

July 14, 2016

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special work session on July 14, 2016, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Larson, and Clerk & Recorder Robin Benson.

9:00 AM **Juvenile Detention:** Present were Juvenile Detention Manager Pam Norman and Department of Corrections, Erika Wymmer.

Erika said she wanted to convey her appreciation for the Troy Detention Facility, but recognizes the poor planning. Missoula and Troy are the only county facilities and she is glad to have an opportunity to visit with the commission about what could happen if the Troy facility were to close. Commissioner Larson said the discussion is not about closing but how to cash flow the facility. Revenues are not coming in to defray the cost of operating. Ideas and solutions discussed were as follows:

- Vision Net may bring down some transporting costs
- Marketing what we offer at the Troy facility, visitation, and bringing in other counties.
- Making meals in-house or utilizing the school food program to cut food cost
- Lincoln County cost per day for housing out-of-county kids is the lowest in the state at \$225 per day, per kid. Commissioner Peck conveyed that since we have fewer kids, a new rate would need to reflect an economy based scale.
- Expansion to a more full time facility
- Liabilities; single cell vs. multiple cell offenders
- Length of time from when offenders enters facility and date of trial

No budget decisions were made at this time.

10:00 AM **County Attorney Department:** Present was County Attorney, Bernard Cassidy.

Wage increases for deputy county attorneys were approved. Mr. Cassidy is requesting one attorney position increase to be retroactive from January 2016. Mr. Cassidy is only requesting rate increases for deputies and no operational cost increases. Mr. Cassidy will meet with Dallas Wamsley to update payroll reports accordingly.

10:45 **Public Safety:** Present were Sheriff Roby Bowe and Undersheriff Brandon Huff. Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson submitted a detailed breakdown of the Public Safety budget reflecting FY 15/16 and current expenditure and revenue comparisons. The breakdown showed comparison expenditures for Administration, Crime Control, Narcotics Investigation, Dispatch and Care of Prisoners (Detention). Commissioner Cole asked if the Public Safety budget could be reduced by 2 mills or approximately \$62,000. Commissioner Larson commented that the commission looks at mills and

Public Safety carries 7/10ths or 3/4 of the total county mills allowed. Brandon suggested using the CIP fund that was planned for a different purpose but could be put on hold for now that has a cash balance of approximately \$56,000. Robin said the CIP could be formally canceled and the funds go back to the department that created it initially.

There was a brief discussion about possible cost savings if Juvenile Detention was under Public Safety instead of District Court.

11:30 AM **Network Administration:** Present was IT Director Ric Kesling.

Ric initially was requesting a budget increase but has found other resources to pay for IT costs through grants. Robin said if other departments are affected that have grants, those supervisors will need to contact her if there are adjustments to be made. The budget submitted by Ric was \$841.00 less than FY 15/16 and accepted. Ric also created and submitted a new payroll report. Robin said her payroll numbers come only from reports created by Payroll Clerk Dallas Wamsley, and Ric will need to visit with her to update her records accordingly.

12:00 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board