



MINIDOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2018

The meeting was opened with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:30 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

Welfare Director Dockstader and Elections Coordinator Yates presented **applications for county assistance**.

2018-28 Commissioner Koyle moved to deny due to not being medically indigent and we are not the last resource with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

2018-23 Commissioner McClellan moved to approve with a second voiced by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried. Reimbursement will be considered in 6 months.

2018-44 Commissioner Koyle moved to deny as there is not a future ability to pay with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

2018-43 Commissioner McClellan moved to deny as we are not the obligated county and the application needs to be directed to Cassia County with a second voiced by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

2018-24 Commissioner Koyle moved to deny as we are not the obligated county as the application needs to be directed to Cassia County and there was no interview to determine indigency or last resource with a second being voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Next appeal hearing dates are scheduled for May 18, 2018, June 22, 2018, July 27, 2018, and August 24, 2018.

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

Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the **alcoholic beverage license** for Henry's Heritage and Hospitality, LLC with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Assessor Vaughn and Deputy Assessor West were present before the Board to present a **casualty loss**, give an update on assessments, and discuss Mr. Mahoney's assessment.

Commissioner Koyle moved to enter into the **Board of Equalization** under IC 63-501 with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Deputy Assessor West stated there had been a fire in the home of Evelyn Fassett and requested a casualty loss approval. Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the application of casualty loss at the address of 1122 N 400 E, Rupert, RP07S25E3000C1, with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner McClellan moved to exit the BOE with a second by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

There was no discussion on the Mahoney assessment as an appeal has not been filed to date but is expected to be. Farm ground **assessments** will increase per Assessor Vaughn and discussion was held. Tomorrow is another meeting in Twin Falls on the Ag land value rule. Assessor Vaughn spoke of the 5-year plan assessments being fielded. They are currently at 17.17% completed. They are down an appraiser at this time.

Melissa Barry of **Southern Idaho Tourism** was present before the Board to give an annual update as to what is happening on a regional basis – see submitted a report.

Minutes will be reviewed next week due to the changes that needed to be made.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Dixie Tate-Dennis is not present today as it is a forced day off for her office due to electrical updates being made. Brett Stephens reported: on upcoming trainings, the office has been busy, they are currently training Montana in her new position, and things are going well.

Reid Smith reported: that he's been busy spraying on some projects, BLM has funding for their fire issues but weed spraying has not been approved yet, and his seasonal employee is ready to go but holding off until better weather.

Lance Stevenson reported: the gunshot preliminary bound over to district court, another gunshot prelim and rape case are coming up, and has been busy with P&Z and a lot of unique things.

Lucky Bourn reported: had 1 death and 4 cremations, he is waiting on State DNA tests for a crash victim and would like to invite the elected officials to attend the "Meet the Candidate's Night" this Thursday at the Wilson Theater at 6:30 PM.

Dave Pinther reported: Sheriff is at the ILETS dispatch conference, vehicles are showing up slowly and being equipped at All Wireless, the Jeep will go to Dixie, they are starting a hiring list for dispatch to have a current list on file, E-911 will have to have 2 dispatchers on at all times down the road, the drug task force is busy, and patrol has picked up.

Laura Twiss reported: her office has finished up circuit breaker customers, they took 655 applications of which 59 were new applicants, 28 were over income, 23 are pending; did collect all delinquent personals with Sheriff's help, mailed out pending issues – 9 remain, tax deed hearing is July 16th which is separate from the upcoming tax deed sale on June 11th.

Janie Rutschke reported: worked on a new mobile app for the Sheriff's Dept. and is currently working on mapping and pc setups, the new IT employee will start next Monday.

Max Vaughn reported: things are working smoothly, Amalgamated Sugar has their papers submitted, tomorrow he will be attending an Ag subcommittee meeting in Twin Falls, Melissa is learning industrial assessments – trend investment method, the office is still in need of an appraiser and a qualified mapper, and the office will be in compliance with tax commission this year.

Jason Thomas handed out a work summary of different projects. He reported: the office is working with Idaho Hay & Forage Assoc. and the Idaho Grain Assoc., Idaho State Dept. of Ag is working on a grass hopper bait program, Jeni and Becky finished chicken camp, and Becky Hutchings is currently teaching a lot of classes. Jason inquired about credit card issues which will be on the agenda at a later time.

Trent Bodily reported: 9 juveniles are currently in detention - 7 from Minidoka and 2 from Cassia County, May 16th will be the Dept. of Juvenile Correction's annual inspection, CPR training will be held on May 3rd - if anyone wants to participate the cost is \$30.00 per person, and he discussed budget items.

Tonya Page reported on behalf of Dixie: There is a forced office closure due to electrical work, things are progressing nicely with the remodel, things are picking up in the offices due to the weather and nearing the end of the school year, Chris Stewart, JPO in Cassia County, had neck surgery and Dixie will be covering for him, three staff members- Phil, Tom, and Val received scholarships to attend the Prevention Conference in Sun Valley, and the WILD projects will be picking up when school gets out.

Clerk Page reported on various House bills that were passed and not passed and how it affects the county.

Commissioner McClellan reported: Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization & Southern Idaho Development Boards are looking at merging their organizations, now is a great time to view Shoshone Falls, and reservoirs are full and there is enough snow pack above them to fill again. Dave Pinther offered that sand bags were sent to Albion and there has been water on lawns along the river. Commissioner McClellan added that 80-degree temperatures are possible for the weekend which would make things worse. Commissioner McClellan also attended Dessert for Dogs sponsored by Animal Control Trust Board to raise money for operation funds. There is funding sitting in the trust fund for support of dogs but not for operations of the dog pound/kennel. He was approached by Cassia County Commissioners wanting to know how we made our 911 system work and he advised them that we have an aggressive Sheriff's Dept. that goes after grant money. Dave Pinther also attributed our success to Janie and Dan for making our system a state of the art system. Janie Rutschke added that we are ahead of the State with Next Generation. Our Ztron system is fully compatible for the Next Generation. Commissioner Koyle reported: senior center will have a Mother's Day dinner on Saturday, May 12th, she attended weed board meeting where one of the things she learned is to not pull weeds without gloves on as some weeds are poisonous and that we currently do not have problems with Zebra Mussel as it is being stopped at boat check-in stations as we DO NOT want Zebra Mussels in our irrigation system. Reid Smith added that boaters are getting smarter and starting to bypass stations.

Commission Moore added to Janie and Dave's report that once we or any other entity gets behind - it's a fight to get back into the rotation for upgrades and replacements. He also reported: on what success means to him, Southern Idaho Solid Waste requested to have uniform fees across the district, and he attended the magistrate commissioner meeting last Friday - Judge Borresen is retiring but they will be hiring an additional magistrate due to Judge Borresen's workload who will be stationed in Jerome. Commissioner Moore is going to send a letter of endorsement for Wayne Schenk to the newspapers. He finds it extraordinary that Wayne has put in so much time over the past 2 years in attending county meetings to find out what is going on in both Minidoka and Cassia counties.

Wayne Schenk stated that originally when he spoke to Commissioner Moore about an endorsement Mr. Moore told him no because he needed to stay neutral.

Commissioner Moore stated that he truly appreciates what all the Dept. heads do. A group discussion was held on salary budgeting.

Mick Schmidt came before the board to discuss his **farm lease**. He drew on an aerial map as to where the water ponds are. None of the farm is in alfalfa because last year he took it out and planted pasture grass. GPS indicated 36.9 acres total. There is a lot of blow sand and he sprayed roundup 3 times during the year. The ponds swallow pieces of wheel lines. He did try to level area and sunk a tractor in the pond/slump area. He had Mr. Bott haul Amalgamated pond soil out to landfill farm area. He has asked Karl Studer to give his opinion on a lease value. Last year he had 48 pair on pasture for 3 months. This year will be less because it was replanted this past fall and not established yet. Blow sand and pond makes the area difficult to farm. Commissioner Moore asked what Schmidt would like to pay. Together they agreed on \$4,000 per year. Lance will prepare a new lease for approval and signing next Monday.

Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the **grant letter of support for the Minidoka County Fire Protection District** for EMS with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

The Board moved location over to The Wilson Theatre for luncheon where the Minidoka County Comprehensive Plan was reviewed. There were 23 people present for the discussion with representatives from Minidoka County, City of Rupert, City of Paul, City of Heyburn, City of Burley, City of Acequia, Planning and Zoning Board and West End Fire Department. The current comprehensive plan is accessible on the Minidoka County website. The next meeting will be held on June 11th at 11:30 a.m. Location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Robert Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tonya Page, Clerk