

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

May 19, 2025

Present: Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Nathan Schutte, Commissioner; Tim Ridinger, Commissioner; Jennifer Hohnhorst, Clerk; Cindi Sievers, Clerk for minutes.

9:30am Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

South Central Community Action Partnership

Angie Carter, CEO, South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) distributed reports that show how many households and people who have been helped through SCCAP. It gives statistics that show the numbers and amounts of major program services for 2024 for the Magic Valley and Lincoln County. Discussion on the different programs assisting the Magic Valley. Statistics and Programs include homelessness, food pantries, self-help housing, weatherization, and low-income energy assistance. Discussion on the self-help housing project coming to Richfield.

9:53am Claims and Minutes

Commissioner Schutte made a motion to pay the Lincoln County accounts payable for \$22,889.16. Commissioner Ridinger seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ridinger made a motion to accept the minutes for May 6, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Schutte seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Schutte made a motion to accept the minutes for May 12, 2025 as corrected. Commissioner Ridinger seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Action Items

Neher Park Fencing

Chairman Wood discussed the damage caused by cattle, wildlife and weather. Discussion on the issues with the fences. A bid was given to the Commissioners by Lance Excavation. Discussion for the future to put solar electric fencing to prevent more damage. Chairman Wood feels the bid should have a cap on the expense.

Commissioner Schutte made a motion to approve Neher Park fencing with a cap of \$6,500.00. Commissioner Ridinger seconded. Discussion on what it would take to run an electric fence where needed. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

10:10am Chairman Wood adjourned the regular meeting and opened the Ambulance District.

Ambulance District Claims

Commissioner Schutte made a motion to pay the Ambulance District accounts payable for \$1,828.37. Commissioner Ridinger seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

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10:15 am Chairman Wood adjourned the Ambulance District and reconvened the regular meeting.

Correspondence and Old Business

Discussion on an email regarding the Assessor's door. Chairman Wood asked Cindi Sievers to state the conversations during construction; the damage to the door was discussed when contractors were working on the front desk area. Chairman Wood stated the final walkthrough is scheduled in June. Discussion on the bathroom floors on the main floor.

The Dietrich and Richfield fiber installation is almost done and ETS is having a community event June 12, 2025.

Clerk Hohnhorst discussed the proposed salary scale for elected officials. She has discussed this with the County Attorney to change the scale every 2 to 4 years. It will stay flat, paying for the job not the years of service.

Clerk Hohnhorst discussed the amount in PILT savings. She will be distributing to budgeted funds and wants to move to cash forward. She has looked at all the funds, and historically have not been moved to cash forward from the trust accounts. One instance she pointed out is having the funds to purchase a vehicle for the Extension Office.

Clerk Hohnhorst presented a salary report for the County as a whole for discussion. Discussion on wages for an elected official in the case a position needs to be filled before fiscal year 2026. She checked the IAC report for elected officials' wages. She looked at other counties for Sheriff wages by the number of employees to come to the wage in the proposed elected official salaries. Continued discussion on elected official and staff salaries.

Discussion on a resume from Salena Hubbs for a position on the certified local government Historical Board.

Discussion on community events; Outlaw Days in Richfield, May 20th election, and Farmers Market to begin the last Friday in May.

11:00am Chairman Wood adjourned the regular meeting and opened Planning & Zoning.

12:18pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting for Logistics and Accuracy testing for May 20, 2025 election ballots, and then will adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest



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