

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

September 16, 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 Ellis is meeting with Magic Valley and will be in later.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the September 16, 2019 accounts payable for \$14,800.31. Chairman Wood seconded. Discussion on receipts need to be presented with claims. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the September 16, 2019 Indigent accounts payable for \$12,577.50. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the minutes for September 9, 2019 as presented. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Special Meeting minutes for September 12, 2019 as corrected. Chairman Wood seconded. Discussion on wording for the term's amount. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ellis is in attendance now.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the bid for Bozzuto's 156 yd of carpet at the Community Center conference room for \$4,534.00. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Clerk Farnworth presented the tax levies for Commissioners' review. Discussion on the levies for the County.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve Lincoln County's 2019 L1 tax levies as presented. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Clerk Farnworth presented the bond language for the November election for the courthouse renovation and annex for discussion. Changes to the language are needed and will be discussed later in the meeting. County Attorney Richard Roats will contact the bond council for the changes needed.

Discussion on the Care Center repairs for a fire at a circuit breaker in the basement causing the water tank that exploded out on the sides and needed repair and replaced immediately. Discussion on the repairs made. There was an emergency need for the repairs so a verbal

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approval was made. Now there will need to be a formal approval. An investigation will be made on the rest of the building for needed repairs. The Commissioners will wait until the repair bills are in to make the motion for repairs.

Discussion on the extensive tree trimming. There was more dead and damage than expected. The progress was discussed and when the tree removal will be done.

GemPlan GP and JPA Agreements. Chairman Wood read the summary of changes to the agreements for the record.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the agreements for 2020 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion; this is for the GemPlan Trust and Joint Powers Agreements. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Old business discussion

Discussed the topics at the IAC Conference

Discussion on the conditions of the basement and the offices for the Sheriff's deputies. The environment of the basement with suspected mold is making the deputies sick. Because of this, the deputies were using the City PD for writing their reports. To remedy this, the offices have been moved in the Sheriff's Department on the main floor.

Sally Toone is on the phone to confirm the appointment to meet the Commissioners at 12:15pm Wednesday. The District 26 Representatives, Sally Toone and Muffy Davis, will be visiting Lincoln County's newer community leaders individually Wednesday September 18th in the Commissioners' trailer.

Continued discussion on the Sheriff's department office space and ideas where to make more office space for the Sheriff and Under Sheriff.

Discussion on an Animal Shelter. Suzie has ended the contract with Gooding Animal Shelter housing rescue animals. Discussion on the City and County use of an animal shelter. If created, it will be a non-profit partnership of individuals with no County involvement. Discussion how the shelter would be created and where it would be built. Discussion on grants that could be available.

County Attorney Roats presented the amended bond language. Discussion on the changes made.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve Bond Ordinance 2019-08-12 with corrections as noted, annex to be 12,000 sq. ft., total cost of the project is \$6,840,000 for the renovation the courthouse. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Difference in bonded amount is because the amount is being brought down with \$1,000,000 from the County and bond for \$5,840,000. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on public meetings for the bond. The public needs to be educated by public hearings and need to be advertised twice before holding the meetings. Discussion on the meetings; where and how many. Commissioner Hubert stated, it is the experience of the Bond Council to hold one county meeting. Colby Ricks, Architect, and Richards Roats, County Attorney, feel there

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should be one meeting in each city. Clerk Farnworth suggests 4, one in each city and one last meeting for anyone who wants to discuss any issues or concerns from previous meetings or those who were unable attend the others. Richard Roats suggests 2 per week and work around school events. Giving more people the ability to go to one of the meetings. Then have one closer to the election. Discussion. Colby Ricks, Architect, and Christian Anderson, Bond Council should be contacted.

Christian Anderson is on the phone for discussion on meeting schedule. Meetings in October Monday's and Wednesday's are the best for residents. Discussion when Christian has open on his schedule and on timing and place of the meetings.

Colby Ricks is on the phone. He said he needs two weeks for the drawings and his suggestion is to make the meetings closer to the election. Discussion on what was discussed with Christian Anderson. Discussion on advertising the meetings in advance and getting the message out for public comment. October meetings to be held; Shoshone 21st, Dietrich 23rd, Richfield 28th, and the last back in Shoshone October 30th, for anyone who missed a meeting or want to make comment from a previous meeting. All to begin at 7:00pm. Discussion on the presentation; who will present for financial, building, legal, and how it will be advertised.

Old business discussion:

Commissioner meetings to be attended;

Parks and Recreation Grant, Chairman Wood will be meeting with someone to visit Neher Park;

Chairman Wood will call for an update regarding the LMI survey sent out for the County Block Grant;

EMS trailer Commissioner Ellis updated on the electrical and the builder;

Code Enforcer discussion on applications for interviews.

11:45am Approval for SHSP & EMPG Grants - Payson Reese, Emergency Management Services

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept and sign the EMPG 2019 grant for \$21,216.00. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept and sign the SHSP grant for \$21,970.00. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Payson gave an update on the generator at the Community Center. It will be installed tomorrow.

Correspondence:

Letter from Idaho Housing & Finance Home Partnership Foundation for annual housing challenge;

Letter from Fleet Card for gas;

Letter from Harrington Medical Savings Program;

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12:00pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting until 1:30pm for lunch.

1:30pm Chairman Wood reconvened the meeting.

Chairman Wood discussed the meetings she attended in Washington DC. She attended the NACO reception on Sunday evening. This helped to understand what to expect for the event. Monday meetings with Senators and Freshmen. She discussed the funds and facts for Lincoln County. Tuesday met the Trump Administration in a four-hour meeting and a tour of the Whitehouse. Wednesday met all day with Congressmen and Representatives for PILT discussion and briefing. She named some of the government officials who attended the meetings. They discussed the percentages in the Union that receive PILT funds.

1:45pm BLM Land Transfer – Kasey Prestwich

Cody Martin and Kasey Prestwich are here to present the land transfer for the Transfer Station. This has been a process that started in 2012. Discussion on the property markers so the fence can be installed. A concern from public meetings is the trash that could blow around. Discussion on 3 acres to be sold as a direct sale to the County from BLM to be initiated by BLM. This property is from the old county dump.

Chairman Wood read the Patent 11-2019-0069 for the land into the record.

Continued discussion on the Washington DC trip.

2:00pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for the Planning & Zoning hearing.

2:51pm Chairman Wood reconvened the meeting.

Tony Owens and Mark Kime here for the Code Enforcer discussion

Commissioners discussed the applications that have been received. There are 3 that will be contacted and an update for interviews. Tony and Mark would like to see a better selection of applicants with some qualification. A concern with local ties and not able to issue tickets to offenders they know. Discussion to keep the position open and make sure it is notes for the hourly rate per hour and the hours for part-time; placement of flyers at local businesses, post office. Discussion to interview the three that were pulled from the applications received.

3:12pm New Public Defense Coordinator (PDC) – Jared Ricks

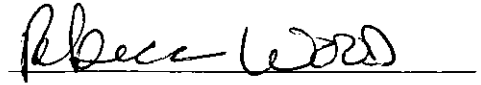
Jared introduced himself and his accomplishments. He updated them on the PDCs rules and regulations to continue to work with counties. He asked the Commissioners of concerns or questions. CH wanted to know where this is located. Jared is from Blackfoot and is working with 5th, 6th, & 7th Judicial Districts. There are two PDC for Idaho. Discussion on the public defender joint office with Jerome County. There are 4 different options under statue and any are acceptable to use. Discussion on the 4 types and how they work on a County base. To open an in-house PD office, there are stipulations that apply that make counties to take pause. Discussion on the restrictions.

3:30pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

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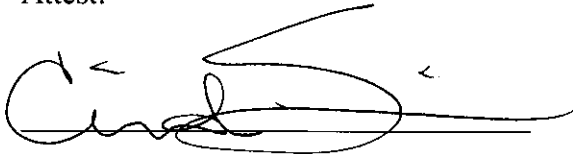
Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes

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Rebecca Wood, Chairman

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Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk