



MINIDOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2018

The meeting was opened with the recital of the **Pledge of Allegiance** at 8:32 AM.

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

Members of the public present: Wayne Schenk

93729 – Clerk Page presented a request of a cash payoff of \$5,000.00 to release the liens. Commissioner Koyle moved to decline the offer from Oscar Noriega with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried. Deputy Clerk Dockstader presented **applications for county aid**.

2018-46 Presented while in appeal status. Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the request with a reimbursement of \$200.00 per month. A second was voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

2017-97 Commissioner Koyle moved to approve application with a repayment of \$25.00 per month with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

2018-59 Commissioner Koyle moved to deny due to no interview, not the last resource, not the obligated county, not able to determine residency, not able to determine medical necessity and not able to determine if applicant is medically indigent with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

2018-49 Commissioner Koyle moved to deny due to no interview, lack of proof to determine residency, obligated county, medical necessity, last resource and medical indigency. Commissioner McClellan voiced a second. Motion carried.

2018-58 The Board reviewed the request for preapproval. The office is waiting for a medical review to be returned. Commissioner Koyle moved to approve with repayment of one half of future tax returns with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried. Will review again in a year for any repayment change.

No action will be taken today on approval of **minutes** as they are not available for review.

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

Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the request for an **ADA assessment** of the Sherman Bellwood building with a second by voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the letter requested by the **Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District** for their funding request of county funds with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koyle moved to approve the **alcoholic beverage licenses** for Connor's Café, Morey's Steakhouse and Boonies, LLC, with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koyle moved to **publish the water on the road notice letter** in the Weekly Mailer with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

The IT Department reported to the commissioners on some problems with our **telephone service** and these have existed since the phone system was installed. Software Assurance is supposed to be included with our contract so they will be trying to address those problems this week and hopefully get them resolved at no cost to the county. One of the biggest problem areas is with calls coming into our 911 system. If both lines are being used the call should roll over to Cassia to be answered but currently that call gets a busy signal. Cassia County has the same problem with their system.

The on-hold music with our telephone system is currently using a radio station. They would like to purchase a on-hold music streaming device. Commissioners will put this purchase request on next week's agenda.

The IT department also requested positive articles on our county to post on the website. They would like to increase website usage. Commissioners suggested using resources like Southern Idaho Tourism, Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Rupert for ideas for positive information.

Commissioner McClellan moved to reappoint Ron Beedle for a 3-year term on the **Veteran Service Advisory Board** with a second voiced by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

Roy Prescott from the **Fire Range Protection District** reported on the expansion of the area from last year. He has cooperative agreements with rural fire districts which includes Lincoln, Jerome, Gooding and Minidoka counties. He reported that they are requesting funds from Idaho Power to help purchase some needed equipment. He is requesting \$500.00 from Minidoka County for FY2019. Commissioners requested that he submit a funds request letter.

FY2019 **Budget request presentations** were made by: Clerk Page for the auditor, court, election, commissioners, and general reserve categories of the budget; Reid Smith for the weed department; Lucky Bourn for the coroner's department; Sheriff Snarr for the budgets covering sheriff's budget, e911 budget, and waterways budget; Max Vaughn for the assessor's budget and the revaluation budget.

Commissioner Koyle moved to enter into the **Board of Equalization** as per I.C.63-501 with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Assessor Vaughn presented an application for a tax exemption. In reviewing the application, it was made known that the ag income section had not been completed. This is required by state statute. Assessor Vaughn presented recent pictures of the property as well voiced his communications with a neighbor of the property. Commissioner Koyle moved on ag exemption request for RP10S22E138620, on the Colflesh property, be denied as no proof of income, as required, was presented with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koyle moved to exit Board of Equalization with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Brianne McCoy with the **Public Defense Commission** met with the commissioners to discuss **responses to the conflict public defenders' contracts** that were recently sent out by the county clerk. The Public Defense Commission grant requires contracts. Some of the local attorneys had contacted the county with their thoughts on the required contracts and the amount of record keeping that would be involved in representing the conflict cases as they are not the first public defender and do not feel they need to sign a contract. Ms. McCoy reported that the Public Defense Commission will be addressing this issue at their next meeting which will be held this week. The PDC would like to come up with a plan to help small counties without putting grant funds in jeopardy. Prosecutor Stevenson suggested that it would be helpful if some of the information could be obtained from

Odyssey (court record system). Minidoka County's first conflict defender submits a monthly report to the commissioners, and he feels we only need annual reports for the second public defenders for budgeting purposes. He suggested that a bill with the case number be submitted instead of a report and the information could be tracked from there. The county already has checks and balances in place for this system.

Ms. McCoy invited the commissioners or their representative to a Townhall public meeting on setting standards and reporting to be held on Thursday, June 21st in Twin Falls at 4:00 p.m.

The board reviewed the **PILT lawsuit** handout. There will be a conference call on Tuesday, June 19th concerning this lawsuit. Prosecutor Stevenson thought they (people handling the PILT lawsuit) would send out paperwork for signatures if the county wanted to join this lawsuit.

Correspondence: Clerk Page handed out Special Attention Mail from the United States Department of Interior for the board's review.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 PM.

Robert Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tonya Page, Clerk