



MINIDOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2018

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

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

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

2018-108 Commissioner Koyle moved to deny because there was no interview and therefore, we do not have proof of being medically indigent, the last resource, medical necessity, obligated county or residency, with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

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

Minutes not available for review at today's meeting.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner McClellan had nothing to report.

Commissioner Koyle reported that the Senior Center did not have a meeting as the board members were out delivering meals and the meeting will be rescheduled for next week. She attended both the IAC and District IV meeting. Rob Hemsley and Doug Abenroth were present at that meeting and talked about the specialty courts and recidivism rates. Judge Wildman explained why we have specialty courts and officers were elected at the District IV meeting.

Commissioner Moore reported that: Spencer Ulrich who worked at the landfill transfer station passed away last week due to an auto accident; he met last Thursday with the Highway District with Sheriff Snarr and that it was embarrassing that we had 3 citations this last year when we requested enforcement on the water on the road issue; the Highway District does not wish to have an employee deputized but is willing to help pay for someone to enforce water on road issue; John Remsberg would like to build an antique museum and would speak with the fair board about such; he advised Remsberg that if the building could be built lien free the county would be more willing to entertain it.

Prosecutor Stevenson reported that the Young Republicans will hand out brochures. He has pulled the Joint Powers Agreements and asked the Board to get together with Cassia County regarding the Joint Power Agreements with good faith and understanding. Commissioner Moore will set up a special meeting tomorrow with Cassia County.

Brett Stephens, Planning & Zoning Dept., presented before the Board to review **upcoming ordinance changes**, definitions, amendments, and residential zones in Industrial Heavy Zones. Prosecutor Stevenson advised that the

Board has one week to look over the changes. Mr. Stephens also gave a status update on the “junkyard” on the highway.

Commissioner McClellan moved to approve the **letter to the City of Paul** allowing the waiver of transfer fees with a second voiced by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner McClellan moved to **re-appoint** Barbara Lankford to the **Board of Community Guardians** for another term with a second voiced by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moore opened the **department head meeting** at 10:01 a.m.

Assessor Office: Janice West reported that the Assessors’ Office is working on occupancy, training new mapper, and training a new appraiser.

Extension Office: Jason Thomas handed out Extension Trends 2017 and Extension Highlights 10. Has received \$7000 worth of grants to use towards his barn owl project. 4-H has sponsored a carnival and are currently having a pie sale for a fundraiser project.

Treasurer Office: Twiss reported that her office is waiting for the State Tax Commission to say they can start the tax drive.

Juvenile Detention: Charlotte Reedy reported that they have 6 residents-5 from Cassia and 1 from Minidoka. Four staff members are at the Deadly Generations training in Boise.

Coroner: Lucky Bourn reported that the coroner’s office has had seven investigations since September 30th. Five were due to natural causes, one due to suicide, and one due to traffic fatality.

Info. Technology: Janie Rutschke reported that she has ordered more storage capacity from Computer Arts and is working on a mesh network wireless system; new computers are in and they will be working on replacing old computers; the Mal-ware network monitor is working very well; and has ordered a device called Clickshare to implement in the commissioner’s room.

Prosecutor’s Office: Prosecutor Stevenson reported that he is reviewing the Joint Powers Agreements; staff is very appreciative of the raises and send their thanks; and appreciates Alan Goodman as being a part of his staff again.

Sheriff’s Dept.: Sheriff Snarr expressed his thanks for raises and the budget. Sheriff Snarr stated: that he attended the Verizon and AT&T next generation conference; that the ICRMP training is done; that he received a grant for live scan for E-citations; that Dell charged sales tax which is to be returned in FY2019; that the concealed weapons audit is finished and his office needed a cabinet and a SOP policy; and that his office is really busy and several employees are out hunting.

Building and Zoning Dept.: Brett Stephens stated that he turned in draft of ordinance to the Board earlier today and reported that in the last three weeks he and all staff members have attended trainings.

Clerk’s Dept.: Clerk Page reported that she is working on setting up Legislators luncheon for Minidoka County. Will be on a Monday either in November or December; reported on the IAC scholarship fund, reported there will be a PERSI increase beginning in July; early voting has started today and will continue through November 2nd, has had a public records request for payroll 2017.

Commissioner McClellan expressed his thanks to the department heads and county employees. They are greatly appreciated. It is because department heads spend less than what is in the budget that raises can be usually given each year.

Commissioner Koyle agreed with Commissioner McClellan's statement and thinks it is so impressive that our county works well together. Commissioner Koyle reported on the Senior Center and Meals on Wheels and on the judicial specialty court meeting combined with the District IV meeting. She also advised Ms. Rutschke of the national cyber security program. Koyle also asked if the Assessors' plan to attend the meeting this week in Burley regarding ag values.

Commissioner Moore followed up on land values as he received a letter from the State Tax Commission on enforcement of values. He stated that he appreciates the efficiency of all who do their job and if we never make the news that must mean things are being done right.

The Board of Commissioners requested that the Assessor explain the **208 Business Park Urban Renewal Project**. Prosecutor Stevenson spoke with Heyburn attorney Paul Ross and asked about the correspondence. Chief Deputy West and Deputy Bair were present to explain their interpretation as well as Mr. Stevenson stated that the correspondence received last week is for informational purposes only.

Sheriff Snarr reported that Bill Jones, Officer Cobbley and himself attended the Verizon conference and Bill Jones also attended the AT&T conference. Sheriff Snarr asked the Commissioners to remove Dave Pinther from the DIGB4 board and replace him with Bill Jones, as a voting member. Commissioner Koyle moved to remove Chief Deputy Pinther from the **DIGB4 board** and appoint Sheriff Snarr and Bill Jones as a voting member to the DIGB4 board with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Sheriff Snarr also spoke of the **GeoCom grant** that was applied for by Blaine County on behalf of the local counties. The grant was awarded from Idaho Public Systems Communications Commission (IPSCC) with stipulations from the Public Utilities Commission. The first year is 100% funded, the second year is 90% funded for comparison of data; this leaves Camas, Blaine, Minidoka, and Cassia counties paying \$2,501.50, the remaining 10% of the comparison cost. Once NextGen is available, counties will need an internet provider that can offer the E-911 talk to text service.

While Sheriff Snarr was present, Commissioner Moore requested to hold a discussion on the water on the road issue regarding the highway district meeting that both he and Sheriff Snarr attended last Tuesday. Suggestions offered was to hire a part-time employee and possible use of a highway district vehicle for water on road enforcement. Commissioner Moore stated that the highway district indicated that they would be willing to provide some funding for an enforcement officer.

Richard Kraus presented before the Board of Commissioners to talk about an issue at the **county landfill**. He was told that he had hauled in too much in one haul versus the allotted one pickup load per week. Mr. Kraus suggested a voucher system for all those who do not wish to travel to the transfer station each week. After much discussion Commissioner Moore thanked Mr. Kraus for coming in to speak with the Board and stated that he would speak with the transfer station about allowable exceptions but does not guarantee that policy will change.

The meeting was adjourned with the tap of the gavel at 11:41 A.M.

Robert Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tonya Page, Clerk