

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

March 2, 2020

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

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

Chairman Wood discussed the meetings being recorded live for the public to view during the meeting. Commissioner Ellis would not stay in the meeting if it was recorded live and streamed online. Since there is no rule for it to be recorded or not recorded, Chairman Wood asked to contact the County Attorney. Commissioner Ellis chose to leave the meeting. CA Roats asked for the reason to stop recording. Commissioners Hubert and Ellis are not comfortable being recorded and live streamed. Discussion that the audio has been recorded for years.

Clerk Farnworth stated that the Commissioners have said they want to be more transparent. This is one reason why it is being done now. CA Roats is an advocate for the meetings being streamed real-time for transparency. Discussion of transparency and how the public perceives the Commissioners' job and what is done during a meeting. She continued saying the public does not know what a County Commissioner does and by streaming the meetings online, it gives the public a chance to view a meeting. Chairman Wood has no problems streaming the meeting live. CA Roats discussed recording live allows the public to view the meetings if they are not able to come to the courthouse.

Public comment asked about a private citizen recording a meeting. Discussion that there is no rule that prohibits it.

Chairman Wood read the letter from Commissioner Ellis into the record stating the recording of live meetings should not be allowed and gave reasons for his concern.

CA Roats asked why an audio is acceptable and a live recording not being accepted. He stated by live streaming the meetings, it would show transparency. Continued discussion.

9:49am Claims and Minutes

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the March 12, 2020 accounts payable for \$6,074.00. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries

Chairman Wood made a motion to accept the Board of Equalization and Regular Meeting minutes for February 24, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion; Commissioner Hubert asked if the comments to add the wording on another meeting had been done. The answer was yes, and it was approved last week. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence

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St. Luke's thank you letter for the donation from Lincoln County of \$1,000.00 for the MV Cares Fund and read it into the record.

Memorandum from Shelli Tubbs, Trial Court Administrator, regarding the 5th Judicial District alcohol, tobacco, and possession citation totals. Chairman Wood read the number of citations given and the type of citation. Lincoln County had 3 in 2017, 5 in 2018, and 23 in 2019.

10:00am Code Enforcer Update – Celina Espino

Celina gave the Commissioners a packet with the letters that will be given to the property owner for violations. She gave them an update on calls she has been on. In addition, she said there is a Code Enforcement training in Idaho Falls on April 28 to 30, 2020. The cost of the training is \$140.00. Chairman Wood believes this is a good idea. Celina updated the Commissioners on the status of the calls she has already made. Discussion on the vehicle she is using, the license plates to be changed, and magnetic signs for the car as well. She has met with the Code Enforcer in Gooding. She said that the Gooding CE suggested she should have a light on the car, some type of uniform, and an ID to identify her authority as the Code Enforcer.

Continued Correspondence

County Extension Office/Department Report of expense results for the survey done by IAC. It details the revenue for the County Extension Office/Dept. for all 44 Counties. Lincoln County's is \$19.62 per capita. Chairman Wood read some of the other Counties into the record to compare with Lincoln County. Discussion on the different services being done for the public through the County Extension Office.

Chairman Wood stated there is another Magistrate Judge retiring and there is a packet for Judges to interview for replacement. Chairman Wood explained the process to select a new Judge and the evaluation of their selection.

Commissioner Hubert stated he received a phone call from one of the persons who met in Executive Session regarding the purchase of land by the County. He wants to reply to the person who inquired about the land purchase decision. Clerk Farnworth will draft a letter for next week's approval that will be sent to all those who met with the Commissioners regarding a land purchase.

Ann discussed a Leadership course through an IAC scholarship. She would like to take the course. Discussion on the cost and from which fund the balance of the course would be charged.

Cindi stated she had talked to Brandy from Region IV about the Fair Housing Resolution for grant applications last week. Brandy stated there needs to be changes to the resolution for this year. Chairman Wood called Region IV to see if it needs to be done today. She spoke to Brandy Lowe and Jeff McCurdy. He explained the changes from last year's Resolution and discussed the change that will need to be added and/or changed. A new Resolution will need to be done by April for renewal since April is Fair Housing Month. Discussion to go with a new resolution with the correct wording for approval today. Jeff said the new resolution will be held for publication on awards for Lincoln County. He said it can be done next week as an action item.

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10:35am Action Items

Clerk Farnworth reported 100% participation in the ICRMP online risk management course. This will save the County on the ICRMP insurance cost.

Chairman Wood made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-03 for the Employee Policy Manual and read it into the record. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion on a correction to strike one word (has). Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Appointment for Tim Greene to the Fair Board.

Chairman Wood made a motion to accept the letter from Tim Green and to take the word from the Board of his approval by them. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion; the Fair Board interviewed him and has him actively working on things. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Tax Cancellation – Ann Youts, Treasurer

Ann discussed the \$95 specials tax not paid for railcars owned by Chickasha of Georgia LLC. Ann contacted Chickasha of Georgia LLC about the non-payment and that it was an oversight, so they paid all but the late fees. She is asking to cancel the late fees of \$2.65.

Chairman Wood made a motion to approve the tax cancellation for Chickasha of Georgia LLC for \$2.65. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Quotes for Heating at the Community Center.

Clerk Farnworth discussed the need for the heater at the Community Center; the boiler is not working. There are 3 different bids from two companies, one is to repair the boiler, one to add a heating element to the air conditioner and an upgrade, and one without the upgrade to the air conditioner. Discussion on the parts and labor difference of the proposals. Clerk Farnworth asked about the types of heating in the Community Center and which proposal addresses the need for repairs now. Chairman Wood wants to call and discussed this further with Carmen at the Community Center. This will be put on the agenda next week for action.

Addendum to Minutes

Clerk Farnworth presented the Addendum that was motioned to be part of the minutes for February 18th meeting. She discussed the dollar amounts on the document Commissioner Hubert brought in for attachment. Clerk Farnworth addressed the actual square footage for each project and demonstrated the cost per square foot construction of new construction verses the renovation and annex are almost the same. This will show the accurate comparison between the two projects. Discussion on the dollar amounts and the cost per square foot. Discussion; all three addendums will be added to the minutes.

Chairman Wood made a motion to accept the addendums to add to the minutes for February 18, 2020. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion; Commissioner Hubert wants the addendums added just as they were presented by himself, Chairman Wood, and Clerk Farnworth. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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11:11am Transfer Station Building

Commissioner Hubert was asked to get more information from the SISW meeting for a plan for the transfer station. He reported that SISW would take the whole project on themselves to build and take care of the project. The project was to be under \$50,000. Discussion on the fees for the building of the new structure project. Chairman Wood said she had someone to bid the project. She wanted to have a plan to show contractors for bid. Discussion on the decision made last year to give the project to SISW for the construction. Mary Davidson discussed what the building permit fees would be for the project. She stated the County fee could be waived, but the inspection fees cannot be changed. Mary suggests there be a shower or wash center for hazardous products that could come into the transfer station. This would make it safer for the workers and public that may come in contact with hazardous products. Discussion on who would bid and what would be offered by the contractor. Chairman Wood contacted Cresley McConnell, previous Commissioner and currently a building contractor, for the project. His suggestion would be to put it out to bid for local contractors to compare for the best price per square foot. Discussion on a list of requirements, equipment, and rough drawing for the project. Deborah Moon, architect, stated she would volunteer to put together a rough draft for the building. Discussion on a building with a scale to weigh waste coming into the transfer station for consideration for future plans.

No action taken today.

11:33am Lincoln County Website discussion – Cindi Sievers

Cindi pointed out that the Commissioner page had not been updated since the person making changes in the past no longer works for the County. It was her suggestion that the Commissioners email her any news or announcements they would like on the page and she would put it on the website. Chairman Wood said that would be great and will get something to her soon.

Discussion on the bills in legislation and how it affects Lincoln County.

Old / New Business

Neher Park has been accepted for a grant to re-seed the area burned in the fire. Chairman Wood discussed the grant and what can be done for seeding. Carmen Wilmore, County Extension, is working on the seed type to be planted. Discussion on the seeding from the Butterfly and Bee Pollination organization. They will plant the seeds and will maintain the plant life for a successful pollination area.

Chairman Wood discussed the progress getting a 501(c)(3) organization for grant applications for city, schools, and parks for the betterment of Lincoln County.

Discussion on the football field survey. Cindi said the agreement has been sent to the County Surveyor for approval and then we can move forward with the survey project. Chairman Wood discussed comment from the public that the County should give the football field to the school. That would not be fair to the other schools in the County. She told them that the football field

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would not be given to the school district that it has to be traded or sold to the school at fair market value.

Chairman Wood was contacted by the CEO from the wind turbine company. The BLM has approved the project to move forward. The company is about 3-4 weeks before it will come to the County for discussion. Discussion how this would benefit Lincoln County. Public comment asked what tax benefit would the County receive. Discussion on the increase to the tax base. Clerk Farnworth commented that statute does not allow for the property value of wind and solar farms to be taxed. The County can only tax the profits of the company. There will be public meetings to allow the public to comment on the project.

Linda Jones, Assessor, stated the transfer station has not be transferred into the County's name because it did not get recorded with a legal description. Commissioner Hubert will give the contact person to Linda to resolve the issue.

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

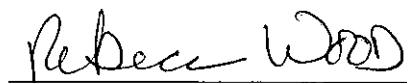
12:05 Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Lincoln County employee donations of 11.65 hours, 105.71 hours, and 13.67 hours. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

12:07pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

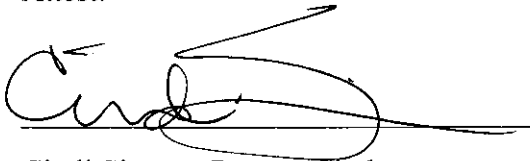
Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk