



MINIDOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2018

The meeting was opened with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:31 AM.

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

Members of the public present: Wayne Schenk

Buildings and Grounds Admin. Thomson requested the Board to allow an **amendment of the agenda** due to building septic issues over last weekend. Commissioner McClellan moved to amend per IC 74-204 (4) (c) with a second voiced by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried. The Juvenile Probation Dept. building, in Rupert, has a septic line that is no longer usable; we have known that this day would come; sewer pipe looks to have split in half causing sewage to not flow properly and seep out onto the interior floor. Buildings and Grounds Admin. Thomson has Dig Line coming this morning, Thorn's Plumbing will be here this morning, and Dalry Electric as well.

Deputy Dockstader presented **Applications for County Aid**.

2018-17 Commissioner McClellan moved to deny based on not being medically indigent and not being the last resource with a second voiced by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

2018-31 Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the cremation application with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried. No reimbursement was ordered.

2018-20 Commissioner McClellan moved to amend the previous approval to include the additional dates of service with a second voiced by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

2018-13 Commissioner Koyle moved to deny due to no interview and lack of proof for medical indigency, last resource, obligated county, and medical necessity with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

2018-18 Commissioner Koyle moved to deny for no interview, insufficient evidence for indigency, last resource, obligated county or resident with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the notification of a Default Certificate on court case CV34-17-01054.

Commissioner Koyle moved to convene as the Board of Equalization as required by I.C. 63-501 with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Having no business presented, Commissioner McClellan moved to exit BOE with a second voiced by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

Mr. Mick Schmidt was present to speak and negotiate the landfill **farm lease terms**. Mr. Schmidt will GPS the fenced area, check on pasture rent prices, and then schedule an appointment with the Board soon.

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

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

Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the **minutes** of March 19, 2018, with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Brett Stephens, Building and Zoning Admin., was present to speak on the **Idaho Power Committee**. Idaho Power is going to start updating their comprehensive plan and requests that the Board appoint people to serve on the committee for approx. a five to a six month process. Brett Stephens volunteered. Commissioner McClellan moved to appoint Bret to sit on the Magic Valley Electric Plan Community Advisory Committee with a second voiced by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

Mr. Rick Stimpson was present to speak about a proposed service project at **Emerald Lake**. Rupert 3rd Ward was looking for a large service project to do within their boundaries, however, Emerald Lake is a project that would benefit the entire community. The ward is thinking about having new signs made; every tree needs trimmed and limbs lifted up; all the buildings need to be repainted; have about 200 people that are willing to do volunteer work; would need a sign stating “no life guard on duty – swim at own risk”; and would like to build a beach area, where kids can go to swim. The ward would like the county to donate sand for a beach area. The Board is willing to commit \$4,000 towards the project.

Department Head Meeting

Commissioner Moore opened the meeting discussion.

Assessor Max Vaughn reported that his office is busy fielding properties and has a meeting, April 5th, in Twin Falls, regarding Ag Values. Commissioner Moore asked if Mr. Vaughn knew what pasture ground rented for. Vaughn responded that there are many factors to consider, smaller properties are rented for weed control and/or for enough to break even on taxes. The Ag Values across our neighboring counties was discussed.

Juvenile Probation Admin. Dixie Tate-Dennis reported Minidoka & Cassia County is starting a SPAN chapter, Suicide Prevention Awareness Network, and she will be soliciting participation from various community members. Their building band aid has peeled off and needs septic repairs; building power will be off for one day which will cause a forced closure to their office.

Coroner Lucky Bourn reported that the Boise Chapter of Suicide Prevention Area seems to be after the coroners to change Idaho to a medical examiner state; state association has been battling SPAN for two years now; they want the coroners to turn over all juvenile suicide records - which is protected information.

Mr. Bourn had 5 death investigations, 1 autopsy and 7 cremations; Lois and he have signed up to attend the death investigators seminar, in July, in Vegas, to be reimbursed by the association.

Tax Collector Laura Twiss reported working on the delinquent taxes; sheriff still has a few mobile homes that haven't been paid yet; and is in the middle of circuit breaker season.

U of I Extension Agent Jason Thomas reported on the Jump into Spring program; bingo fundraiser was well attended; weigh-ins is coming; and Jeni asks the Board, via Mr. Thomas, “Have you completed the scholarship applications? If not, they need completed this week”. Mr. Thomas also reported that Becky started dorm room chef classes and this Tuesday is going to be technology day at the extension office. Mr. Thomas asked for permission for himself to take the county vehicle home the night before he leaves in the early mornings to travel to the early meetings that he attends. The Board did not have a problem with his request.

Building and Zoning Admin. Brett Stephens reported on a training with the Planning & Zoning Commission; Rick Nay passed his residential inspector and mechanical certifications and will work on commercial certifications next; and Montana should return to work in 2 weeks.

Juvenile Detention Admin. Trent Bodily stated that there are 8 juveniles in detention this morning: five from Cassia and three from Minidoka; the annual inspection is coming in May; and the department is fully staffed.

Prosecuting Attorney Lance Stevenson reported things are going smoothly; staff credit cards used for personal gain or mistake is a felony, he advised to keep all credit cards in dept. heads' office and not in the hands of the staff, and he advised to not give your credit card to someone else to use; crime is up because the weather has

been nice, has filed a lot of DUI's and a shooting case; and he was present at training for Bret at the Planning & Zoning Board meeting.

Weed Dept. Admin. Reid Smith reported that weeds are actively growing and it is going to be a good year for the weeds; has had a few calls already; is going to get a date for a board meeting set up shortly; the heating unit in the shop is not working properly; and spoke on a lawsuit that was filed with the courts over weeds against Minidoka Irrigation District.

Information Technology Admin. Janie Rutschke reported on thinking of trying to refurbish PC's, possibly purchase a hard drive to replace the old one and sale the refurbished PC that could be recycled and reused; and had a Civic Plus website review, the top searches were legal and law enforcement.

Sheriff Eric Snarr reported things are busy and happening; have two officers on FMLA– one injured and the other's wife had a baby.

Clerk Tonya Page reported on Auditor office coverage during the week of April 16th; some departments are at their maximum issuance of credit cards, requests that offices review their staff credit cards and maximum limits; inquired about emailing agenda internally and advising external requests to view the agenda via our website;

Commissioner reports:

Commissioner McClellan reported that attended several meetings this month and appreciates the work everyone continues to do.

Commissioner Koyle attended the LEPC meeting, attendance was good, and the board had agreed to hold the meeting every other month. Mr. Jason Thomas stated that he and Becky had talked about doing an emergency preparedness fair. Commissioner Koyle stated that she would love to have them start attending the emergency preparedness meetings. The hospital meeting went well, the hospital is through recruiting and have signed emergency doctors. She also attended an incident command system class that was quite interesting.

Commissioner Moore reported that he didn't have anything new to report from the committees that he sits on and requested that all dept. heads who are under the Board of County Commissioners print off their time sheet and turn it into the Board for review.

The **Application for Cancellation of Property Taxes due to Hardship** was approved for Roberto Vega Arteaga, MH002094, by way of a motion voiced by Commissioner Koyle with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Todd Merrigan and Gary Price of Gerald Price and Associates were before the Board to present the **FY2017 audit**. The accrual net position ending is \$6,851,922 and actual fund balance ending is \$ 6,924,266.

Commissioner McClellan moved to approve and appoint Roy Hubert to serve on the **Board of Health of South Central Health District** with a second voiced by Commissioner Moore. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners met with the Planning & Zoning Board for lunch in the Board's meeting room. A group discussion took place regarding the need for the county's zoning and comprehensive plan to align with each other along with how to make that happen and who needs to be involved, mostly with regards to industrial corridors.

The meeting was adjourned with the tap of the gavel at 2:30 PM.

Robert Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tonya Page, Clerk