant fees that have to be paid out, or we will miss out on some of the grant money. Chairman Wood is calling Marc Essary regarding the CHEMS Grant. Marc stated that Lincoln County is the only county with grants to pay for the program. Discussion on the \$4,000 handling fee for clerical help. Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Hubert discussed having an elected official receive funds. Chairman Wood will contact ICRMP and discuss the issue and see what is legal. Clerk Farnworth stated \$500 would cover any county supplies expense used. Marc said that Clerk Farnworth would be the person who is responsible for making sure the grant is being handled properly.

4:30pm Chairman Wood made a motion to submit and pay the claim for the handling fee of \$4,000. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to pay the CHEMS Grant accounts payable for \$5,491.08. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood adjourned the regular meeting and opened the Board of Equalization.

Linda Jones provided the Commissioners a report with the Assessment Valuation. The assessed value for the County is \$294,377,810.00. Discussion on the property assessments.

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4:33pm Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Net Market value for \$294,377,810.00 assessed value. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

No appeals on assessment have been filed.

4:35pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

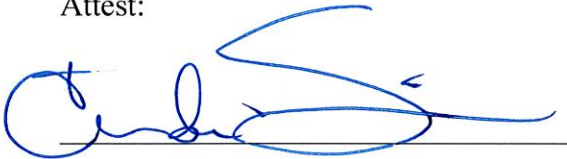
Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk