



MINIDOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONER EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

August 24, 2023

The meeting was opened with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer at 8:00 AM.

This emergency Minidoka County Commissioner meeting was called for the purpose of an executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-204(1)(a and f), in the Cassia County Commission board room.

Present for the meeting in person were: Cassia County Commissioners Searle, Beck, and Kunau; Cassia County Prosecutor Larsen, Cassia County Clerk Larsen and Cassia County Deputy Clerk Evans; Public Defender Schneider, Cassia County Admin McMurray, Minidoka County Clerk Page.

Present for the meeting via Zoom were: Minidoka Commissioner Schaeffer and Minidoka Commissioner Orton.

Present for the meeting via telephone was Minidoka Commissioner Schenk.

Cassia Prosecutor Larsen explained the reason to call this emergency meeting.

At 8:02 AM

Minidoka Commissioner Schaeffer moved **to enter into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(b, and f)**, with a second voiced by Commissioner Orton. Roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Schenk voted aye, Commissioner Schaeffer voted aye, and Commissioner Orton voted aye. Motion carried.

Cassia Commissioners also moved to enter into executive session with all Commissioners voting aye.

Executive session ended at 8:54 AM by both boards. The tenor of the meeting was to discuss personnel and meet with legal counsel.

Minidoka Commissioner Orton moved **to amend the agenda to discuss wage increases**, with a second voiced by Commissioner Schaeffer. Roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Schenk voted aye, Commissioner Schaeffer voted aye, and Commissioner Orton voted aye. Motion carried.

Cassia Commissioners made the same motion and motion carried.

Minidoka Commissioner Orton moved **to authorize Tim Schneider to negotiate salaries with attorneys of \$110,000 and \$95,000 maximum with acceptance of a commitment to stay until the State takes over Public Defense with no 4.5% cost of living adjustment at the beginning of the fiscal year with salary rate to begin immediately**, with a second voiced by Commissioner Schaeffer. Roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Schenk voted aye, Commissioner Schaeffer voted aye, and Commissioner Orton voted aye. Motion carried.

Minidoka Commissioner Orton moved to amend the previous motion **to match current attorney pay to include a raise up to \$95,000 for parity within the office for Mr. Edwards shall we retain Mr. Hurley and or hire Ms. Lopez.** Discussion took place. Commissioner Schaeffer voiced a second. Motion carried.

The possibility of a raise for Mr. Schneider was discussed.

Commissioner Orton moved **to adjourn the emergency meeting** with a second voiced by Commissioner Schaeffer. Motion carried.

This emergency special meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:10 AM.



Wayne A. Schenk, Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Clerk
Clerk Page