

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

August 26, 2019

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

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

Claims & Minutes

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the minutes for Aug 19,2019 as corrected on 2nd page 1st paragraph for Code Enforcer. Discussion on the decision made on who will be the entity responsible as employee under the Commissioners or under the Sheriff. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Discussion, the position will be under the direction of the Commissioners. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to pay the August 26, 2019 accounts payable for \$5,552.53. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Old Business and Correspondence

Intermountain Gas facts on fires, leaks and ruptures, etc.

Pipeline Association for Public Awareness news letter

News letter from Sally Toone Dist. 26 Representative: Medicaid expansion, college savings program, Real ID Star Card

Bozzuto's bid for carpet in Conference Room only.

10:00am Tax Cancellation

Ann Youts, Treasurer, presented a property for cancellation. Ann informed the Commissioners regarding the property and the process of trying to contact the owners. Ann wants to cancel the taxes for the second half of 2019 and all 2020 tax rolls for the trailer only on the property. It was burned down and taxes are not being paid.

Chairman Wood made a motion to cancel taxes on the mobile home that burned in January 2019 for \$93.67, second half of 2019, and \$178.00 for the 2020 taxes. Parcel #MH SS0106A. Discussion; this is for the trailer only and that the trailer was burdened and were unable to contact the owners for response. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on McRoberts property and trailer in Richfield that had been reclaimed by the Commissioners because the owner is deceased and was taken because of an indigent lien against the property.

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Public Defense Contract

Clerk Farnworth presented the contract for the Public Defense Contract.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to sign the FY2020 Indigent financed agreement for the Public Defense Contract. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Memorial Bench for E. Scott.

The parents of E. Scott would like to have a memorial bench in his honor and will donate \$500.

Chairman Wood made a motion to allow the parents of E. Scott Paul to donate \$500.00 and have a memorial bench in his honor. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Tree trimming bid. Commissioner Hubert discussed the bid from Third Day Lawn & Landscape. He has a bid from Retreats and Dreams Landscaping from Dietrich. They do have insurance up to \$2,000,000. They came to inspect and placed a bid for trimming trees before the leaves are gone. \$6,300 includes all cleanup of the cut trees. 14 trees at Care Center from \$50 to \$300 depending on the trees, 22 at the courthouse from \$50 to \$300 depending on the tree, and \$750 for the Community Center. Discussion on the lift rental and the damage to property being covered by insurance. Discussion on the trees at the Community Center.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the bid from Retreats and Dreams Landscaping for \$6,300.00 and must include complete cleanup of the grounds. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Discussion that they be responsible for any damage on the property. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

DIGB appointment for Payson Reese and Casey Kelley.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to appoint Payson Reese and Casey Kelley to represent Lincoln County on the DIGB Board. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Bond Council costs.

Discussion on the costs for Bond Council for the upcoming bond for the Lincoln County Courthouse. County Attorney Richard Roats has concerns the Bond Council may not have enough liability insurance. Richard will look into the company and get back to the Commissioners.

Board Meeting reviews

Commissioner Ellis reports:

The Fair Board did not have a quorum at the last meeting. Discussion on the carnival that did not operate during the fair because of a lack of help to run it. Suggestions to find a larger carnival which would need be guaranteed \$15,000 to bring in. Truck Pull was the biggest attraction. Rodeo was not as big this year.

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Tri-County weed has not had a meeting yet. Members are busy this time of year.

Commissioner Hubert reports:

SCPH District needs to talk to Dave about the building that WIC is using. The County was supposed to help in the maintenance and janitorial. It is only needed twice a month.

Discussion on bats in the courthouse. October or November is the soonest they can be re-located.

SISW to start on the caretaker building and pressure system at the transfer station.

The transfer station takes waste from Power County, Elko County, and Lincoln County. Quantity of waste from each County was discussed. Discussed the items from the last Solid Waste meeting.

He attended and gave an update of the last meeting for the ID Power Comp Plan.

Chairman Wood reports:

SIRCOMM update on the new hires. She contacted Sheriff King to go to the next SIRCOMM meeting. Discussion on the radios used, Zurkers software update. The Board has had many meetings, almost weekly, with all the changes. Things are looking good now and hopefully should get back to the regular monthly meetings soon.

Discussed the SIED & REDS organizations. REDS invoiced amounts were sent in error. REDS sent an email stating that the amount sent to the Commissioners was in error. It is less. SIED did not present a request for funds to the Commissioners in time for this budget. The Commissioners will look into the SIED later in the FY to see if it can be funded.

SCCA helped Richfield Sr. Center put in new heating and updated the roof covered by ID Power.

Region IV surveys were sent out by the Clerk's office. Discussion on the amount that were mailed and the percentage needed to be returned to Region IV to support Lincoln County with grants in the future.

Short report on the rest of the meetings she attended.

11:00am Laughlin Ricks Architects

Colby Ricks updated the Commissioners on his contact with Christian Anderson for the bond. Discussion about the deadlines for a November Bond.

Chairman Wood expressed her concerns of being rushed on the timeline for a bond in November. September 16th is the deadline for wording to the County Clerk. Discussion on what is needed for the bond to be placed on the November ballot. Starr Corporation said they can get all the numbers together for the timeline needed. Commissioner Hubert wants to move forward with a November election. This would allow us to start construction earlier next year. Clerk Farnworth discussed her concerns with the floor plans. CA, Richard Roats is concerned about the community being informed in the timeline for November. Discussion on where community

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meetings would be held. Discussion on the things needed to be done to get the bond on the November Ballot.

Colby Ricks discussed the cost of construction and if there are changes made to the buildings and delay of construction the changes would affect the cost of the project.

Discussion with Chris Halladay, structural engineer from AJH Engineers, regarding the upgrades needed to the existing courthouse to renovate. Discussion on work to the ceiling and the roof to decrease the work needed on the interior of the building. Discussion bringing steel columns to support the exterior walls. An evaluation was done on the entire building by the structural engineer. Discussion on keeping the vaults in the courthouse. Keeping them is part of the design. Discussion that the report is based on the deficiencies and the final repair will be discussed as it is apparent to make the design changes as needed and stays close to the original design. Discussion on strengthening the ceiling joists and the roof trusses.

Discussion that the new building will be a category 4 and the existing courthouse as a category 2. These categories are based on the work done by employees and the use of the building.

Colby presented the preliminary plans for review for the renovation and new building. Discussion on the layout for the renovation and annex.

12:00pm Adjourned the meeting for lunch at the Care Center.

1:00pm Chairman Wood reconvened the meeting.

There is no Indigent for discussion.

Clerk Farnworth presented a \$500.00 donation from the Idaho Prosecutors Association for Lost – N – Lava in memory of E. Scott.

Discussion for a donation from the County for IAC Conference auction.

Discussion on the Budget Hearing for today; 6:00pm at the Community Center. Discussed talking points for the budget's question and answer portion of the hearing.

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

1:49pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

1:50pm Oversight Committee, Julia Oxarango-Ingram

Julia had done some research on the oversight committee. She spoke to the Commissioners about the decisions made by them regarding the renovation. She wants to address the Commissioners about the companies hired for the project of the renovation and annex. She has been involved with the courthouse and its preservation since she moved here years ago. She would like to see an advisory committee for the renovation. An oversight committee is more geared toward Federal Government. She would like to see a committee with an extensive and

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broad range of experience to be sure the most effective way is used in the project of the renovation until completed. She wants to see the public made aware of how the decision are being made for the project, and bring resources to the project to make sure the Commissioners are informed for the decisions they are making. Cindi Sievers, also a previous Advisory Committee member, discussed the portion of the meeting earlier with the architect and engineer. Cindi was comfortable with the way this project is going and that the concerns from the Advisory Committee were addressed. She felt comfortable in the way this project is going.

Chairman Wood would like Julia to put together a list of professionals who could be available for questions and input for the project. Commissioner Hubert addressed Julia's concerns and felt the need for an additional committee would not be needed. Chairman Wood was hoping for more information from Julia for the committee. However, due to the lack of information moving forward with this project, she feels an additional committee would not be needed at this time. They could keep the public informed of the renovation which could include a webpage on the County's website with information on the project and its progress.

Chairman Wood asked the other Commissioners if there was a group of professionals who were available to offer suggestions, what would it look like.

Commissioner Ellis feels that the professionals they have hired is competent in doing the job. Commissioner Hubert has confidence in Colby Ricks doing the job.

2:23pm Elected Officials, Department Heads, and Emergency Services.

Payson Reese presented his report to the Commissioners and informed them of his meetings and discussed the upcoming events.

Linda Boguslawski, Probation, reported that things have been slow. She has had 3 good interviews for the job position. She gave a report that the numbers of probation are down. Part of this is the success of law enforcement working with the people. Community service is being utilized. The new person who will be hired will need to be community service oriented as well as work with people serving out their community service.

Cindi Sievers, P&Z, reported the next meeting in September will be one Conditional Use Permit and discussed some details of the application. Mary will be working with Cindi and will not be attending the monthly hearings/work sessions unless she is needed. Mary feels that Cindi is doing a good job and can conduct the meetings on her own.

Clerk's office. Brenda will be glad when setting the budget is over. She is very happy with the new person hired for Elections. The new person, Katie, is very tech savvy and has made some good suggestions getting out the information on early voting. Brenda is very pleased with the work Katie is doing. Cindi is doing good in P&Z and as Commissioner Clerk; it is a good fit.

Chairman Wood discussed the SIRCOMM training for dispatch employees. They are in need of people in dispatch.

Discussion on the McRoberts' property and trailer in Richfield. Chairman Wood inspected the trailer and reported on the damage it has. It is a buildable lot, it is approximately 70x100 feet,

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but there are no markers. She spoke to LuAnn at the City of Richfield and it does meet the buildable lot specifications. The trailer would have to be moved, then it has to be piped to cover the ditch that runs on the property. Discussion if it is auctioned or sold.

Sheriff King discussed a county vehicle that needs to be surplus; it is at the maintenance yard. He has new deputies hired. Discussion on the community event held Saturday, August 24th. The money raised from the community event will go to Suzie's non-profit for rescue animals.

2:57pm Logistics & Accuracy testing for the August 27th Bond Election.

Katie Hillin and Clerk Farnworth ran the ballot testing for the election.

The testing was successful.

3:06pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk