

**July 5, 2016**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special work session on July 5, 2016, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Larson, and Clerk & Recorder Robin Benson. Also present were Roby Bowe, Brandon Huff, Pam Norman and Crystal Webley.

**9:00 AM Public Safety Budget:**

Commissioner Larson conveyed that the county is trying to reduce the overall county budget and bring down the mills. Roby said the only way to reduce the Public Safety budget would be to cut employees. Robin encouraged a thorough look at each line item and review the percentage spent; for example if you only spent 58% of a line item, could that line item be reduced? The Public Safety budget remains under review.

There was a brief discussion about mentally hostile inmates. Roby and Brandon were in agreement that the Sheriff's Department is not equipped to deal with this situation and expressed fear of serious injury to detention officers.

**11:00 AM Juvenile Detention:**

Pam explained the history and how the system works with local kids and also kids that come in from other counties. The revenue is 225.00 per day for housing kid's out-of-county. Robin informed Pam that this revenue needs to be reported to her as part of their non-tax revenue. There was discussion about how non-tax revenue does not cover operational costs such as wages, food, or heating the building. Commissioner Peck will facilitate a meeting with Juvenile Detention, Youth Court, County Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Department to discuss options regarding the Juvenile Detention facility.

**12:00 PM Meeting Adjourned**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Mike Cole, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board