

**| COMMISSIONERS' OPEN MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 25, 2010**

In attendance: Commissioners Royce Chigbrow, Sam Haws, Tom Katsilometes, and David Langhorst, Valerie Dilley, Mary Ferguson, Gary Gear, Mark Poppler, Randy Tilley, Rudy Zael.

Minutes. Commissioner Katsilometes moved and Commissioner Haws seconded that the minutes of August 18, 2010, be approved. All voted in the affirmative, and the minutes of August 25, 2010, were approved.

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Other.

Minidoka County Hospital. Carl Olsson presented a statement regarding the Minidoka County Hospital. Carl gave a brief history of the situation and recommended that the Commissioners formally approve the following statement:

“With respect to Minidoka Hospital that for at least thirty-four years has erroneously levied property taxes as though it was a hospital district, the Commission intends the following: The Commission’s goal is to put the hospital and the county in the situation they would be in had the hospital never erroneously levied. The Commission will not seek to recover any funds previously distributed to the hospital on the assumption that these funds would have flowed to the hospital through the county anyway. The Commission will no longer approve a levy made by the hospital. Because the county should always have funded the hospital, the county’s base for 3% budget cap purposes will be adjusted to reflect the amount erroneously levied by the hospital. The hospital’s foregone amount of \$115,624 will transfer to the county. Sales tax distributions, agricultural exemption replacement fund distributions, and rural electric association tax distributions will not go to the hospital, but rather, to the extent permitted by statute, to the county.”

Commissioner Haws moved and Commissioner Katsilometes seconded to approve the Commission’s statement for Minidoka County Hospital. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Valerie Dilley
Secretary

Royce Chigbrow
Chairman