

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 17, 2022

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

10:00 a.m. 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 Neher Park accounts payable in the amount of \$5,100.00. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Noted that this account is paid by a grant. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay the 2022 Ireland Bank credit card bill in the amount of \$11,306.69. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay the 2023 Ireland Bank credit card bill in the amount of \$1,136.87. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay the 2023 Lincoln County accounts payable for October 17, 2022, in the amount of \$61,902.88. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay 2022 Lincoln County accounts payable for October 17, 2022, in the amount of \$24,823.68. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes for October 10, 2022, with one correction to the page 3 discussion in the budget hearing regarding the Lincoln County Youth Center. The commissioners would like it noted that the Youth Center is a pass-through account. Commissioner Rutler seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer, Ann Youts, discussed the RV taxes update. Sheriff King states that all but one RV is gone. Treasurer Youts believes Lincoln County should cancel the owed taxes and write them off.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to cancel the taxes for three RVs in the amount of \$1,886.76. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion on the county having done its due diligence in attempting to collect these debts. Commissioner Hubert questioned whether or not this action would be fair to those taxpayers that have paid their taxes. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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Clerk Sievers discussed changing the official publication source for Lincoln County from the Times News to the Courier News. The cost is comparable, and she believes that the Courier News reaches more Lincoln County residents. The Courier News will save the county a good deal of money on elections publications, especially.

Chairman Wood made a motion to change the Lincoln County official publication source to the Camas Courier. Commissioner Rutler seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Discussion with Andrew Wolford, Big D Construction, and Ben Ledford, Myers Anderson Architecture, on the Courthouse renovation. Lincoln County has officially been approved by the US Department of Treasury for an additional PILT payment in the amount of \$1,403,344.95. Commissioner Rutler states 50% of the budget is in reserve fund. Discussion on budget item lines including waterproof exterior walls in the basement, fire sprinklers, flooring, landscaping, and finishing the meeting room in the basement. Commissioner Hubert clarified that the renovation is not intended to be a complete renovation, but a partial renovation. Commissioner Rutler questioned whether materials are projected to increase or decrease in price in the near future. Andrew and Ben estimated prices would increase some in the next 90 days. The commissioners thanked Andrew and Ben for their time.

Karma Fitzgerald, Legislative candidate for District 26, Seat B, is here today to introduce herself. She has been in Lincoln County for 30 years and has partnered with the county on many projects and is hoping to continue the relationship. Commissioner Rutler asked what Karma's position is on the Lava Ridge Wind Process. Karma states she is a proponent of waiting for the Environmental Impact Report. However, on paper she does not like what she sees so far. She would like to be sure that the project would be beneficial for Idaho and its residents before deciding to support it. Commissioners thanked Karma Fitzgerald for coming into the meeting today. Karma encouraged anyone and everyone to reach out to her with any questions or concerns.

Ashley Lezamiz is here today from Lincoln County Misdemeanor Probation to discuss department updates. Red Ribbon Week will be on October 21, 2022, with both Probation and the Sheriff's department at the Lincoln County Youth Center from 6pm until 7:30pm. On October 28, 2022, Probation will join the Sheriff's department for Kindness Day and the Trick or Treating safety event on the courthouse lawn from 11am until 1pm. Chairman Wood noted that Juvenile Probation and Parole has moved into the Courthouse and probation officers are always available. Commissioners thanked Ashley for coming into the meeting today.

Discussion on the Idaho Launch program. Information is available on the Lincoln County website under the Community Resources tab. This is an educational grant opportunity through the Idaho Department of Labor for Idaho residents.

Discussion on Area of Impact Training at the Community Center on October 27, 2022, from 4pm until 6pm.

Statement of Treasurer's cash in the amount of \$6,142,628.27.

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Commissioner Rutler announced on October 19, 2022, that there will be a job fair at the Community Center from 4 pm until 6 pm.

On October 31, 2022, the Sheriff's Department, EMS, Fire Department, Oasis Christian Church, and Saving Grace Church will be closing off A Street and hosting a Trunk or Treat beginning at 6 pm.

11:50 am Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for lunch.

1:45pm Chairman Wood adjourned the Lincoln County Ambulance District meeting.

2:20pm Chairman Wood adjourned the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Work Session.

Chairman Wood

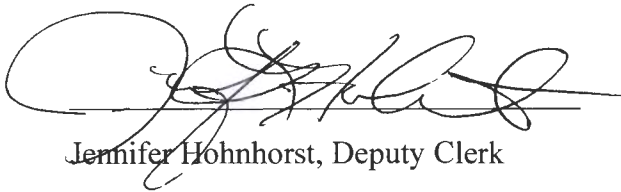
Respectfully,

Jennifer Hohnhorst, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Jennifer Hohnhorst, Deputy Clerk