



## MINIDOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 8:32 AM.

Present for the meeting were: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner McClellan, Clerk Page, and Deputy Attorney Prosecutor Goodman.

Clerk Page requested a motion to **amend the agenda per I.C. 74-204 (4) (c)** to add the following with the associated good faith reasons:

Treasurer's Cash and Investment Report – was inadvertently placed in the Board's basket but not on the agenda; two resolutions to destroy records – an individual is available this week to shred records, but not next week; and information on the upcoming social services conference as this needs to be scheduled as soon as possible. Commissioner Moore also requested to amend the agenda for: Minidoka landfill fee waiver list which was just received late last Friday.

A motion to approve the previously stated was voiced by Commissioner McClellan with a second voiced by Commissioner Moore. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Dockstader requested an executive session to review applications for county aid.

A motion to enter into **executive session per I.C. 74-206 (1) (d) as allowed by I.C. 74-106 (6)** was voiced by Commissioner McClellan and seconded by Commissioner Moore. Commissioner McClellan voiced an aye and Commissioner Moore voiced an aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner McClellan moved to exit executive session with a second being voiced by Commissioner Moore. Motion carried.

### **Applications for County Aid:**

2018-12 Commissioner McClellan moved to approve the application with reimbursement to be reviewed at a later date with a second voiced by Commissioner Moore. Motion carried.

2018-4 Commissioner McClellan moved to deny the application for insufficient evidence to determine residency, obligated county, last resource, medical indigency, and no interview. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2018-15 Commissioner McClellan moved to deny the application for insufficient evidence to determine residency, obligated county, last resource, medical indigency, no interview, 31-day application was filed untimely, and applicant divested assets within last year. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koyle entered the meeting.

2018-9 Commissioner McClellan moved to deny the application for insufficient evidence to determine residency, obligated county, last resource, medical indigency, no interview, and applicant divested assets within last year. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2018-10 Commissioner McClellan moved to deny the application for insufficient evidence to determine residency, obligated county, last resource, medical indigency, no interview, and applicant divested assets within last year. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2018-11 Commissioner McClellan moved to deny for not being medically indigent and not the last resource with a second voiced by Commissioner Moore. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the **Certificates of Residency** as presented with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Prosecutor Stevenson entered the meeting.

Becky Schow and Jennifer Lloyd were present to introduce the **Magic Valley Area Humanitarian Center**. Schow is the president of the humanitarian center; nonprofit 501-c3; purchased the Swensen building in Rupert; all funds will come from donations and grants; Jennifer Lloyd is vice president; presented a video about a humanitarian center in Idaho Falls that has been up and running for years, which is also willing to give their software and information of how to make the business run; nothing else like this in the whole Magic Valley; going to network with all the organizations throughout the Magic Valley and fill orders for them; this will help make a stronger community by virtue of becoming friends through the power of helping others. Mrs. Lloyd showed the Board a few of their kits that are put together and sent out; she voiced the Magic Valley Area Humanitarian Center mission statement; the center will give people a place and a purpose to volunteer. Plans to open for production are after the building has been repaired, hopefully within a few months. This center is non-denominational, the aim is to bring all denominations, service members, seniors, genders, and all walks of life together. Assessor Vaughn and Chief Deputy Assessor West were present for the humanitarian center's presentation as well as for the next two discussed topics.

The Board moved to enter as a **Board of Equalization per I.C. 63-501** voiced by Commissioner Koyle with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried. Assessor Vaughn advised that Magic Valley Area Humanitarian Center's Articles of Incorporation need to be attached to the tax exemption request. Commissioner McClellan moved to table the request for the tax exemption to allow Magic Valley Area Humanitarian Center to produce their Articles of Incorporation with a second by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried. Commissioner McClellan moved to exit BOE with a second by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

Assessor Vaughn handed out and reviewed the **Idaho State Tax Commission Agricultural Land Assessment values – statewide**. There was much discussion about county value differences. Minidoka County is under a 1990's court order to keep our county values within a percentage of market value.

Assessor Vaughn and Prosecutor Stevenson reviewed the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Magic Valley Area Humanitarian Center. Stevenson recommended approval of tax exempt status and noted the corporation is of 501-c3 status. The Board moved to reconvene as a **Board of Equalization per I.C. 63-501** voiced by Commissioner Koyle with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried. Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the application for tax exempt status for Magic Valley Area Humanitarian Center with an effective date of February 21, 2018, with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried. Commissioner Koyle moved to exit BOE with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the addendum to the **letter of support for the Minidoka County Fire Protection District grant application** for 2 pumper trucks and a utility vehicle. A second was voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

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Commissioner Moore opened the meeting.

**Juvenile Probation Dept.** – Dixie Tate introduced Olga Escquivel, intern for Juvenile Probation and a social work student at Boise/CSI. Dixie also reported she is working on 2 grants due in Mid-March; 2 strengthening programs running; prevention program running; caseloads steady; wild kids shoveling snow today; drug court numbers about 7; and outpatient substance abuse numbers about 17.

**Assessor** Max Vaughn reported that Deputy Assessor Janice West is working on 2018 land values; had some fairly significant increases in land values; still a lot of data entry work; and listed job opening on indeed.com which closes March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Juvenile Detention Dept.** – Trent Bodily reported 7 residents in detention - 3 from Minidoka and 4 from Cassia; 2 potential employment applicants; and requested a brief executive session on a personnel matter at end of meeting.

**Prosecutor** Lance Stevenson reported that DUI's are up; and trying to catch a burglar in Rupert.

**Tax Collector** Laura Twiss reported that she turned over 24 Warrants of Dstraint on mobile homes; 2013 taxes on real property; and ordered 13 litigations.

**Extension Dept.** - Jason Thomas handed out 4-H scholarship applications for the Board to review; Jump into Spring is coming up; discussed policy concerns a month or so ago with staff - staff is good to go; producing surveys in Spanish & English; and a large industry partner that is going to loan computers to our area for the purpose of teaching coding and developing apps, self-driven course, with a course certificate being offered, official announcement to be made soon, age sophomores in high school and above, not just 4-H'ers.

**Building and Zoning Dept.** - Bret Stephens announced he will have 2 final subdivision hearings today; at training tomorrow; Rick Nay will travel to Pocatello for certification testing; an employee had her baby last Wednesday, should be out for about 6 weeks; and the new employee is doing well.

**Weed Dept.** – Reid Smith reported having no complaints on the weed issue (due to all the snow); and he needed to visit about the Board committee with the Commissioners.

**Coroner** Lucky Bourn reported that he had five death investigations and authorized five cremations; officially filed his candidacy this morning; and thanked all who showed up on Saturday for Lincoln Days as the Chairman of the Republican Committee.

**IT Admin.** Janie Rutschke requested more information of Jason Thomas regarding the computers. She also reported that she is again sending out warning emails to people about the bad emails/hoaxes that are still being distributed, please look at email extensions before opening emails; busy working on the setup of a new person in Odyssey; and spoke of replacement phones.

**Sheriff** Eric Snarr reported Shane Murphy received a promotion to sergeant; received new vehicle and traded out others; an employee is scheduled to return later this week from maternity leave.

**Clerk** Tonya Page reported on attending election training last week and of a new hire in Magistrate Court.

**Commissioner McClellan** reported he attended legislative conference; and is nice to live in this district where we are better off than other areas in the state with regards to transportation, roads, and bridges.

**Commissioner Koyle** attended the hospital board meeting, Dr. Woo from Connecticut started in the Emergency Dept, and another doctor coming from New York in June; Dr. Dearing is also taking some shifts; Emergency Preparedness Management Committee needs a full house at tomorrow's meeting at noon at Heyburn Fire dept.; attended retirement party for Georgia Greenwell; attended Chamber banquet; attended conference in Boise, met with our legislators, spoke about ICRMP's presentation; the Lincoln Day luncheon was wonderful; and she also reported on the Magic Valley Area Humanitarian Center that will be setting up in the old Swensen's building.

**Commissioner Moore** reported that he also attended the IAC conference, reiterated how we get along, county and district wide, and appreciates such, one contention is property taxes; Lucky did a really good job at the Lincoln Day luncheon, spoke about how some candidates speak of lowering taxes because that seems to be what the public wants to hear; Southern Idaho Solid Waste District fees will go into effect and be uniform at all 8 counties on March 1<sup>st</sup>, in hopes that these rates will generate correct revenue. Minidoka County has a transfer

station and is not a landfill – we pay to transfer waste to the butte; Laura Twiss interjected that residential rates seem to be very high in comparison to commercial rates. Residents are currently at \$85 per year as a special fee; Wayne Schenk questioned why tipping fees are going up after the big article came out that the gasification project was to decrease costs – Moore’s response was that 8 counties were involved in the decision-making process, 7 voted for and Minidoka County voted against. He also explained about the contract and history of gasification power. Commissioner Moore’s other issue was recycling and the cost to decontaminate and sort items. Moore has kept the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District’s projections on tax relief for the generators. As soon as subsidy goes away, companies seem to hurt financially.

Reid Smith stated that Ryan is on too many boards, asked the Board of a couple other names, and will inquire of the individual names mentioned and report back to the board for weed member appointment.

Commissioner McClellan moved to enter into **executive session per I.C. 74-206 (1) (b)** with a second by Commissioner Koyle. Commissioner Moore called for a roll call vote: Commissioner McClellan voiced an aye, Commissioner Koyle voiced an aye, and Commissioner Moore voiced an aye. Motion carried. General tenor of the session was regarding a formal complaint. Commissioner Koyle moved to exit executive session with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner McClellan moved to approve the **payroll** changes with a second by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Moore opened the session for a public hearing for **A Few Acres Subdivision and Skyline Estates Subdivision**.

Planning & Zoning Admin. Bret Stephens advised that Brandon Robinson is present for A Few Acres Subdivision and that the final review was processed by Planning and Zoning. The Board reviewed the application. Access is off of 300 South, road will be maintained by combined owners of the lots, turnabout is located in the last lot, as a non-highway district-maintained road. A motion to approve A Few Acres Subdivision final plat was voiced by Commissioner McClellan with a second by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the **minutes** of February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup> of 2018, with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the **conflict public defender report**.

The **Veteran Service Officer Monthly report** was reviewed.

### **Commissioner report:**

Commissioner Moore reported that Southern Idaho Solid Waste District rates will go into effect the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, have chosen to charge 50% to Deseret Industries and Idaho Youth Ranch and 100% fee waiver to various government entities that have previously been waived for one annual clean up.

No **Alcoholic Beverage Licenses** to review.

The Board offered a luncheon date of March 26<sup>th</sup> to meet with the Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion to approve **claims** was voiced by Commissioner McClellan with a second by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

Motion to **change the reimbursement mileage rate** to 54.5 cents to equal the state and federal mileage rate along with future rates to match the federal IRS rate with a retro effective date of February 5, 2018, voiced by Commissioner McClellan with a second by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moore re-entered into PUBLIC HEARING for Skyline Estates Subdivision. Mr. Stephens advised Cody Taylor and Kirk Taylor are present and that the subdivision has gone through Planning & Zoning. Kody Taylor presented his subdivision proposal to the Board. A motion was voiced to approve the Skyline Estates Subdivision plat by Commissioner Koyle with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the **Treasurers Investment and Cash** reports.

Commissioner Koyle moved to approve **Resolution 2018-2-26 & 2018-2-26B for the authorization for the destruction of county records** with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner McClellan will attend the **Social Services Conference** in April.

A motion was voiced to enter into **executive session under I.C. 74-206 (1) (f) and I.C. 74-206 (1) (i)** by Commissioner McClellan with a second by Commissioner Koyle. Commissioner McClellan voiced an aye, Commissioner Koyle voiced an aye, and Commissioner Moore voiced an aye. Motion carried. General tenor of the session was 3 new cases that were forwarded onto ICRMP and about the loss of a zip drive. Commissioner Koyle moved to exit executive session with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moore tapped the gavel at 12:11 PM to adjourn the meeting.

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Robert Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Tonya Page, Clerk