

May 6, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 6th day of May, 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

Donna Atwood, Clerk, called roll call: Lisa Collini, present; Kirk Chandler, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

Kirk Chandler opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Nate Marvin gave the invocation.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE/MEETINGS AND REPORTS)

Correspondence received by the Board was reviewed and disseminated as required.

The Board discussed responses they have received regarding the possible abandonment of county roads.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

The minutes of the Board not heretofore approved of April 29, 2019 were approved as written.

IN THE MATTER OF WEED & RODENT CONTROL)

Bonnie Davis, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board.

The group discussed having the Weed Department spray at the new Extension Office location. Davis stated the charge for spraying would be \$50.00.

Davis reported the current rodent tail count is 8,344 with a remaining budget balance of \$20,570.00.

Davis requested payout of her comp time hours. The Board approved the request.

Davis informed the Board the Rodent Board meeting will be May 14, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. and the Weed Board meeting will be on May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Davis requested to not attend the Commissioner Meetings in May. The Board approved the request.

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IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS)

Meeting with the Board were Debbie Moxley-Potter, Assessor; Donna Atwood, Clerk; Matt Thomas, Sheriff, Sabrina Young, Treasurer and Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney. County matters were discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR)

Debbie Moxley, Assessor, met with the Board. Moxley-Potter reported her office was in the process of preparing assessment notices. The assessment notices will be mailed out on May 24, 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF CLERK)

Donna Atwood, Clerk, met with the Board. Atwood reminded the group of the election to be held May 21, 2019 for the Weiser Valley Highway District, the City of Cambridge, and Cambridge School District.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF)

Matt Thomas, Sheriff, met with the Board. Thomas discussed the vandalism at the sale barn at the fairgrounds.

IN THE MATTER OF TREASURER)

Sabrina Young, Treasurer, met with the Board. Young informed the Board her office would be mailing out June tax reminder notices. Young stated a notice of properties that could go to pending tax deed January 1, 2020 will be attached to the mailings. Young discussed delinquent personal property. Young informed the Board the Sheriff's Sale is scheduled for May 8, 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING – TAX INCENTIVE, AFC FINISHING SYSTEMS)

The purpose of the hearing is to consider granting a tax incentive to AFC Finishing Systems to promote and support the placement of a manufacturing facility in Washington County.

Tim Atwood with the Weiser Rural Fire District testified against the possible tax incentive. Atwood stated the business is already causing an extra burden on the district with permits. Atwood told the Board granting the incentive would cause additional efforts on the fire department without paying tax dollars to support the district.

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Rick Michael testified against the tax incentive. Michael stated he welcomes the business but he does not feel that tax incentives pay for themselves. Michael stressed that he felt the infrastructure is the most important. Michael told the Board the business will be using the county resources and should pay their fair share. Michael stated he is in favor of economic development but does not feel tax incentives are the answer.

Georgia Plischke testified against the tax incentive. Plischke stated tax incentives are a shared-option scheme to re-locate businesses and are counter-productive. Plischke said the county is in need of funding for county roads and wages need to be increased for the Sheriff's department. Plischke stated there was a seed company that came to Washington County that did not request an incentive.

Rich Brooke with Brooke Orchards testified in favor of the tax incentive. Brooke stated the county would still collect sales and gas taxes paid by the company and their employees. Brooke urged the Board to structure it properly and add conditions if needed.

John Evans testified against the tax incentive. Evans stated he was disappointed the AFC Finishing was not present to represent them. Evans stated that the company is already receiving a huge tax break by relocating from California to Weiser, Idaho. Evans testified AFC Finishing Systems would be bringing 75% of their employees with them. Evans felt an incentive of one year during development would be fair.

Dorothy Evans testified against the tax incentive. Dorothy Evans told the Board the company plans to bring thirty-five employees from California. Evans stated those jobs are most likely the higher paying jobs leaving ten to twelve jobs for local residents. Evans stated that Payette County and Oregon will benefit at the expense of Washington County. Evans told the Board AFC Finishing Systems is already receiving a tax break for up to 15 years from the state.

Rich Brooke readdressed the Board. Brooke discussed property taxes in California.

Tim Atwood readdressed the Board. Atwood stated development brings additional burden to the taxing districts.

Hearing closed at 10:35 a.m.

Collini stated any incentive to new businesses is in the best interest of the County long term. She stated the more businesses to the County the better for all in the long run.

Nate Marvin stated he had worked with the City of Weiser for 30 years. Since being a Commissioner there has been two new businesses and possibly a third, but this is a glimmer of hope to turn things around in Washington County. Marvin stated he is still in favor of the tax break, but maybe it should be modified as to what the county offers AFC Finishing Systems.

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Collini stated that people are leaving California in droves. She feels that now would be a good time to take advantage of the opportunity of the new company locating to Washington County.

Kirk Chandler stated the Board had previously agreed to give the incentive to AFC Finishing. Chandler stated the process for granting an incentive would need to be reviewed. Chandler discussed contacting AFC Finishing System regarding the number of employees the company will employ and how many positions would be available to local residents.

A decision will be made at a later date.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING) - CANCELLED

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC DEFENDER)

Cody Specht met with the Board. Specht discussed claims he submitted for Public Defender services for Washington County and the charges for travel that were denied for payment. Specht discussed the terms of his contract with Washington County.

IN THE MATTER OF LUNCH)

Lisa Collini moved, seconded by Nate Marvin to recess for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimous.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD AND BRIDGE & SOLID WASTE)

Arlen Wilkins, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the Board.

Kirk Chandler moved to approve the Application for Buried Cable or Pipe Line for Dan Swain at 1249 Mann Creek Road. The motion was seconded by Nate Marvin with all in favor.

Wilkins suggested using Mitigation funding for the bridge on Old Highway.

Wilkins informed the Board that the Unity Bridge is second on the list for federal funding.

IN THE MATTER OF AMBULANCE)

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini to recess as the Board of Washington County Commissioners and convene as the Board of the Weiser Ambulance District. Motion carried unanimous.

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Donna Atwood, Clerk, called roll call: Lisa Collini, present; Kirk Chandler, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

Larry Colella, Ambulance Supervisor, met with the Board. Colella reported the Ambulance District had twenty-eight calls for service and seven transfers last week.

Larry presented claims for payroll in the amount of \$ 20,561.35 and general expenses in the amount of \$6,440.52.

Lisa Collini moved to approve Order No. 19-30 for general expense claims in the amount of \$6,440.52. The motion was seconded by Nate Marvin with all in favor.

Kirk Chandler moved to approve Order No. 19-0016 for payroll claims in the amount of \$20,561.35. The motion was seconded by Lisa Collini with all in favor.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by Lisa Collini to recess as the Board of the Weiser Ambulance District and reconvene as Board of Washington County Commissioners. Motion carried unanimous.

Donna Atwood, Clerk, called roll call: Lisa Collini, present; Kirk Chandler, present; and Nate Marvin, present.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by to go into executive session at 1:48 p.m. in accordance with I.C. 74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. Motion carried unanimous. Lisa Collini, Aye; Kirk Chandler, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Kirk stated they were out of executive session at 3:11 p.m.

Walker discussed the Lease Agreement with the Ambulance District. The Board requested Walker draft an amendment to the Agreement.

Kirk Chandler moved, seconded by to go into executive session at 3:22 p.m. in accordance with I.C. 74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere

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presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. Motion carried unanimous. Lisa Collini, Aye; Kirk Chandler, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Kirk stated they were out of executive session at 3:37 p.m.

Motion by Kirk Chandler, seconded by Nate Marvin and unanimously carried to recess at 3:38 p.m. until May 13, 2019 at 8:45 a.m.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk