

April 19, 2017

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 19, 2017, in the Lincoln County Annex, Eureka, Montana. Present were Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Bennett, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Peck is attending a conference in Washington.

Commissioner Cole opened the meeting with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

9:30 AM **CAN AM Search and Rescue/Funds Discussion**: Present were Sheriff Roby Bowe, Wendy Drake, Colby Cash, Charlie Meienberg, Beverly Lilley, Gerald Wallace, and Nikki Meyer.

Roby said there has been confusion over the years on the process for CAN AM to receive funding and the budget process. Roby explained that the value of one mill is split between Can Am and David Thompson Search and Rescue as well as other revenues such as state shared entitlement. Roby said that nobody over many years were aware of state shared entitlement until recently, therefore, that money has built up as a cash balance in the Search & Rescue fund. Roby shared a historical budget report showing budgets and expenditures. There is currently approximately \$33,000 total in the Search & Rescue fund. Roby is requesting approximately \$20,000 to be placed in a separate fund for any unexpected emergency rescue or search related expense; not to be used for equipment or buildings. Roby said there will be continued training and continuity on the claims process and how to receive budgeted funds. Robin stated that fundraiser monies should be separated specific to each Search and Rescue it was intended for. Wendy said each search and rescue should have their own separate revenue code to keep fundraiser money separate.

10:00 AM **Bull Lake Annexation**: Present were Election Administrator Leigh Riggelman, Gerald Wallace and Nikki Meyer.

Leigh is seeking approval of Resolution No. 986 for property described as Tax ID 52527 be annexed into the Bull Lake Fire District. Leigh said it is a 20 acre parcel of undeveloped tract land adjacent to the Bull Lake Rural Fire District. The property owners are requesting to be annexed into the Bull Lake Fire District and verification has been conducted and a public notice has been out in the paper of record. Robin said that Resolution No. 986 has been vetted and approved by the county attorney. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Bull Lake Annexation by Resolution No. 986 as submitted. Motion carried.

10:15 AM **Board Appointments**: Present were Election Administrator Leigh Riggelman, and Gerald Wallace.

Robin named all the boards that had upcoming vacancies at the end of April and the applications/letters of interest received. There was not any board that received more applications than available vacancies.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett to approve board appointments as presented. Motion carried. Commissioner Cole stated he was thankful for each person who applied to serve on their respective board and appreciates their continued service within their communities.

Board Appointments were as follows:

Eureka Fire Service Area: Dave Lyons

Upper Yaak Fire Service Area: John Huber and Lawrence Miller

Trego/Fortine/Stryker Fire Service Area: No applications received. Robin will verify with the T/F/S Board that no applications were received on their end.

Troy Park District: Mark Roesler-Begalke and Sheri Schweitzer

Libby Park District: Bob DeBorde and Ericka Hartley

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues**: Present were County Administrator Darren Coldwell, Heather Benjamin and Nikki Meyer.

- The Commission read the minutes for April 11 and 12, 2017. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Bennett commented that he did follow up with Jerry Okonski about the presentation Mr. Okonski gave two weeks ago and he will wait to hear from the county.
- Darren said he has talked with some of the department heads about tire purchases going out to bid and would like to set up a meeting with road department supervisors.
- Darren said he is working on the Kootenai Falls bid. The bid will close on May 3, 2017. Jennifer Nelson will provide a list of licensed caterers to be contacted as well as a public notice in the county paper of record.
- Darren informed the commissioners that there is a phone conference tomorrow with EPA concerning financial records and new policies for the ARP grant monies. EPA has a concern about the lack of county control over the Board of Health (BOH) because the BOH members are volunteers. Commissioner Bennett questioned if the county could develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) clarifying the relationship between the County and the BOH. Darren said an MOU already exists but it states the county has representation on the BOH, but has no more control than any other board member; the county approves the budget and warrants only. Darren said that Commissioner Peck will be attending the phone conference and will be able to clarify responsibilities and help with EPA concerns.
- Darren said there was a phone conference and presentation with Jason Singleton from GeoControl. Heather said they are still fine tuning what the county can do on their end and what he can do. Heather said she is excited with Jason's knowledge on GIS mapping and she feels his service will be very beneficial to the county. Heather is currently doing all the addressing work and learning the process.
- **Contract Agreements for Services:**

Darren submitted two contracts to the commission for signature. Contracts have been vetted and approved by the county attorney.

GeoControl LLC-Technical Services Fee Agreement: Services include GIS editing, consulting, training and field data collection. Travel and printing of maps as required, production of workflow documents and other services related to geographic information solutions. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the GeoControl Contract Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Boone Karlberg, Attorneys at Law Engagement Agreement: The scope of the representation will be to represent the County in all matters related to collection of funds owed by LIV Golf Cars, Inc. in connection with the entity's receipt of grant funds and failure to comply with the terms of the grant funding. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Boone Karlberg Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

11:00 AM **Public Comment Time:** There were no public comments.

11:15 AM **Bryan Donner District Rexford/Fortine Update:** Present were Cindy Ruth and Nikki Meyer.

Current large planning projects:

- Galton Vegetation and Fuels Management; 5 to 8 mmbf each
- Ten Lakes Travel Management/responding to comments. The goal is to put the Travel Management Plan into place by September or October. Bryan and Chris Salvage met with members of the Ten Lakes Snow Mobile Club to discuss concerns. Bryan said the discussion was amicable and allowed for the club to comment and provide input.
- Gateway Restoration Project; weed treatment and burning could begin soon.
- Pinkham-Meadows Vegetation and Fuels Management
- Young-Dodge Litigation; no activity, the FS has not heard anything from the 9th Circuit Court.
- Sutton 5000 blowdown salvage; 200 acres affected, treat for disease, insects and timber removal.

Green Box Sites:

- West Kootenai green box effectiveness as a bear deterrent: Commissioner Cole said new boxes will be placed at this site soon.
- Pinkham/Othorp Green Box Site project status: FS will prepare special use permit for the county and there will be a small clearing by bid.

Bryan said he will be meeting with Road Supervisor Ray Price today to look at cattle guard options on the main **West Kootenai** county road. Bryan said he is not sure where the best placement for cattle guard is yet and they will also be discussing a design to accommodate snowplowing.

Status of Gateway Road near border: Commissioner Cole said he has visited with the Planning Department and he is still conducting research. Commissioner Cole clarified that when the dam was built there is confusion about the ownership status of the road. Bryan clarified that Gateway Road is not an open road for public travel; border patrol may use it.

Capitol Christmas Tree update: The FS will set up a Yurt on the FS lawn to bring in groups of people to help make ornaments and to display information about the process for selecting a tree and the route to Washington D.C. The Capitol Architect will be in Lincoln County in June or July to select a tree. Commissioner Cole informed Bryan that the county has contacted all the schools to initiate a high school photo contest and will put together a photo video/loop to promote Lincoln County. High School contest winners will receive airline tickets to attend the Christmas Tree Lighting Event in Washington D.C.

Sewer Line installation on NFS land and County Fairgrounds: Commissioner Cole said there is no activity at this time.

Timber Sales Update:

- No change in large and small sale activity since last month's update and no sales are currently active.
- There was a microburst in the Murphy Lake/Ant Flat/Trego area a week and a half ago and it is being evaluated for a salvage sale opportunity. Trees down in the administrative sites will be sold as a small sale soon and the remaining will be sold later in the summer.

1:30 PM Planning Department Update:

- **Final Plat Approval for Burn Creek Hideaway Subdivision:** **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve final plat for Burn Creek Hideaway subject to planning staff conditions and recommendations. Motion carried.
- **Weasel Creek Estates:** Amended Lot 2 North Shore Subdivision. Lisa said the DEQ approval has come in and is approved. The subdivision has been proposed as four phases. Lisa clarified that because the full DEQ approval is done, we do not need approval of the phasing plans. Lisa said the project has been approved but this subdivision has been in the making for approximately 7 years. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to allow a 60 day extension with the understanding that this is the last extension and if not recorded in the Clerk & Recorder's Office within the 60 days, it would go to resubmittal. Motion carried.

2:00 PM **The Commissioners toured the Abayance Bay area.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

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