



MINIDOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

January 29, 2018

The meeting was opened with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:36 AM.

Present for this meeting were: Commissioner Koyle, Commissioner McClellan, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Goodman, Prosecuting Attorney Stevenson, Deputy Clerk McCall, and Clerk Page.

Deputy Yates presented the following **Applications for County Aid**:

2017-97 Commissioner Koyle moved to deny for lack of proof to determine residency, obligated county, last resource, medically indigency, and no interview with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koyle moved to approve **claims and payroll** with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

The **minutes** from January 22, 2018, and January 26, 2018, were reviewed. Commissioner Koyle moved to approve minutes with a second being voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koyle moved to convene as a **Board of Equalization** as required under I.C. 63-501 with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried. Having nothing to review, Commissioner Koyle made a motion to exit the Board of Equalization with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Prosecuting Attorney Lance Stevenson reported that he attended a contract training over the last weekend; reported on publications on website possibility; reported on current drone laws and possible new legislation on magistrate court payments.

Commissioner Koyle moved to appoint Laurie Rasmussen to fill the **Minidoka Memorial Hospital Trustee** board member term expiring 09/30/2018, the vacancy of previous board member Stephani Merrigan, with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner McClellan reported that he had heard Clerk Page was named secretary of the Minidoka Republican Party. Clerk Page had corrected Commissioner McClellan and stated that she had agreed to take the minutes only. The Veteran Service Officer position was filled last Friday; Mrs. Greenwell's farewell is January 31, 2018, at the American Legion Hall in Burley from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

Commissioner Koyle reported that she attended the LEPC meeting (Local Emergency Preparedness Committee, jointly run for both Minidoka and Cassia Counties) which was not well attended, the agenda called for the election of officers, but due to the low attendance, this was not done; to receive certain grants, attendance at the LEPC meeting is a must by representatives of the entities applying for the grants; the next meeting will be held on February 22, 2018, at the Heyburn Fire Dept., Cassia School District will supply lunch; and Gary Davis had retired. Commissioner Koyle also attended the Minidoka Hospital Board meeting and elected a trustee to be appointed,

signed a policy update and discussed new doctor recruitment; this meeting was held in the new EOC (Emergency Operations Center) meeting room, Ste. 15, behind the hospital.

Connie Stopher, **Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization**, reported on: putting together a new marketing strategy; have two focus groups, the first is working with high school students to find out their views on hometown employment and their future plans for employment and where they intend to reside, the second working with larger entities employees and veterans; working on making some virtual reality videos to give a “real life” experience of Idaho; attending Sight Selectors in March and June; placing advertisements in Alaskan Airline’s magazine to target talent recruitment; and looking at merging with a local rural development organization, which covers local counties.

Mr. Wyatt Saunders, Commander of Paul Post 77, Mr. Damian Rodriguez, 5th District Commander of the American Legion, and Mr. Lynn Haynes were present to request possible funding on behalf of the **American Legion Post 77, Paul, ID**. Mr. Rodriguez gave a brief history summary: The American Legion is approaching its 100th Anniversary; Paul Post became an official post in 1950 and is now named the Wilber C. Hall; and currently have 47 card carrying members. In the past, the annual German Sausage Pancake Breakfast was their main source of fund-raising to help with their monthly bills, but it is becoming more difficult to find helpers to put on this event. They asked for ideas and support from the County to help keep Paul Post 77’s doors open, possibly by being included in the County’s annual budget contributions. Mr. Wyatt added that they are slowing obtaining new members from current wars by adding activities that they may be interested in, by having access to qualified psychologists to help veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorders and other mental health issues related to their military service. The Paul Post accepts people from all over the county, not just residents within the City of Paul. The building has an accessible kitchen and has the capacity to hold district meetings. They are dependent on fund-raising and donations for their existence. The most recent donation was from past commander, Leroy Lepsak, who left his Harley to auction off, these funds will be used to repair the roof of the building.

Jason Thomas, **U of I Extension Educator**, was present to request clarification of the County employee policy. He would like to start off with instituting both county and University of Idaho policies to the best of his ability moving forward in his new position with the extension office. The major point of discussion was the compensatory time policy. Mr. Thomas requested that if the extension office is allowed to exceed the 80 hours comp time as indicated in policy that the Board amend their employee policy. The Board stated that they cannot request that Mr. Thomas do something different other than what is written in the employee policy manual. Prosecuting Attorney Stephenson advised Mr. Thomas that as a department head he can require a stricter policy than the manual. Prosecuting Attorney Stephenson defined the difference between employee representation vs. personal representation. He advised to error on the side of the employee, even though employees may have children attending the same event, the employee’s job description may require the person act as an employee rather than a parent.

Lisa Klamm, Scott Arnell, Adria Masoner, and Stephanie Gines were present on behalf of the **South Central Public Health Department** to give an update. Prosecuting Attorney Stephenson and Mr. Arnell conversed about water and septic systems within subdivisions. Mr. Arnell reported: that our area does not have enough housing for the needed workforce; seeing an increase of big business building stick-built housing for single employees; and would like to give an update on a quarterly basis. Ms. Masoner gave an update on: prevention, sex education, positive youth development, leadership and service, Draw the Line-Respect the Line, and physical and nutritional programs. SCPHD is working on obtaining a safe walking route between the Rupert Square and Neptune Park, considering both are becoming a recreational area and is offering a Looking Glass Academy, a two-day workshop teaching city and county officials how to look for safe routes in their areas. Minidoka County as a 35% obesity rate within the State and teen pregnancy since 2009, has dropped in Idaho by almost 40% (ages 15-19).

Prosecuting Attorney Stevenson would like to see more education on sex within the boundaries of the law and would gladly offer a prosecutor's time for such classes. Ms. Klamm reported: that this year there has been 39 deaths due to flu, the flu vaccine still helps; more cases of whooping cough, the new vaccine does not have the same side effects as the old Tdap vaccine; an increase of STD's where 227 reportable investigations happened last year by Ms. Klamm; also reports that raw milk disease is on the rise; thanked Commissioner Koyle for requesting SCPHD to report; and fire, police, city, and business officials each have lunch with our local school children, one division per week during a program that lasts for 3 months. Commissioner Koyle invited SCPHD to the next LEPC meeting on February 22, 2018 at the Heyburn Fire Department at noon.

This meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m. with a tap of the gavel.

Robert Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tonya Page, Clerk