

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Present: Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Roy Hubert, Commissioner; Joann Rutler, Commissioner; Absent; Cindi Sievers, Clerk of the District Court; Jennifer Hohnhorst, Clerk for Minutes.

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

Chairman Wood opened the Lincoln County Ambulance District meeting.

10:45 a.m. Chairman Wood adjourned the Lincoln County Ambulance District meeting and opened the Regular Meeting.

Claims and Minutes

Chairman Wood has followed up with ETS regarding the complaint brought up at the previous commissioners meeting. ETS has visited the person who corresponded with Commissioner Hubert regarding the complaint five times, and states that the person has declined to use a router provided by ETS. By using their own personal router, they are limiting what ETS can do to assist them and have been informed of this.

Chairman Wood made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting on October 3, 2022, as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the current claims for Lincoln County Ambulance District in the amount of \$3,196.48. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the Lincoln County claims for October 11, 2022, in the amount of \$67, 456.01. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert commented that Coroner Mike Piper included in the claims for Lincoln County his mileage from Richfield. The commissioners feel this claim is justified as Mike Piper does not work from the courthouse and is called out to travel often. Clerk Sievers agreed.

Chairman Wood made a motion to amend the agenda to include the additional resolution, Resolution 2022-09 To Operate on a Cash Basis, to the public hearing to open the budget with the good faith reason being the hearing is today at 12:00 p.m. and there are two budgets to open. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on the Lincoln County Youth Center field trip to a corn maze and petting zoo on Friday, October 14, 2022.

Discussion on Department of Probation Red Ribbon Week Juvenile Probation event at Lincoln County Youth Center to educate all age groups about drug abuse, keeping kids substance free,

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dealing with addictions, and how to avoid them in the future. The event will be from 6-7:30 pm in the main gymnasium area on Friday, October 21, 2022, and food will be available.

Commissioner Hubert commented on how important this education opportunity is as addiction issues grow in Idaho and nationwide.

On October 28, 2022, at the Courthouse, there will be the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and Probation Office's Halloween safety and kindness day, starting at 11am. There will be snacks, pumpkin painting and more. On October 31, 2022, the Youth Center is having a Halloween trunk or treat with a spook-house as well. Commissioner Hubert noted that some of the churches will be having trunk or treats as well. Chairman Wood and Commissioner Hubert both encouraged parents to check their children's' Halloween candy.

On October 19, 2022, the Lincoln County Community Center will be hosting a job fair from 4-6:30 pm. This will be a free event for the public.

NACO and NACO Veteran's Services are encouraging county governments to participate in Operation Greenlight from November 7 through November 13, 2022, to let veterans know they are seen and supported. Lincoln County will show its support by placing a green light in the courthouse windows.

NACO is asking for proposed changes on legislation protecting federal health benefits for pre-trial detainees. This will save the counties money as the county would only have to pay for health benefits for inmates post-conviction.

There are currently no updates on the courthouse renovation.

Chairman Wood read the resolution into the record to Designate Polling Places for the November 8, 2022, General Election.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to designate the Polling Places for the November 8, 2022, General Election as presented. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion on prices for an extension ladder for courthouse maintenance.

Brian Craig, of Prescott and Craig Insurance, is present today to discuss the Lincoln County ICRMP policy. EMS payroll has drastically increased over the last several years, and ICRMP needs to increase accordingly. Clerk Sievers discussed the increase with Prescott and Craig and included the increase in the current budget. Further discussion on various aspects of covered items on the policy. Commissioners thanked Brian Craig for his time.

Commissioner Hubert discussed his conversation with some bankers he knew regarding purchasing the Wells Fargo building. He doesn't feel the commissioners should make a motion to purchase the building. He feels the commissioners should give Carl Legg an answer soon. Chairman Wood does not feel the county should own the building. Commissioner Hubert does not feel the county has the money to purchase the building. Chairman Wood agrees. Both Chairman Wood and Commissioner Hubert agree that they should reach out to bankers, however, to help with selling the building to bring a bank into Shoshone.

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Commissioner Hubert questioned what the proper procedure would be for the Highway Districts to consolidate. Chairman Wood believes that is a measure that must go on a ballot in an election because they are a taxing district.

Ryan Hulbert, a clinical psychologist with E.P.I.C. Psychological Services, PLLC, is present today to discuss rural community mental health and opioid addiction prevention. He is offering Lincoln County the opportunity to purchase his online program for use by the entire county. The commissioners will look into this opportunity and follow up. The commissioners thanked Mr. Hulbert for his time.

Commissioner Rutler joined the meeting by phone.

12:00p.m. Chairman Wood adjourned the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing to Open the 2022 Budget.

Clerk Sievers explained the format of the budget for the record.

Indigent, Capital Crimes, Junior College, Tort, the Memorial Fund, and the Lincoln County Care Center were the only items over budget.

Chairman Wood noted that the Lincoln County Youth Center appears to be over budget, however the Youth Center does not have a budget as a pass through account and therefore cannot be.

Discussion on corrections needed.

Clerk Sievers made the notated corrections and removed the Lincoln County Youth Center.

Chairman Wood read the Lincoln County Resolution 2022-08, Opening the Lincoln County Budget FY2021-2022, into the record.

Chairman Wood made a motion to accept the Lincoln County Resolution 2022-08 as adjusted. Commissioner Hubert seconded, with discussion on the increased expenses to the new budget. Chairman Wood clarified with Clerk Sievers that property taxes would not be raised to cover the budget increase. This increase is covered by carryover funds. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert read the Lincoln County Resolution 2022-09, to Operate on a Cash Basis into the record.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Lincoln County Resolution 2022-09 as presented. Chairman Wood seconded with discussion. Commissioner Hubert questioned why the reserves are listed as “estimated.” Clerk Sievers states that they have always been listed as estimated because there will still be money coming in. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

12:35 p.m. Chairman Wood adjourned the public hearing to Open the 2022 Budget.

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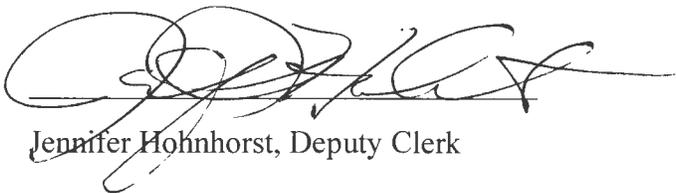
Respectfully,

Jennifer Hohnhorst, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Jennifer Hohnhorst, Deputy Clerk