

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

February 8, 2021

Present: Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Roy Hubert, Commissioner; Joann Rutler, Commissioner; Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes.

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

Claims and minutes discussion

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the minutes for February 1, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Rutler seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the Indigent accounts payable for \$1,392.21. Commissioner Rutler seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay the February 8, 2021 accounts payable for \$24,279.59. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Correspondence

Discussion on HB53 that will change the way publications are done by the Counties; saving over \$600,000 to the counties by eliminating the publication in a local newspaper.

Upcoming events at the Youth Center; line dancing for Valentine's, 3rd - 6th grade science program for STEM.

Discussion on the research done by Commissioner Rutler for electric car charging stations.

Discussion on the February IAC webinars for Commissioners.

Chairman Wood read the update for the Lava Ridge Project into record; will schedule an update with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hubert discussed a conversation with a constituent regarding sanctuary cities.

Action Items

Treasurer's Resolution

Chairman Wood called CA Roats. He has discussed the resolution with Ann Youts, Treasurer, regarding the legality of tax cancelations in the resolution. He is still working on this. No action taken.

NACO Conference discussion to register Chairman Wood. It is from March 8 to 26, 2021. This will be done virtually. The cost is \$275.00; there is enough in the fund for this. No action needed.

Discussion on how important PILT funding is to Lincoln County.

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10:05 Bank discussion

Wells Fargo will be closing the door permanently June 1, 2021. Clerk Farnworth discussed the different uses by Lincoln County. Ann Youts has discussed with Ireland Bank to use their services. Discussion on the possibility of another bank to move in to Shoshone. Discussion on what Ireland Bank is currently doing for the Treasurer's office. Discussion on the backup tapes stored off site. Discussion on banks in Gooding.

BOE Training is scheduled for April 6th and conflicts with the RFP RFQ reviews. Discussion on moving the day for reviewing the applicants' interviews for the RFP and RFQ process.

Mt. Rides contacted Clerk Farnworth regarding a bus stop in Shoshone to provide County residents a ride for medical transportation to Twin Falls. Discussion on the benefits to the residents and where stops would be located.

Discussion that jury trials will begin in March. There will be more traffic during this time. Social distancing will be practiced.

10:30am Financial Audit – Curtis Stoker, Condie, Stoker, & Associates

Mr. Stoker presented the report for review and discussion on the financial accounting from October 2019 to September 2020. Discussion on the findings. Overall, the County is in good standing for financial responsibility.

11:07am Salary Discussion – Clerk Farnworth

Clerk Farnworth presented a salary schedule for discussion. Discussion on the number of employees lost because of the County's lower wages and move on to jobs with a higher wage.

Discussion on the lack of interest and the time it takes to hire a new employee for the respective office. Clerk Farnworth discussed the salary step & grade spreadsheet and a new proposal for wages. Discussion on how many employees have left the County for higher paying jobs and the time and money it takes to train another employee.

11:50am Legislative update

Discussed some of the election bills to clean up the deadlines for candidates and ballot language, property tax increases, publication in a local paper.

12:03pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

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Attest:

Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk