

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

November 4, 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.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to pay the November 4, 2019 accounts payable for Indigent \$12,326.13 and County \$50,303.06. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion on County amount and Indigent amount. The EMS quarters construction invoice will be pulled out until it is finished. Discussion on Hope for the Hungry rent amount. Will make a new motion for corrected amount for County at \$35,323.06. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to pay the County accounts payable for \$35,323.06. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes for October 28, 2019 as corrected. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Correct Commissioner name. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes for October 30, 2019 as corrected. Chairman Wood seconded. Discussion adding the good faith reason. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Sheriff King present to discuss keeping the Dodge Caravan and amend the lease from a 3 to a 5 year lease and lower the buyout to \$1.00.

Sheriff King wants to surplus unused equipment from the trucks that are being returned for new leased trucks. Gooding City Police department is interested in purchasing the equipment for \$200.00. Discussion; the surplus is under \$250.00 therefore no resolution is needed. He can offer the equipment to Gooding City Police.

Sheriff King presented the lease for new trucks for review. Discussion on the amount of the lease. Six trucks total with one on a \$1.00 buyout and the rest on a staggered lease return so they are not all due for return at the same time. There is a 30,000 mileage per year for each vehicle in the contract. The 6 vehicles being returned are ¾ ton trucks and the new ones are ½ ton trucks saving the County in fuel costs. Installation for police equipment is included in the lease. The lease has been approved in an earlier meeting and only signatures are needed. Discussion on the returned trucks. Discussion on oil changes and rotation of tires for the new trucks.

10:00am Action Items

Linda Jones, Assessor, discussed the property tax on vacant land to cancel \$190.00 for landfill specials fees.

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Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the tax cancelation on landfill specials on property RP05S18E050T07A in the amount of \$190.00. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Turkey certificates for county employees. The certificates are used for food items at Friday's, Dietrich Merc, and Sawtooth Food Market. Sawtooth's new owner will be contacted to see if they will honor the certificates.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to give the county employees and EMS a turkey certificate in the amount of \$25.00 each. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Discussion that it is for any food items. This promotes shopping local. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on the bids for Neher Park fencing. Lance's Excavation at \$24,678.57 for 1700 linear feet and no cleanup, and \$37,355.00 Country Boy Excavation includes all cleanup and removal for 1720 feet. Both companies are over the insurance amount of \$22,000.00, the Commissioners want to keep bids open for other contractors to bid.

Appoint Commissioner to Tri County Board of Community Guardians.

Chairman Wood moved to appoint Commissioner Ellis to the Tri County Board of Community Guardians. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Chairman Wood read into the record the responsibility of the Board. Meetings are going to be held quarterly. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence

Letter from Lincoln County Housing Authority. Chairman Wood read into the record the letter from Shawna Porter, Executive Director, and the resignation of Everett (Buck) Ward Sr. Shauna stated she has persons interested in filling the vacancy in Richfield and will contact the Commissioners when she has the names willing to serve in the position.

Letter from Jessica Rossow, grant writer for City of Shoshone, regarding sidewalks and read the request into the record. Chairman Wood showed the areas where the sidewalks are to be constructed. Discussion on the size of the sidewalks and properties. The Commissioners have questions that need to be answered before they agree to write a letter of support.

Discussion on the mold & asbestos report for the basement. Chairman Wood read portions of the report into the record and what is recommended to be done to remedy the issues. Discussion on the evidence room. Discussion to have anyone who goes into the basement be masked and gloved as a precaution.

10:30am

Chairman Wood took the meeting into the Public Hearing to open the budget.

Clerk Farnworth presented the report for the Indigent expenses, and Care Center expenses that were unforeseen.

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Chairman Wood moved to open the budget and read Resolution 2019-14 into the record for Indigent and Care Center expenses over budget, the need to open the budget, and the amounts listed in the resolution. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion; the money will come from the Indigent reserves and Care Center reserves. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:40am Chairman Wood closed the public hearing.

Old Business discussion

Discussion on the public meeting for the Bond held in Shoshone, October 30th. The media did not cover the meeting as was expected. Some of the important discussion was left out of the reporting.

Discussion on the Hidden Valley area ballots. There were some ballots in the mail-ballot precinct that was not received. Clerk Farnworth made efforts to get the ballots out to the ones who did not get ballots. Discussion how it was remedied. Discussion to combine Dietrich and Kimama as one precinct. This will eliminate the mail-out precinct.

Discussion on the ballots and how the correct ballot would be given to the voter at the November 5th election.

Care Center addition discussion. Chairman Wood talked to Colby Ricks, architect, to change the bid amounts on the Care Center because the County portion of matching funds for the grant. Going from 4 rooms with bathrooms to 2 rooms with bathrooms. Discussion on the cost difference. Discussion how to decrease costs to bring the match amount down.

11:00am Employee Policy Manual

Clerk Farnworth read the policy manual into the record for discussion.

Discussion on the accrual for vacation time.

Discussion on sick time use.

Discussion on holidays.

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

1:00pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

Commissioner Hubert made the motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(d) Indigent Exempt records. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman Wood, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Commissioner Ellis was out for the Executive Session to meet with electrician for Sheriff's modular trailer.

1:326pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

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No motions made.

Discussion on LMI Survey that Lincoln County was approved with an average of 64% which is pretty high for a county. Keyan with Region IV called schools in the County for an average of low-income free lunches which also averages in the 60s. This is enough for a County Block Grant of 5 years. This allows the County to qualify for Dept of Commerce Grants. The taxing districts are able to qualify under the County with this qualification.

Discussion on the Blue Cross meeting attended by Chairman Wood. Blue Cross wanted an opinion of what could be done for County residents. There may be dollars in match money toward a community facility for youth to do. She also attended a Parks & Rec grant shop. Talked about grant writing options.

Continued discussion on the fence bids. Commissioner Ellis discussed with Lance's Excavation if he could lower the bid to meet the amount stated by the insurance company and he countered at \$22,500. Discussion on the cleanup done by local volunteers.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the Lance's Excavation bid for \$22,500 for fence replacement with the provision a written bid for that amount is given to the County Clerk. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

2:00pm Discussion on in-kind contribution for the Region IV Grant for the Care Center

Dawn Myer, Care Center, and Brandy Lowe, Region IV, present.

Dawn was asked for amounts of improvements and repairs made to the Care Center to contribute to the in-kind match in funds.

Chairman Wood talked about the conversation with Colby Ricks and the earlier discussion with the Commissioner Board. After the discussion, they would like to keep the construction for 4 bedrooms with bathrooms and look for more grants and funds to apply to the County match.

Brandy stated there may be other sources to construct the addition without using Davis-Bacon rule of wages paid. Discussion for ways to make the match affordable to the County. She will explore other grants to help with matching funds.

Chairman Wood asked if the generator installed at the Community Center for the Care Center's emergency evacuation would apply to the match. Brandy will look into it. She will go back to Region IV and see what can be done to help the County.

Commissioner Hubert asked if adding 2 new rooms with bathrooms and add bathrooms to 2 existing rooms would save money. This also will be looked at for another option.

Discussion on residents who move from the Care Center because private rooms with bathrooms are not available. Discussion on what is needed for licensing two private rooms versus 4 private rooms. Continued discussion on the work done and equipment purchases that would possibly count toward the matching funds.

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2:12pm Chairman Wood opened the public hearing on Proposed Grant Activities for Department of Commerce Block Grant for the Care Center.

Chairman Wood read the published public hearing notice into the record.

Discussion on everything that has been done for the grant application to date. Goal is for November 15th to send in the grant application.

Brandy updated the Board on a change of the President for Region IV Development.

2:21pm Chairman Wood closed the public hearing and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk