

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

October 15, 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 made a motion to pay the October 15, 2019 accounts payable for \$21,837.69. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the WA DC accounts payable for \$846.33. Commissioner Ellis seconded. For WA DC and IAC expenses. Here was a grant for \$1,000 toward the WA trip. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the minutes for October 7, 2019 as corrected for minor spelling. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion for the Suicide Prevention meeting and Community

Southern Idaho Economic Development (SIED) update with Connie Stopher and Alexa Wilhelm.

Connie updated the Commissioners on the context of the newsletter that is sent out monthly.

Discussed the video of the different places to visit in Idaho. There have been 60,000 views, and 600 shares online. Includes digital advertising for businesses that is search specific to relocate their business in the region. Discussion on the targeted demographic and the 415,000 hits.

The Pod Cast from the area was successful and will be done again and they are looking for ideas for topic.

Chairman Wood discussed the Governor's Mansion will be taking reservations for lodging again. She talked about what will be offered for the people who stay.

The Gateway Motel has 2 rooms that are available for rent for short term. It also has rooms filled that are a monthly rental.

ITD will not be petitioning for the discussion for leaving Shoshone. It may be revisited in the future.

Commissioner Hubert updated for Dietrich. The building of a new school, the city election, currently there is limited room for growth in the city.

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Chairman Wood updated that the school in Richfield is building their new gym and ag building. The C store has been getting people interested in purchasing and opening again. There is an old motel that is being remodeled as storage units and getting pods for additional storage.

Commissioners Ellis reported on new owners for Sawtooth grocery store; housing sales are going fast, that the average time for a house on the market is 9 days.

Chairman Wood stated the LMI survey did not get a good return, so volunteers are going door to door to ask the resident to complete the survey. They have to get all of the surveys back to Region IV by the end of the week. The reason is to get enough surveys back to qualify for a Block Grant.

Connie discussed prefab buildings from Madi homes. Homes can go up in 6 hours. She showed a video how the home is constructed to the Commissioners. These homes are to help with affordable homes. The homes are small in square footage.

Discussion on the housing fair losing the builder, but Angel Construction is the builder who will construct the project's homes. The group is working toward October 26th for the housing fair. Chairman Wood will have a phone meeting with the group this week. She is looking for other subdivisions in the county for future building. Chairman Wood will also look for lots in Richfield and Dietrich for an opportunity for new construction.

Alexa updated the Commissioner on REDS. Discussed the projects she is working with. Recreational opportunity discussion. Discussion on smaller communities like Dietrich and Richfield businesses for visitors to see and visit. The Commissioners discussed what is in Shoshone. There is the antique store, the museum, Mammoth Cave museum, new owners for the Ice Caves, Bear Claw store.

Discussion on the APA Planning Conference. Cindi was given a scholarship from SIED to attend the conference. She reported on the discussions from the conference and that it was a good experience to learn more about planning and network with other planning and zoning administrators.

The fee for SIED and REDS is \$5,250 for both organizations. Discussion how the fee is calculated. The fee should stay the same for next year's budget.

Discussion on the fire at Neher Park to improve the area. Working on grants to improve the park, seeding, and will close the park for the winter to preserve the grounds until spring.

10:45am Action Items

Transfer Station blue prints. Commissioner Hubert would like to get blue prints for the transfer station building and improvements for spring. Discussed the construction needs for the transfer station. Discussed if an ad for architectural services be put into the paper. Discussion to have a builder draw up plans. Discussion on the needs for construction to put in the ad.

Beverage license for the new owner for the Sawtooth Market.

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Chairman Wood made a motion to approve and sign the beverage license for Sawtooth Market. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion to waive the annual fee for meetings for Saddle Up meetings and Bingo at the Community Center. Discussion for the reason for the waiver. These are non-profit organizations and any funds raised are put it back into the community.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to waive the rental fees for Saddle Up at the Community Center. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion that all of the money goes back to local charities. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on the sale of Richfield property. Chairman Wood tried to get someone to give an appraised value but was not able to find someone to date. The Commissioners will wait for the County Attorney's advice to finish the discussion. Will table the discussion for now and discuss latter in the meeting today.

The letter from Retreats & Dreams Landscaping with their opinion for additional work on trees. Chairman Wood read the letter into the record. Chairman Wood stated that trees will be cut down for the new construction on the annex and parking for the courthouse. Commissioner Hubert feels due diligence has been done for safety and no further action is needed for now. Discussion on the fallen branches recently and the cause. Discussion on the tree removal for the renovation.

Neher Park fence bid discussion

Clerk Farnworth presented the bids to replace the fence burned at Neher Park. An adjuster has been out and the Clerk stated what the adjuster found needing to be replaced. According to the adjuster, 1720 feet of fencing was burned and \$22,000 is what will be covered to pay for fencing. Discussion on the bid that was given for the fence repairs. The adjuster tried to talk to one of the businesses who bid the project. Little cooperation was given to the adjuster. There is another business that bid the project that came in to the Clerk; discussion what needs to be in the bid. Chairman Wood will look for one more bid and talk to the 2 businesses that put in a bid.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to table the decision on the Neher Park replacement for the fence. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

11:15am Changing Chief Deputy in the Clerk's office.

Discussion on the new Chief Deputy in the Clerks office. Cindi Sievers is stepping down as chief deputy. Discussion on the new appointed Chief Deputy, Kaylee Bollar. Clerk Farnworth read into the record the duties as chief deputy from the County Policy Manual.

Correspondence:

PERSI letter for updates on law enforcements for rule of 80 for retirement. Chairman Wood read the letter into the record.

Resignation Letter from the Fair Board for Margie Mazzucchi. Chairman Wood read the resignation into the record. Discussion on the members of the Board and who would be a

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possible new member of the Board. Chairman Wood discussed the Richfield people she discussed to be appointed for 2 positions that are open.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the resignation of Margie Mazzucchi from the Fair Board as of October 5th. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion to look for new people to be on the Fair Board. There are two openings for Richfield and one for Shoshone.

List from Region IV of things that will be needed for the grant for the addition to the Care Center. Chairman Wood read the list into the record. The meeting will be October 28th. The Request For Qualifications have been requested and published. The deadline is October 28th.

Chairman Wood reported on the LMI surveys that have been done to date. Discussion how many have to be turned in to use for the qualification of the Block Grant. 51% of the 270 returned has to qualify for low to moderate income.

11:30am Handout for Bond meetings

Clerk Farnworth presented the proposed handout for discussion. It has an outline for presentation and discussion. On the back of the handout is an example how to calculate what the annual cost would be for property owners. Linda Jones, County Assessor, will go to all the meetings to help with questions at the meetings. Chairman Wood had put in on social media and has not had any negative responses. Commissioner Hubert made a comment on the negative responses he has had. Discussion on the meetings.

Linda Jones, Assessor, is having a meeting for the Farm Evaluations November 13 at 3pm at the Community Center for Ag tax assessments and will have a representative from the State present.

Discussion on the Republican Central Committee meeting.

Sheriff King came to the meeting to discuss the basement regarding mold and asbestos testing. Discussion on where to put Sheriff, Undersheriff, and new detective until the testing is done. The Commissioners want them to be out of the basement now. Discussion where space is available.

12:15pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:00pm County Policy Manual

Clerk Farnworth incorporated the ICRMP policy manual and added the County changes as discussed in previous meetings. They started at the beginning for review and discussion. Clerk Farnworth read the policy into the meeting.

2:00pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting to go into the Ambulance District.

3:00pm Chairman Wood reconvened the meeting.

Old business discussion.

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Discussion the on the football field and Shoshone School. Rob Waite, Superintendent, is very interested and has given John Larson the power to negotiate a sale or trade for the football field. John will be contacted to set up a meeting with the Commissioners for discussion.

Discussion on the bleachers at the football field. Commissioners will talk to the ag teacher as a student project for the repairs needed.

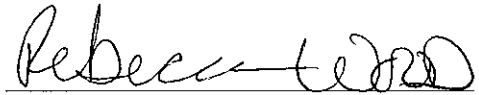
Code Enforcer position. Commissioner Ellis has spoken to possible applicants, but there has been no interest.

Discussion to set up a trailer to house the Sheriff, Undersheriff, and the detective in a modular trailer.

3:20pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk