

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2022

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

11:00 a.m. Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Rutler made a motion to deny Indigent case number 2022021. Chairman Wood seconded the motion. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

**Chairman Wood made a motion to amend the agenda to make the Courthouse Scope Discussion an action item. Good faith reason being that a decision needs to be made to move forward with the project. Commissioner Rutler seconded the motion. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Claims and minutes

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to accept the regular minutes for Monday, October 17, 2022, as corrected on page two. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay the Lincoln County accounts payable for October 24, 2022, in the amount of \$77,357.48. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to pay EMS Fire Claims for October 24, 2022, in the amount of \$3,292.16. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

On October 28, 2022, from 11am to 1pm, Lincoln County Probation and the Lincoln County Sheriff's department are hosting the Halloween Safety Event on the Courthouse lawn. All ages welcome.

On October 31, 2022, the Lincoln County Sheriff's department, Oasis and Saving Grace Churches, Lincoln County EMS, and Shoshone Fire are hosting a trunk or treat event on A Street from 6pm to 8 pm.

On October 29, 2022, the teen house at the Lincoln County Youth Center has a spook alley that is free to the public.

Commissioner Rutler discussed the Animal Shelter donations. She is hoping to have an open house at the new animal shelter in the Spring of 2023.

Chairman Wood discussed updates regarding Neher Park. She is hoping to have an open house at Neher Park in the Spring of 2023 as well.

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Chairman Wood discussed the planned meeting with ETS, Thursday at 10am, with Lincoln County department heads and elected officials.

Discussion on the Property Tax Town Hall Meeting on November 14, 2022, at the Canyon County administration building to discuss property tax, divisions, and q&a.

Commissioner Rutler discussed the IAC scholarship fund. The fund was created to assist children and grandchildren of county elected officials or children of employees.

Chairman Wood discussed the annual Christmas in the Country craft bazaar at the Youth Center to take place on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Richfield Bible Church ladies will be bringing soup and pie.

Discussion on a new poultry processing plant.

Discussion on Planning and Zoning Norma Anaya needing a new window. Norma is unable to attend the meeting today, so minutes clerk Jennifer Hohnhorst filled commissioners in on the issues Norma is currently having with her office window. No action taken at this time.

Chairman Wood, Commissioner Rutler, and Clerk Sievers conducted a walk-through of the courthouse basement to assess storage use.

12:00p.m. Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for lunch at the Care Center.

1:00p.m. Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

Commissioner Hubert has joined the afternoon session of today's meeting.

Sheriff King is present today to discuss City police contracts. The contracts have not changed from previous years' contracts.

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to accept the Richfield City contract. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to accept the Shoshone City contract. Commissioner Rutler seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

A contract with Dietrich will follow soon.

Sheriff King presented documentation in support of increasing patrol wages. Discussion on the circumstances in his department prompting his request for wage increases. Other department heads and elected officials participated in the discussion and voiced their concerns.

Commissioners would like to revisit this discussion as an action item in the next meeting.

On October 27, 2022, there will be a Special Commissioners Meeting at 2pm.

Fair Board Report: discussion on upgrades needed to power poles, bleachers, lighting, the storage building, shelters, ADA bathrooms, and maintenance. Discussion on the volunteer work that the board does.

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Planning and Zoning Report: Discussion on zoning issues on parcels that have two different zonings.

Treasurer Report: Discussion on not having received the levies from the State of Idaho yet. No property tax numbers will be available until Ann receives those levies.

Emergency Management Report: Discussion on the conference for Emergency Management. Workshops are starting up again. The board would like to get Union Pacific back from E.M. training. Discussion on grants. Cyber security is currently their biggest concern.

Assessor Report: Linda made the changes to the Solid Waste Fees, which increased the revenue by \$54,777. Discussion on revenue concerns regarding opening the landfill up. Linda states that there is an increase in new construction in the county.

Clerk Report: Discussion on current election activities.

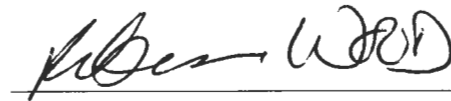
Discussion on the courthouse scope. Commissioners reviewed line items in the current scope and discussed alternate items that could be added.

**Commissioner Rutler made a motion to add \$859,180, for lines 21 through 27, into the original scope. Chairman Wood seconded. Discussion on Commissioner Hubert still being in favor of a new courthouse, during which he described his reasoning for this stance. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Rutler, yes; Commissioner Hubert, no; Chairman Wood, yes. Vote two in favor, motion carries.**

3:36pm Chairman Wood adjourned the regular meeting.

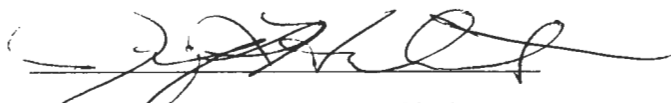
Respectfully,

Jennifer Hohnhorst, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Jennifer Hohnhorst, Deputy Clerk