

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting

June 17, 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.

Chairman Wood is going to move up the Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA). Roy Prescott was unable to come to the meeting. In his stead is Katie Hanks. for a request of funds for \$1,000. Last year's request was \$500. Because of the increase in cost for insurance and maintenance for equipment, the request is for \$1,000. The counties included in the Notch Butte RFPA are Minidoka, Gooding, Lincoln, and Jerome. Update was given for the RFPA; they assist in fire prevention and helped suppress fires before BLM could respond.

Claims & Minutes

**Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes for June 10, 2019 as corrected. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Added a statement to tax discussion on Ag land, and spelling for SIRCOMM. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the June 17, 2019 accounts payable for \$45,415.22. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Discussion on a late charge on one invoice and Archibald Roofing invoice and roofing pictures. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to amend the amount by holding Archibald Roofing for \$2,480.00 until finding out about the photos on the Care Center roof and the \$26.00 late fee. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

10:10am Correspondence

NACO questionnaire and a delegate for Lincoln County for the conference discussion.

Old Business

Neher Park update. Craig Gill will fix the road at no charge after gravel is delivered. Discussion on the conversation with one of the adjoining residents.

Discussion on the gravel pit and the boundaries. Chairman Wood will investigate.

Discussion on the IAC conference attended last week. Discussion on the bill passed on Medicaid Expansion.

10:30am Sheriff's vehicles and server

Sheriff King discussed the software for Computer Arts and Zuerkers for the sheriff's department case reporting and civil processing. Chairman Wood discussed the SIRCOMM view that all counties should be on the same software. Discussion on the cost of the software providers.

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Discussion on having 5 vehicles verses 6. This will add savings on cost for fuel and maintenance. Sheriff King is looking to update the vehicles in next year's budget. He's exploring another company to lease vehicles. Discussion on the cost to lease new vehicles. Discussion on the terms of the leases and trade-in options.

### 10:50am Budget Review – Probation

Clerk Farnworth and Linda Boguslawski are here to discuss the FY 2020 budget. Clerk Farnworth presented the proposed budget. Discussion on the salaries. The current position started in-between step 1 & 2. Discussion on Linda's salary and the responsibility involved. She wants to discuss an increase in scale for her position. Discussion on the other line items. Discussion on the projects done by persons on probation; road cleanup and community garden.

### 11:05am Public Defense Update – Brianne McCoy

Clerk Farnworth presented a letter for the contract for public defenders. Discussion on the contract for the public defender. Clerk Farnworth wants to have the new public defender help with finalizing the contract. Discussion on the job description of the Public Defense coordinator. Clerk Farnworth read into the record the job description for that person. She wants to expand that position to 10 hours instead of 5. Discussion on the budget for public defense. Brianne wants to revise the job description in response to the grant.

New standards and the new rules discussion. Brianne would like the Commissioners to be involved in the meetings and have a representative in attendance at the meetings. She addresses things that should be budgeted for in expenses that may occur for the Public Defender.

There is a \$25,000 grant given to counties for a public defender. An additional \$25,000 grant to counties that have an office in-house to run the office. This can be used for wages. Discussion on how this could work for Lincoln County.

### 11:30am Budget Review – Auditor and Elections

Clerk Farnworth presented her Auditor's proposed budget for FY 2020. Discussion on lines that have been increased because of the increase in office supplies and toner; a large portion in used by the toners for the office equipment. There is a vendor who offers pricing for toner to participating members on a State level. She is looking into this. Salaries have gone down because of the move of positions and jobs.

Discussion on Election budget. Clerk Farnworth wants to start the new hire at 30 hours. Fiscal year 2020 will be a full election year. There will be a Presidential Primary in March next year. This makes the election cost go up. Discussion on the other line items. Discussion on the State funded money to the county. Clerk Farnworth wants to increase the budget for equipment that may help decrease costs in the future to run an election.

Discussion on the new credit cards with Ireland Bank. There are issues with making payments directly to a branch for payment. Therefore, there will not be receiving cards from that bank.

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3:00pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting. Commissioner Ellis had to leave for another appointment.

Closing the Courthouse on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Jones discussed the holiday happening on Thursday this year. She believes having the long weekend would allow employees to get away for the holiday. Joining the conversation is Clerk Farnworth, Mary Davidson, and Ann Youts. Discussion that county residents may also be out for the holiday and business would be slow.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to close the Courthouse on Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> paid. Chairman Wood seconded. Discussion on the cost of payroll to the County. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

The Commissioners called Marc Essary regarding the ambulance being parked and plugged in at the parking lot and may be a hazard to the public parking area. Discussion; the reason being that the modular trailer was being moved into the maintenance yard and EMS would not be able to get the ambulance in and out of the yard.

Discussion on SIRCOMM software and the Sheriff's opinion to use Computer Arts. SIRCOMM is waiting for the new director to start.

Clerk Farnworth said Shoshone School District will be having a bond election in August.

3:15pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.


Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk