

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

**Monday, October 3, 2022**

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

9:35am Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Claims and Minutes

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay the accounts payable for the Ambulance Titan Lease, payable to Mike Albert Leasing, in the amount of \$3,744.00. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay the accounts payable for Lincoln County in the amount of \$50,499.07. Commissioner Hubert requested discussion. Chairman Wood seconded for discussion. Commissioner Hubert states that the county has been paying a consultant for services that could be received for free from the Secretary of State's office in Boise or from other counties. Clerk Sievers explained that the Secretary of State's office does not help with taxing districts, the State Tax Commission does. She further explained that compared to other consulting fees the county has paid in the past, this is more affordable. Vote: Chairman Wood, yes; Commissioner Rutler, yes; Commissioner Hubert, no. Vote two to one in favor, motion carries.**

Commissioner Hubert asked for clarification on the expense for candy for the parade for the Sheriff's department. His understanding was that when an elected official is campaigning, they pay for their own candy. Clerk Sievers clarified that the candy was for the upcoming trunk or treat. Commissioner Hubert noted that the claim stated the candy was for a parade. The commissioners agreed to look into the wording on the claim.

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay the EMS/Fire expense in the amount of \$2,166.00. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay another EMS/Fire expense in the amount of \$2,333.94. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay the accounts payable for Lincoln County for two donations in the amount of \$2,500.00 Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for September 19, 2022, as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Commissioner Rutler read the Lincoln County Resolution 2022-06 to Adopt Fees for Solid Waste, into the record. Discussion on raised fees for the county.

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Discussion with Treasurer Ann Youts regarding the effective date for the Resolution 2022-06. It must be approved prior to the County Assessor receiving it. The effective date should and will be October 3, 2022. Prosecutor Roats requested the resolution be amended to show the effective date of October 3, 2022 with the specification that it is effective for the 2022 Solid Waste Fee Schedule.

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to accept the Lincoln County Resolution 2022-06 to Adopt Fees for Solid Waste as amended. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

10:18a.m. Chairman Wood took the meeting out of Public Hearing.

Discussion on the Idaho Power agreement.

**Chairman Wood made a motion to approve the Idaho Power Facilities Attachment Agreement. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Sheriff King discussed the amendment to the Lincoln County Sheriff K9 Policy Manual. Commissioners assigned the resolution number 2022-07 to the amendment. Commissioner Rutler read Resolution 2022-07, to adopt the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department K9 Policy and Providing an Effective Date, into the record.

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to accept the Resolution 2022-07, to Adopt the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department K9 Policy, as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded the motion. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Sheriff King presented a security contract for the Lincoln County Community Center, with the same company that the Courthouse uses for security cameras (M2). He also presented a competing bid from ETS for similar services, to include the purchase of the equipment.

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to contract with ETS for the project quote CM-1154 for Lincoln County Community Center Cameras, adding \$3,500.00 for an additional two security cameras to total approximately \$16,000. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Chairman Wood discussed the amendment to the Idaho Community Development Block Grant. The Idaho Department of Commerce has decided to provide additional funds to the Youth Center's block grant for the HVAC system. Region IV has amended their contract to reflect the additional administration fees related to the increase in the block grant. The fee is being raised from \$19,500.00 to \$24,500.00. This fee comes out of the grant.

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to amend the project administration contract with Region IV Development for the Lincoln County Youth Center, ICDBG Cares One Program for HVAC, to include an additional \$5,000, bringing the total fee to \$24,500.00. Chairman wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

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**Chairman Wood made a motion to approve the Certificate for County Levies for Lincoln County(L1) as presented. Commissioner Rutler seconded the motion. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**10:50am Commissioner Hubert made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(b) Personnel. Commissioner Rutler seconded. Vote Commissioner Hubert, yes; Commissioner Rutler, yes; Chairman Wood, yes. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.**

11:12am Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting

Discussion on RV taxes with Treasurer Ann Youts. The Treasurer's office sent out tax letters to several RV owners, but they appear to have left the area and Treasurer Youts would like to cancel those taxes as uncollectable.

**Chairman Wood made a motion to amend the agenda to include the Ambulance District credit card letter as an action item. Commissioner Rutler seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

DL Evans Bank is requesting signed Commissioners meeting minutes and a letter authorizing an increase in the Ambulance District credit limit and issuance of a new credit card. Further information is needed before a decision can be made.

No action taken at this time, tabled until next meeting.

Discussion on County Employee insurance policies. Currently, Lincoln County reimburses employees who are eligible for the county health insurance plan but choose to stay on their own insurance plan, saving the county money. Sheriff King has proposed that the Commissioners change the language of the employee policy regarding waiving health insurance coverage and reimbursement.

Discussion on County Employee Holiday Pay policy. Currently, the policy states that any employee that works over 8 hours in a day will have that additional time taken from holiday pay. Clerk Sievers has proposed that this policy be changed so that employees are not docked holiday pay when they have to work past their normal hours in a day in the same week.

Discussion returned to the employee insurance reimbursement. Chairman Wood proposed that the holiday pay policy be taken to the prosecutor, and we will revisit the insurance reimbursement policy at the next meeting.

### Correspondence

Commissioner Hubert discussed his conversation with Hubert Shaw regarding a phone call he received from the State Veterinarian about the number of cattle he has on his feedlot. Mr. Shaw requested that Commissioner Hubert present his current permits to the board and ask that he be contacted first before the state is contacted. Norma Anaya, Planning and Zoning, clarified that there was a complaint to the code enforcer that Mr. Shaw had moved in an additional 1,000 head of cattle, which she followed up with by contacting the Department of Agriculture because

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CAFO's are required to report to them. It was found that Mr. Shaw was well within his allowed number of cattle, and no action was taken against him.

Commissioner Hubert received a phone call from Tammy Redfield regarding the new internet provider (ETS). Tammy Redfield states that the company does not return phone calls, and the internet is not as fast as was advertised. Chairman Wood clarified that the guarantee is 50 mbps up and 50 mbps down, and she will contact ETS to follow up.

12:00pm Chairman Wood adjourned the Regular Meeting for lunch.

1:00pm Chairman Wood reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Jeff McCurdy from Region IV is here to present two contracts to the Board of Commissioners. One is for the comprehensive plan, the other is the amended ICDBG contract.

**Chairman Wood made a motion to accept the professional services contract between Lincoln County and Region IV Development Association, working toward a new comprehensive plan. Commissioner Rutler seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Further discussion with Jeff McCurdy regarding the second contract, which is the ICDBG contract that the commissioners signed this morning.

Carl Legg is present today to discuss the Wells Fargo Building. Carl had a commercial appraisal done of the building in May of 2022, which came back at \$550,000.00. Carl proposes that Lincoln County purchase the building as an inventory item to try and get a new bank into Shoshone. He would sell the building to Lincoln County for \$350,000.00. The commissioners will discuss this proposal further.

Clerk Sievers presented discussion on opening the budget for the 2023 Fiscal Year. A hearing must be set. In previous years, the budget has been opened during a regular Commissioners meeting. Clerk Sievers has set a cutoff date of October 14, 2022 for any County departments to submit claims for the FY 2022. A hearing to open the budget is scheduled for October 11, 2022 during the regular meeting at 12pm.

1:30pm Chairman Wood opened the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Work Session.

2:35pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

Sheriff King discussed the Trunk or Treat to take place on October 31, 2022 from 6pm-8pm at the Sheriff's Department and Safety Day to take place on October 28, 2022 at the courthouse. Chairman Wood will gather more information and bring it to the next meeting.

Commissioner Rutler discussed the Job Fair, October 19, 2022, at the Lincoln County Community Center.

Chairman Wood discussed the Pollinator Festival to be held October 14, 2022 in Shoshone. The Lincoln County Youth Center will be taking the kids to the festival that day.

Chairman Wood discussed the need for an addition executive session.

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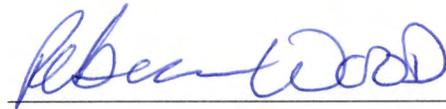
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2:40pm Chairman Wood adjourned the regular meeting.

2:50pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session. No action taken.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Hohnhorst, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Jennifer Hohnhorst, Deputy Clerk