

Lincoln County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2019

**Present: Chairman Rebecca Wood, Commissioner Roy Hubert,
Commissioner Richard Ellis. Clerk Brenda Farnworth for Minutes.**

9:30am Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(No recording of this meeting due to technical difficulties)

Discussion on the scoring sheet for the architect selection. Each Commissioner should score separately and turn in to Clerk Farnworth for tally. After all the interviews they will all be totaled and shared.

Claims & Minutes

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the payables for July 8, 2019 for \$135,857.93. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Magic Valley Electric bid for the Community Center Generator is not in the claims and needs to be paid today. A motion was made last meeting to pay. Clerk will add after the meeting. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the minutes for July 1, 2019 with additions. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting on July 3, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Discussion on the question to Richard Roats on the litigation if it should be in the minutes. No. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Old Business/Correspondence

Region IV Development planning reminder for \$969 for the budget FY2020.

County Gravel Pit; Chairman Wood dug out some of the old deeds and is struggling to find the original purchase. Discussion.

Discussion on the Code Enforcer. Should we ask the City of Shoshone if they would like to be involved?

10:00am Lincoln County 4H Community Potluck.

Mashelle Barlow requested the Commissioners purchase the chicken for the 4H potluck on Friday the 19th for the 4H kids and community. Discussion.

Chairman Wood made a motion to supply the meat for the annual 4H potluck on July 19, 2019. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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The electrical and the plumbing in the Community Center kitchen has been fixed. There was a \$500 donation from Tim and Camille Murphy from Jerome to help fix the kitchen drain.

10:07am Recommendation Letter

Stephen Phillips requested a recommendation letter from the Commissioners. Clerk Farnworth drafted a letter. Letter was read into the record.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to send the letter of recommendation for Stephen Phillips as presented for July 8, 2019. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on questions for the architect interviews.

Chairman Wood is leaving July 20th through the 27th for the National Association of Coroner certification program. She will not be at the meeting on Monday, July 22nd.

Discussion on getting a vehicle for the Coroner to transport bodies.

10:30am Representatives of US Congressional Offices

Mike Mathews, Idaho Deputy Chief of Staff for U.S. Senator Jim Risch
Samantha Marshall, Regional Director for U.S. Senator Mike Crapo
Linda Culver, Regional Director for U.S. Congressman Mike Simpson

Their visit is an annual outreach to the counties and cities. They gave a handout of contact information.

They like to be involved on the local level for comments, help or updates. We can get signed up for their newsletters on their websites. Questions or comments can be sent by email,

One of the services they provide is selling of US Flags, you can also purchase one that has flown over the capital.

They reviewed the information in the brochure. Casework is helping the County, City or individual who has problems with the Federal Government.

Discussion on PILT payment that has been received. Questioned why we were cautioned to only budget for 80% of PILT next year. It is a fight every year because we have Senators and Representatives who come from states that don't have public lands and don't understand why Counties need it. It is agreed that we need to find a permanent funding for it. Chairman Wood asked if they could share with us the PILT formula. Are they taking into consideration the variances in the larger Counties to small Counties?

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Chairman Wood brought up an issue with Union Pacific Railroad commodity stops and wondered if they had any influence. We could use one in Lincoln County and we already have the track availability. Discussion on the businesses that would utilize the commodity drop.

Discussion on the land transfer for the County transfer station, we still haven't seen the deed transferring the property. It is in the registry and should be completed this month.

We may be looking for a recreational permit from BLM to access a piece of their property connected to the Neher Park. Discussion.

There is a lot of bi-partisan support going for health insurance and controlling prescription drug costs. They were marking up bills in the Senate Judiciary and the finance committee just before the 4th of July recess.

Treasurer Youts asked if they were building the wall. Yes, it is being funded by a re-allocation of funds from the federal homeland security.

Discussion on Social Security and it's viability. Discussion on the different variables that go into the fund and payouts . There is some good information on how's and why of the fund and they will get us that.

11:00am Prosecutor selection

Chairman Wood mentioned that it has been a struggle for her, we had two very good candidates.

Discussion on the qualifications and answers to questions during the interview.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to hire Amanda Wright as Prosecutor for Lincoln County. Commissioner Ellis seconded.

Discussion on qualifications for his reasons. Chairman Wood gave her points in favor of Richard Roats. Commissioner Ellis gave his points in favor of Amanda Wright. Deysi Garcia, Chief Court Deputy gave her opinion in favor of Richard Roats. Brenda Farnworth reminded the Commissioners that a candidate for election has to live in the County for a year prior to being on the ballot as an elected official for the position. Linda Jones, Assessor and Ann Youts, Treasurer gave their opinions in favor of Richard Roats.

Chairman Wood called for a vote; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Commissioner Ellis, aye; Chairman Wood, nay. Motion passes.

Discussion on the contract terms that would be offered. Amanda offered \$55,000, which is covered by the budget. She only offered that for 20 hours a week. Discussion on the hours required for the job. Contract should state that Lincoln County would be given priority and she will spend the required hours to do so. Chairman Wood will call Matt Pember and have him draw up a contract and offer Amanda the job.

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11:30am Medical Consultant Board of Health Ballot

Commissioners each had to vote again for the Medical Consultant for the Board of Health for South Central Public Health District.

Discussion on questions for architects.

Discussion on the repairs at the Community Center kitchen.

No indigent business today.

11:55am Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:00pm Chairman Wood re-convened the meeting to the Courtroom for Architect interviews.

Colby Ricks and Kendall Mattson, architect in training, from Laughlin Ricks Architects here to present and interview.

Colby went through the process he has been through with Lincoln County starting two years ago during discussions of remodel to a new Courthouse on different properties. He likes the location and the activity of the current Courthouse and feels it is the best place. They are willing to remodel or build new, whatever Lincoln County wants.

Existing rock foundation and current roof are known issues. He has found that modernizations and remodels always come in more expensive than building new.

They have looked at lead paint, asbestos and mold remediation. They are difficult issues to deal with. They would review all the remediation opportunities.

They propose to work with AHJ Engineers and Noesis. Discussion on details of the proposed project. It's important to get the budget set correctly to incorporate unforeseen problems.

They propose to remove the concrete vault in the center of the building, they feel it wouldn't be safe during an earthquake. They will add in new interior walls and insulation and new windows.

Colby feels their strongest asset is his experience. He has done a lot of modernizations during his previous employment, probably 75%. He gave some examples including some projects in downtown Twin Falls.

He recommends using a Construction Manager/General Contractor on the project.

Colby feels his weakness is he has never designed a courthouse or judicial building, mostly office buildings.

He has been on or under budget 95% of the time. He typically uses a 5% contingency on remodels and 3% on new. This project he proposes to use 10%.

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He has never been dropped from a project.

He has done remodels on 10 different buildings in Twin Falls that are from the 1900 era.

He feels they have adequate staff for the current project. Colby is the only architect, but has 4 people in the firm and they are busy.

Colby will be the main contact with Kendall as backup. The Cassia County School District was impressed with their on site involvement. That's the benefit of being close, to be able to work one on one.

Best skill is he has done construction work which helps him to know how to design to the work that needs to be done.

His greatest accomplishment is doing a good job and being rehired.

His biggest change order was from some asbestos found in a job site which was \$5,000.

Colby thinks they can get preliminary plans and estimates in 4 weeks if they worked with Starr Corporation.

If asked to do only ½ of the project, he would as long as it was the same GM/CM for both.

They will try to preserve as many historical features as they can.

2:10pm Myers Anderson Construction

They have brought a team of three architects together for this project: Jerry Myers, Steve Trout, Historical Preservationist, and Ben Leadford who is experienced in Judicial buildings and need and space requirements. They propose to work with AHJ Engineers on the project.

The reasons they came together on this project is because of their common background. Steve has in-depth knowledge and experience in historical preservation. Having 3 architects on the project would be great for quality control as they can discuss options together for the best outcome. They would work with the community and stakeholders, looking at different approaches and all options and challenges together. Ben would lead on the annex with his experience in judicial buildings and Steve would lead on the existing courthouse. Jerry would manage overall.

They want to do what is best for the district and the community. Efficient, cost effective and highly functional. They have been involved in this project for a long time and would like to see it to completion. They feel there is tremendous potential to respect and preserve the past.

The project approach was reviewed. They feel having a GM/GC is vital because they can do the bidding and the County won't just have to take the lowest bidder, but they will be responsible to keep the project in budget.

Jerry presented some renovation and addition projects they have completed.

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Jerry feels they can meet the required project objectives to meet the September 16 bond definition date to go to the ballot in November.

Jerry feels their strongest asset is that they have a team of true professionals with approximately 40 years of experience between them in renovation and preservation. They have a dual element of strong backgrounds of judicial buildings and they work well together. They want to make a difference in communities.

Weakness is that they get too passionately involved and heavily engaged in projects. They truly love restoring and preserving historical buildings.

Jerry feels the skill that has served him best is communication. Take a problem and solve it.

Steve feels the skill that has served him best is listening and converting what he hears into action. He likes to be involved in the construction because he has a background in construction so he knows what they need. He loves saving incredible buildings.

Ben has a broad variety of interests, all together in architecture. He likes doing hospitals because of the technical challenges.

They have staff and time. Steve has 3 on his team ready to go. Myers is busy, but has a window opening based on another project that can't get their funding, so the timing is great. He has 12 on staff to work with this project.

They feel having a GC/CM is important if you have the right one. They can better price the project and review details of bids. Benefit is they can do competitive bidding and hire the best quality, not have to take the lowest bid. They could help guide through the process of hiring a GC/CM.

Their contingency depends on the scope of the project, from 8% to 12%. They will crawl everywhere and take up floors and ceilings to find all the unknowns so they can be figured into the costs.

They have never been dropped as an architect and they frequently have return projects. Are they the architect for the Caribou County Courthouse, yes.

They have a track record of coming in on their cost estimates.

Contact person would be Jerry for consistency, but they would all be involved in all phases and can cover each other.

Jerry has done over 100, 1900 era renovations and Steve has done 50-60.

They are as close as a phone call and utilize digital functionality like GoToMeeting to have face to face meetings. They can use digital pictures to do mockups and share them in minutes. They are as close as a phone call, or in the least 2 ½ hours from Pocatello or 2 hours from Boise.

Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting back to the trailer.

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4:12pm Chairman Wood reconvened the Regular meeting.

Discussion on architect interviews.

Commissioner Hubert had concerns over the fact that Jerry Myers stated he was the architect for the Caribou County Courthouse, when he had information to the contrary. The Caribou County Clerk, Denise Horsely was contacted by phone. She said they hadn't used Myers Anderson in the last few projects on their courthouse, they do small projects as they have funds available. They contacted a small local architect firm for their last few projects. They had trouble with timeliness on a project and felt they were expensive.

Discussion.

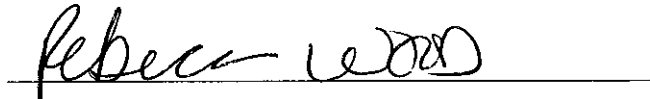
Commissioners scored the interviews and turned their scores into Clerk Farnworth.

The scores will be totaled after the final architect interview on Monday, July 15th.

4:40pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

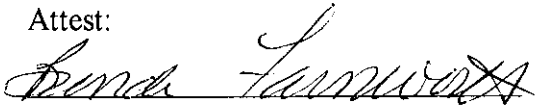
Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

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Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:

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Brenda Farnworth, Clerk