

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2022

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

10:00am Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Wood introduced Terry Ruby of Tri County Weed. Terry Ruby is here to introduce Jason Parker, the new superintendent replacing Terry as he is retiring. Jason is a licensed drone pilot. He has done weed control in Twin Falls and Cassia Counties for 15 years and is looking forward to using his drone pilot license on the job in the future. Commissioner Hubert noted that he has received many phone calls from local residents who are looking forward to the use of drones in the control of local weeds. Commissioner Rutler asked if Tri County Weed is looking at hiring anybody new in the Jerome area yet, to which Terry replied that he is going to help Jason later on to hire someone in either the Jerome or Gooding area as a full time, seasonal, employee. Commissioner Hubert expressed his appreciation for Terry Ruby for their time together on the Tri County Weed Board. The commissioners welcomed Jason Parker to the Tri County Weed Board and thanked both him and Terry Ruby for coming in.

Claims, minutes

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to accept the minutes for Monday September 12, 2022, Regular Meeting, as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay the accounts payable for September 19, 2022, in the amount of \$ 31,340.26. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay the Lincoln County Youth Center Payroll in the amount of \$9,528.66. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay the Ireland Credit Card Account in the amount of \$3, 914.92. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Sheriff King is present today to discuss his K9 Policy Manual. According to the manual, the K9 handler must live in Lincoln County. Right now, with the housing market, this is not a possibility for the current handler. Currently he lives in Gooding County. The dog needs to be ordered by the end of the week to make it into the November training class. Today, Sheriff King would like the manual approved by the Commissioners with an addendum allowing the K9 handler to live outside of the county temporarily so that he may move forward with ordering the new K9.

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Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office K9 Policy Manual with the addendum that the Lincoln County Sherriff's Deputy K9 Handler be allowed to live outside of the county until appropriate housing within the county may be found. Commissioner Rutler seconded the motion. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioners will confer with the Lincoln County Prosecutor regarding whether or not a resolution must be passed in relation to the new K9 Policy Manual. Sheriff King thanked the commissioners for their time.

Chairman Wood discussed the Idaho Power Agreement. Idaho Power contacted Chairman Wood regarding the County's broadband grant. Originally, Idaho Power used the city pole agreements for the county to run fiber to the poles, but because the county actually owns the infrastructure Idaho Power will need new county pole agreements. The pole agreements require that the county hold whoever is currently running the infrastructure to the rules that Idaho Power has set forth regarding adding fiber to the poles. Idaho Power also sent Chairman Wood a cost analysis, which she forwarded to Prosecutor Richard Roats. Glanbia would like to pay to have the fiber that is currently run into the Richfield City Park put into Glanbia, and in addition to paying for that they will help get it to the library and school. In order for the Glanbia project to move forward, Lincoln County will need to sign the new county pole agreement. Idaho Power has agreed to discuss lowering the county's fees to assist with grant situations once the county signs the pole agreement. The agreement has been forwarded to and approved by Lincoln County Prosecutor Richard Roats, and will be tabled for future discussion at the next Commissioners' meeting.

Discussion on the Ada County Pathology Agreement. \$1,850.00 is the basic autopsy fee, with partial fees for other pathology services. The standard autopsy fee has not changed from last year.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to approve the Ada County Pathology Agreement as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded the motion, with the comment that it has not changed from last year. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

New Board of Health Representative for Minidoka County- Commissioners shall cast their collective vote. Commissioner Rutler read the appointment ballot into the record. Jared Orton-candidate.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to approve the new Minidoka Commissioner, Jared Orton, to the Board of Heath Representative for Minidoka County. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Mashelle Barlow is here today to discuss the security situation at the Community Center. People noticed that one of the security cameras was facing upward. The internet has also not been working. ETS did not answer or return a phone call on Friday. Chairman Wood stated that ETS would likely return the call today. Sheriff King received a bid for security cameras for the Community Center in April that was very high, so he has sent it to ETS for them to come up with a competitive bid. He will follow up with ETS again. Additional security funds may need to be added into the Community Center budget. Clerk Sievers, Commissioner Rutler, and Chairman

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Wood will follow up. Chairman Wood would like to see fees added for the Certified Kitchen for such things as the farmers market or people that want to do cottage foods. The community center received a grant from the University of Idaho to upgrade the conference room has added sound panels and will be installing a projector that will likely be mobile to be able to be used in different rooms. The Community Center's main goal is to get CSI and U of I to offer classes there. One of the gas ranges doesn't work well, the freezer doesn't work, and the griddle doesn't have a pilot light. Mashelle would like to look into grants that would allow the Community Center to upgrade those kitchen appliances. Commissioner Rutler suggested that T-Mobile may be a resource for community grants to upgrade security. Norma Anaya, Planning and Zoning, suggested that CSI may have culinary grants available to upgrade the kitchen appliances since they may be offering classes at the Community Center. Commissioner Hubert questioned what the Department of Health says about the appliances, to which Mashelle replied that they only check the cleanliness of the kitchen. The fire inspectors are who checks the appliances and they pass inspection, they just are not functional to cook with. Commissioners thanked Mashelle Barlow for coming in.

Domestic Well Exemption Discussion- Norma Anaya, Lincoln County Planning and Zoning, discussed the meeting that she and Commissioner Rutler attended. The exemption applies only to wells that use less than 13,000 gallons per half an acre, per day. A Subdivision ordinance was suggested, which would entail a community water system, such as non-watered landscaping. Counties discussed that the aquifer is being depleted and has been for years, and are proposing solutions to combat that. A public water system would have more administration and control over water usage and quality than private wells that are currently utilized by many. Lincoln County can do its part by looking at current ordinances and possibly changing them.

Chairman Wood called Andrew from Big D Construction for an update on the timeline of the courthouse renovation. He stated they should have a bid package ready for review around the last week of October. Treasurer Youts questioned when the potential start date for construction would be, to which Andrew replied that a tentative start date could be in December.

Correspondence, Old Business

Commissioner Rutler discussed the Animal Shelter construction progress. The building is now enclosed.

Chairman Wood discussed the Cornhole Tournament outside the Little Wood Saloon at 1pm on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

Discussion on Sundial Cave tour to take place on Saturday September 24, 2022. It will be a one-mile hike into the Lincoln County Lava Wilderness Setting Area. They will be leaving the parking area at 10am. Contact Wanless Southwick 208-569-6095

Discussion on NACO opportunity for Rural County Residents with Substance Use Disorders- contact Chairman Wood if interested.

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Shoshone Chamber of Commerce- Job Fair on October 19,2022 from 3pm to 6pm. If you would like a table, they are \$20 per table, at the Community Center; South Central Community Action Partnership is interested in a table for the Self Help Housing Project. Commissioner Rutler

Commissioner Hubert discussed the Farm Bureau Lava Ridge tour. He states that the turnout was very good, and the tour was very informative. Both Commissioner Hubert and Commissioner Rutler expressed concern over the effect the Lava Ridge Wind Project will have on the local aquifer and what they learned about it recently at the Farm Bureau tour and Domestic Well meeting.

The Proposed Lava Ridge Wind Project subcommittee is meeting on Thursday September 22, 2033 from 9am to 5pm at BLM.gov Get Involved Resource Advisory Councils page to join the meeting via Zoom.

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

1:00pm Chairman Wood reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(d) Exempt Records- to consider approval/denial of indigency claims. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote Commissioner Hubert, yes; Commissioner Rutler, yes; Chairman Wood, yes. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

1:07pm Chairman Wood adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Clerk Sievers states that Jerri from the Care Center needs to set up a meeting with the Commissioners to be introduced to the public. The Care Center is looking for staff including CNA's and nurses.

1:09pm Chairman Wood opened the Ambulance District Meeting.

1:50pm Chairman Wood adjourned the Ambulance District Meeting.

2:00pm Chairman Wood opened the Planning and Zoning meeting, public hearing and work session.

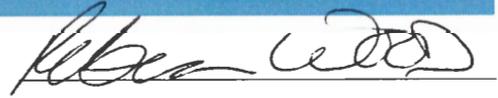
2:50pm Chairman Wood adjourned the Planning and Zoning Hearing and Work Session.

2:50pm Chairman Wood adjourned the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Hohnhorst, Clerk for Minutes

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Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Jennifer Hohnhorst, Deputy Clerk