

May 2, 2016

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on May 2, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Larson, Commissioner Peck, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Cole was absent.

Commissioner Larson called the meeting to order. The Commissioners reviewed and discussed requests submitted from property owners requesting subtraction from the annexation into Lincoln County Rural Fire District (LCRFD) proposed district. Letters were received from Russell F. and Rhonda K. Bache, Robert and Sarah Mast, and John and Donna Rios.

Commissioner Peck read 7-33-2103(2) M.C.A. which states the board may adjust the boundaries of the proposed district for subtraction or annexation of parcels of the property owner's land adjacent to the boundary line of the proposed district. The written request must be submitted to the board prior to or on the date set for hearing on the petition.

The Commissioners were in agreement that the Rios request is the only property up for consideration due to location as being adjacent to the boundary line of the proposed district. Commissioner Peck and Commissioner Larson respectfully disagree with Mr. Rios regarding LCRFD response capabilities especially since there is no other adjacent response fire organization in the area. Commissioner Peck said he sees no long term public safety benefit to allow one property owner to opt out. Commissioner Peck and Commissioner Larson agreed that to prevent further laborious annexation actions, it is not viable for subtraction of one property owner.

Motion by Commissioner Peck that per M.C.A. 7-3-2103 the Mast and Bache request for subtraction into the LCRFD will not be considered. The Rios property is not approved for subtraction based on the reasons as stated above. Second by Commissioner Larson and so ordered upon consent of the board.

Commissioner Peck will send letters to the property owners notifying them of the decisions made.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

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