

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

October 28, 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 pay the October 28, 2019 accounts payable for \$14,612.66. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the CHEMS accounts payable for \$285.00. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Old business discussion

Discussed the Care Center's location in the floodplain. Chairman Wood contacted Region IV about the Care Center and the floodplain concerns. The building was constructed in 1953 and precedes the current floodplain regulations.

Carmen Willmore, Lincoln County Extension Educator, commented about the Neher Park seeding. She can use the cheat grass grant funds to help with re-seeding the burned area. Carman will investigate the areas and use her study to see which time of the year would be best to plant the seeds. Discussion on the area to seed and what type of vegetation will work.

Richfield Property; it seems there are several people interested in the property and we will most likely auction the property to sell.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes for October 21, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Old business & Correspondence

Disussion for Region IV \$969.00 annual invoice for services. Chairman Wood feels this is a reasonable rate for the services provided.

BRP Financials (Confidential report)

Grant administration proposal for the County Block Grant. Chairman Wood read the cover letter into the record. The letter explains the services that are covered in the proposal.

Veterans Services newsletter was read into the record. Highlights; vet housing, grants, care giver support programs, and other services for veterans.

Chairman Wood will be attending the Parks & Rec Grant Workshop Thursday October 31st at County West in Twin Falls.

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Housing sale was good and had three applicants that were prequalified and approved. Discussed the event and who attended. Discussion on the financing offered to potential homeowners. Chairman Wood would like to see a similar event that is geared more to County residents in the future.

10:00am Public Hearing for Proposals for Services for the Grant Application and Engineer for the Care Center project.

Chairman Wood read the publication into the record to open the hearing.

Georgia Dimick on the phone, and Keyan Weaver from Region IV are present.

Region IV will open the Engineering proposal for one more week. It will be published 7 days before the next hearing. Publication this week, and deadline will be November 8th for Engineering RFQs. Hearing will be Tuesday November 12th.

One packet for Grant Services from Region IV was presented.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept Region IV Administrative Services proposal as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on the number of LMI surveys that was handed out over the weekend. Most of the surveys have been returned.

Keyan discussed the Care Center project and the work that will be done at the center; \$1.2million to date for the cost of the project. Discussion on the timeline of the project is 6-7 months in design and 6-7 months for construction. \$500,000 is the Grant amount and the balance will be matched. Discussion on the matching funds. This will be discussed at the Care Center today at the monthly lunch meeting.

If the County LMI Survey qualifies and is approved, it is good for 5 years. This will allow the County to apply for more grants in the future. The surveys that have been turned in so far are close to meeting the percentage that has to be returned to meet the qualification requirements.

Chairman Wood read and summarized the contract with Region IV into the record.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to sign the Grant Application contact with Region IV. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:34am Chairman Wood closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting.

Chairman Wood made a motion to sign the ICDBG Citizen Participation Plan. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on the modular trailer for the Sheriff offices. The total to set up for the 10x44, 2 office space modular trailer is \$8,030.00 for setup and teardown. Discussion on the need for the office space. Discussion on other options for office space.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the quote for the modular trailer for temporary quarters for \$8,030.00 which includes setup and teardown of the modular

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trailer. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion on the details of the cost. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion where the trailer will be setup and who to contact for electrical and IT.

Clerk Farnworth discussed the details for the logo removal on the Sheriff's trucks. Sheriff King wants to remove the logos on the trucks that are being traded in for new leased vehicles. He does not want to use his budget for the removal. Discussion on the vehicles that are being returned and the cages that were installed by County employees. Discussion on the cost and his budget lines; the savings he is getting with the gas mileage and lower lease amounts will offset the cost to remove the logos.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to have the logos removed and be paid by the Sheriff's department. Chairman Wood seconded. Discussion on the savings with gas and vehicles it should be absorbed by the Sheriff's department. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Employee Sick Bank Request.

Sheriff's Deputy Bobby Wade is requesting one pay period from the

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to approve the sick bank request for Bobby Wade for 86 hours. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on the deputy in the Sheriff's department that had quit and moved on to another job. The department is down 2 deputies; one quit, the other out for surgery.

Discussion that the employee in the Treasurer's office is leaving to work for the City of Shoshone.

Magic Valley Electric estimate for RV Pedestals for RV parking; discussion on location by the football field. This is being discussed because there are possible grant funds available for this project.

Neher Park fence bid. Clerk Farnworth presented a bid for \$24,678.57. Chairman Wood has another one still to come for discussion. This will be on the next meeting for discussion.

Clerk Farnworth presented the final L1 Tax Levy approval. Chairman Wood read the tax levy document into the record. Discussion of the 3% increase and that property values are going up. Discussion on the taxes and how they are calculated and how it relates to county residents.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the final L1 Tax Levy amounts on October 28, 2019. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Old Business

EMS quarters construction should be finished this week. The interior of the trailer still needs work done; discussion what needs to be done for completion. Discussion on appliances needed.

Continued discussion on the housing sale. Discussion on current subdivisions and subdivisions that could be used for future home sales.

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Code Enforcer still has no applicants.

Discussion on the public response at last two public meetings for the Bond.

Neher Park will meet October 30th at the Community Center before the Bond meeting.

Clerk Farnworth presented salary approvals for new EMS employees.

Discussion on the Sheriff vehicles and if the Caravan is being kept and that one of the vehicles is being used temporarily by the City after a loss of a City vehicle.

Discussion on the County elections for the November 5th election.

11:30am John Larson- Shoshone School District

Discussion on the possible sale of the football field. Chairman Wood discussed the repairs that have been made and would like to discuss selling the field to the school. John stated that they are open to the possibility of selling as a cash-out purchase in lieu of a trade. Chairman Wood said a trade would eliminate the school having to come up with the cash. Discussion on the options. Discussion on the size of the property at the school and the property that could be traded. Discussion on the old school; the gym has not been condemned, only the classrooms.

Clerk Farnworth read into the record the size of the properties surveyed in 2016. Discussion on the appraisals from that time. Linda Jones, Assessor, will look at the property and review how it would be divided for sale or trade. The Commissioners will look at the properties and will come up with a plan for future talks.

Chairman Wood asked if the school would discuss making the repairs on the bleachers. John stated there are no welding classes until spring. It could be something students could use as a class project. Discussion on the repairs needed.

Sheriff King came in to check and see what was done on the decisions during the action item portion of the meeting. Discussion on the decisions for logo removal and the vehicle use by the city.

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

1:00pm Chairman Wood reconvened the 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; Commissioner Ellis, aye; Chairman Wood, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

1:30pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Chairman Wood made a motion in case #2020009 to approve. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Chairman Wood aye, Commissioner Hubert aye, Commissioner Ellis nay, motion carried.

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Courthouse Bond meeting discussion.

Colby Ricks on the phone for discussion. In the meetings for bond, the survey sent out earlier this year should be discussed that the people who returned the survey were in favor of renovation and annex. Discussion on the conversation at previous meetings. Colby will discuss the details to inform the public at the next meetings.

Chairman Wood discussed the comments made at the last public bond meeting. She asked County Attorney Roats what his view of what was said by another Commissioner. Attorney Roats made it clear what was to be said if other options were mentioned in the meetings. It was the decision made by the Commissioners to move on with the renovations and annex; as the survey was made clear by the public. Discussion on the manner of the next two meetings.

Commissioner Hubert stated he voted for the renovation and annex if he could discuss other options. He clarified what his intent was in the statements made at the last meeting. He discussed the interactions made with him after the meeting with the community members at the meeting. One person expressed the opinion that the decision the Commissioners made for the courthouse could be taken to court if all possibilities were not presented to the public.

Attorney Roats discussed the process taken by the Commissioners' decision and any lawsuit presented to the courts would not hold any grounds. Suggestion by the public for less of a project should be defended by the work done. Discussion from the last meetings should be taken into account and the work done to come to the decision to renovate and annex the courthouse.

Clerk Farnworth commented that all options were taken into consideration and that the Commissioners made a unanimous decision to move forward with renovating the courthouse and building an annex to house the courts and Sheriff's department.

Assessor Jones stated although she preferred a different option, she is fully supportive of the decision made.

Cindi Sievers said that the Committee had spoken to multiple architects, all of whom said the courthouse could be renovated successfully. The survey showed the majority wanted to renovate the courthouse. This is what drove the decision to recommend a renovation and annex.

Commissioner Ellis made the comment on a bid for construction, and the cost from August to now, resulted in the cost of construction going up just in that short time. He also commented that it was his opinion the committee may not have accurately reported the results.

Clerk Farnworth presented a cost analysis for property taxes paid by homeowners for discussion. The analysis was for the all the cities and county taxes paid in a spreadsheet and pie chart. Discussion what to present at tonight's meeting.

Continued discussion on the options for RV parking. Linda Jones presented a map showing the school and county properties for discussion. She pointed out the areas on the map where county properties could be a good location for RVs to park.

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Board reports:

Commissioner Hubert: discussed his meeting with Sothern Idaho Solid Waste. Discussed the plans for the new building for the transfer station.

Commissioner Ellis: discussed his meeting with the Fair Board. He is still working on pledges to bring in a larger carnival. Discussed the Tri-county Weed meeting. There may not be a representative for the Union Pacific weed abatement. Discussed cost sharing for weed control. Discussed the expenditures for Tri-County Weed. Discussion on the Wood River Conservation District cloud seeding; donation for bike path.

Chairman Wood: SIRCOMM has lost another director. They are looking for a new director and may have someone in mind. Discussed law enforcement not having a good turnout to the meetings. She discussed the topics from the meetings. Discussed the training for dispatchers. She discussed the history of SIRCOMM's conception.

Payson Reese, Emergency Management, presented his report for discussion. He reported on the meetings he attended. Discussion on IOEM Preparedness Conference, SRCOMM meeting, DIGB 4 meeting, Union Pacific Haz-Mat presentation, discussed grants and projects.

Clerk Farnworth talked about the November election. Poll worker training is coming up. Discussed the different ballot faces for the county and each precinct.

Cindi Sievers, Planning & Zoning, discussed the upcoming hearing in November, subdivision revision, Gateway Subdivision update, RFQ publication for surveyors, update on address post installation.

Chairman Wood discussed an employee handbook from the City of Boise. She read portions of the handbook into record. The reason for this is to complement the encouragement and welcoming environment to new employees working for the City. Discussed having a mission and vision statements for the County.

Chairman Wood was presented the partial mold report for the basement. The full report will be completed soon. Disucssion on the percentages on the report. Will wait for the final report for future discussion.

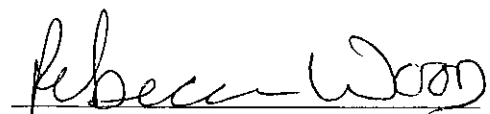
3:30pm Logistics and Accuracy test for the November 5, 2019 election.

Katie Hillin reported the testing was successful for all precincts.

3:45pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

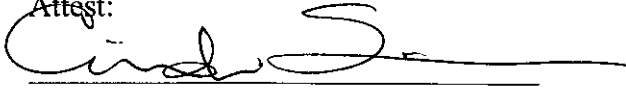
Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

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Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindi Sievers", written over a horizontal line.

Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk