

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Board of Equalization

January 27, 2020

Present: Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Roy Hubert, Commissioner; Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes. Commissioner Ellis not present.

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

No expected Business. Chairman Wood read the process for BOE into the record.

Public Comment on the date of the Commissioner District Map. The map has 2016 on the bottom of the map with the current Commissioner Districts that was adopted in 2018. This is was only a proofing error; not when the map was completed.

Regular Meeting

9:45am Action Items

Commissioner Hubert called Commissioner Ellis for discussion on the action items.

Clerk Farnworth was not able to look at the Dietrich Highway District building to see if it will work as a polling place. It will have to stay at the Church for the March Presidential Primary.

Designate Precinct Polling Places. Chairman Wood read the designation of polling places into the record.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the designated polling places as read. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Care Center Grant. Chairman Wood called Brandy Lowe, Region IV, for the discussion. There were two issues for the application to be turned down; the Care Center is in a floodplain and the income is over the limited amount for the grant. However, they will fund \$105,000 for improvement to the existing bathrooms and there is no match required for this funding. Chairman Wood had asked Region IV to oversee the project and do the paperwork for the project. Brandy agreed that Region IV will manage the project and paperwork for the Care Center. Discussion on the project that will be funded and restated the funds are not matched by the County.

Chairman Wood made a motion to proceed for the limited funding for the existing bathroom remodeling as proposed. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion that it is noted this is not a matching fund grant. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on the grant for the Care Center. Georgia, Region IV, is now on the phone and will contact the architect and start the process to move forward on this project.

Chairman Wood asked Georgia regarding grants offered by USDA grant funding for the courthouse. Region IV will try to put together a meeting to look at requirements for improves for the courthouse. Discussion on other grants and projects for the courthouse.

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10:06am Courthouse Ramp / ADA Access Options

Commissioner Hubert had contacted Cresley McConnell, a previous Commissioner, for past research on a ramp. He had nothing and Clerk Farnworth had found nothing either. Discussion on the ramp qualification to make it ADA compliant. Commissioner Hubert had quotes for ramps and read them into the record. Discussion on the material of the ramp; it is metal. A concern is there is no sun on the area of installation. It will require a person to maintain the ramp every day there is ice on the it. Chairman Wood also discussed her conversation with Colby Ricks, Architect, about an elevator. She stated he told her it would be approximately \$200 to \$250,000 with the elevator with one ADA compliant bathroom. This would be the most it would cost and this would allow other entities to use the building if the County moved out. Continued discussion on the two options.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to move ahead immediately with a ramp with AM Ramp for \$25,000 and described the installation at the side of the courthouse. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion; Commissioner Hubert said that we have to do this right away, but would hesitate putting a dollar amount because it has to be done. Discussion on the size and the product material of the ramp. Discussion on installation. Discussion on Federal laws and ADA compliance. Chairman Wood addressed the ADA problem with the courts and the ramp is not going to allow access to the courtroom. Chairman Wood stated the elevator would satisfy this requirement for both ADA and courts. Commissioner Hubert said courts can be held in other locations as was done in the past. Commissioner Ellis said this needs to be addressed immediately and discussed the person in last week's meeting who said a ramp would meet her needs and discussed more on the product for the ramp. Commissioner Ellis amended the amount to \$30,000. Commissioner Hubert said he agrees with Clerk Farnworth that his would at least be a start for the ADA compliance requirements and would second the new amount of \$30,000. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ellis will follow-up with the supplier for the ramp. Commissioner Ellis gave the information to Chairman Wood on the Fair Board and there has not been any more discussion.

10:30am Financial Audit Review – Condie & Stoker

Curtis Stoker, Condie & Stoker, briefed the Commissioners on the audit. He reviewed the report distributed to the Commissioners and Clerk Farnworth. A copy will be on file at the Clerk's office. The County is in very good financial position and the financial reports were done well.

10:57am Commissioner Ellis ended his call. Curtis thanked Clerk Farnworth and Sheriff King in the help they provided with the audit process. Clerk Farnworth and staff was very helpful and is a pleasure to work with.

Public Comment via email from Senator Michell Stennett regarding background checks on elected officials, the Sheriff in particular. Chairman Wood spoke to County Attorney Roats about what can be shared with the public without getting in trouble. He will look into this since the Sheriff is such a sensitive position.

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Discussion on the County sponsoring a function to let the public ask questions to the candidates and let them answer questions pertaining to the campaign. Discussion on Town Hall Meetings with elected officials. At the end of March and possibly another one before the election so people can talk to the candidates.

Correspondence

Statement of Treasure's Cash report; Solid Waste report; BRP Statement (Confidential); Election History for percentage of turnout for Primary and General Elections.

Old & New Business

A freeze could be put on local government making next year's budget tight; EMS quarters and Maintenance Yard expenses, EMS quarters alone to date is about \$30,000; additional sales tax and grocery tax legislation; Indigent may have to be cut to fund the Medicaid Expansion; IAC Conference February 3-6th; Coroner's Conference February 6-7th; meeting today at lunch for Neher Park with Parks & Recreation.

11:37am Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for Lunch and will reconvene at 1:15pm.

1:15pm Commissioner Hubert made the motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(d) Indigent Exempt records and sick bank request. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote Commissioner Hubert, yes; Chairman Wood, yes. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

1:33pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Chairman Wood made a motion to deny case #2019025 as patient withdrew. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood made a motion to deny case #2019021 as not last resource and lack of interview. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood made a motion to deny case #2020022 as not last resource. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood made a motion in case #2020012 to approve only dates of service 9/27/19 - 10/8/2019. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Wood made a motion in case #2020017 to approve additional request for dates of service 12/31/19 - 5/31/2020. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Wood made a motion in case #2020027 to approve dates of service 12/27/2020 - 7/12/2020. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Wood made a motion in case #2020028 to approve dates of service 12/27/2020 - 7/12/2020. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carried.

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Commissioner Hubert moved to approve the sick bank request for 19 hours. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carried.

1:38pm Fair Board discussion

Chairman Wood talked to Commissioner Ellis about the commitment letters for the carnival, but it is too late for this year's fair to get a larger one scheduled. He will look into this again for next year. Denise, Fair Board Secretary, called Chairman Wood that she needs people for the parade, Fair Building booths and entries, and ATV rodeo. Commissioner Ellis also talked to the Board about moving the fair next year into August; the Board agreed. Chairman Wood called the Board Secretary about this year's fair and carnival. Possibly get a paintball tent and maybe some slides. To get a partial carnival to the County is getting hard to get one to our smaller County. Discussion on options that can be brought in for this year. The Fair Board is still trying to contact other carnivals. Discussion on the rodeo. The rodeo will be good. It has the ICA Rodeo sanction. Discussion on other options to bring in people to the fair.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to amend the agenda to add a Beverage License; good faith reason, they are opening this weekend and would need the license before the next meeting. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood made a motion to sign the beverage license for Juan Castro dba Family Mart LLC at 120 S Main St. Richfield, ID. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

This is a new business that is opening a small convenience store and Mexican restaurant in Richfield.

2:00pm Employee Policy Manual Adoption

Clerk Farnworth reviewed the additions that County Attorney Roats put into the manual. Discussion on: Employment Start-Up; Employee Conduct; Unlawful Workplace Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation; General Policies; Opportunity to be Heard - Name Clearing Hearing; Hiring Policies; Employee Benefits.

3:17pm Clerk Farnworth will ask for an extension from ICRMP for the employee Risk Management program.

Linda Jones, Assessor, asked the Commissioners if they were going to approve the PTRs and Veterans with 100% disability who apply will be exempt for their landfill fees of \$95.00. The answer was yes.

3:19pm Board Reports

Chairman Wood said that they are fully staffed at SIRCOMM and things are moving along good. FCC permit for frequency change over for towers have been extended.

Commissioner Hubert had nothing new to report until his next meetings.

3:22pm Elected Official, Department Heads, and Emergency Services

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Payson Reese, Emergency Services, presented his report and discussed his meetings he attended and discussion on upcoming trainings and conferences, and projects. FEMA grants discussion. Discussion on the denial on the grant for additional rooms.

Linda Boguslawski, Probation, reported on juvenile numbers and things are doing well. Commissioners asked if there is anyone available for community service. Discussion on who is available. EMS quarters needs to be painted.

Ann Youts, Treasure, reported on the tax collections; seems to be a little behind. Warrants for collections was discussed.

Cindi Sievers, Planning & Zoning, reported on the upcoming hearing for February. There is a Conditional Use Permit and new Subdivision. Discussion, the revenue is up 65% in the first quarter. Building permit Administrator is seeing an increase in permits.

Sheriff King reported that prisoners cannot be taken to Jerome; they are full. They have to be transferred to Butte County for males and Jefferson County for females. Other surrounding Counties are full. Felonies are up, meth arrests are increasing.

Continued discussion on a County gathering for a meet your candidates townhall. Payson said maybe the Chamber of Commerce could help as well. Clerk Farnworth suggested maybe the Republican Central Committee should sponsor the State level and let the County do their own.

Clerk Farnworth reported on elections, the new system, and the changes from the Secretary of State's office. She talked about the last training for the new system and the live date for the March Primary not being ready. They will postpone the live date away from the March election. The prosecutor files are almost completely scanned and out of the attic. Discussion on records still in the attic.

Discussion on SIRCOMM calls report.

3:54pm Claims and Minutes

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the February 27, 2020 accounts payable for \$35,445.33. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the February 27, 2020 accounts payable for \$39,440.69. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the Indigent accounts payable for \$1,729.09. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the CHEMS accounts payable for \$8,648.85. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on how to set up a 501C3 that is not under the County. Chairman Wood will do more research.

Chairman Wood made a motion to accept the minutes for January 21, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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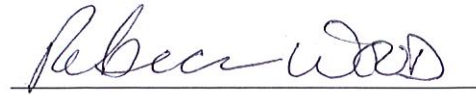
Discussion on the Bee and Butterfly designation for the City of Shoshone. There will be gardens around the city that will be planted and maintained by the pollination organization. The meeting was attended by Chairman Wood and Commissioner Ellis.

Commissioner Hubert discussed the RFP for Architects and Builders publication. He wants to start moving forward with the process. Discussion on when to make the motion for additional funds from the County to apply toward the Bond. Clerk Farnworth was asked to contact the Bond Council.

4:21pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk