

April 4, 2017

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on April 4, 2017, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Darren Coldwell and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

10:00 AM FY 2017/2018 Finance Discussion:

- **Fraser Management:** Finance Deputy Wendy Drake asked what fund the commission wants to pay the Fraser Management retainer; approximately \$200.00 per month. The commissioners agreed to pay the retainer fee out of the commissioner's budget.
- **GIS Contracted Services:** GeoControl, Jason Singelton will be here to meet with the Commissioners April 11 and will spend a portion of the day visiting with the Planning Department. Darren shared the procurement process for the GIS Contracting with the commission.
- **Finance Policies:** Darren sent the Finance Policies as written by Matt Pickett to MACo for approval. MACo advised Darren that the policies as written do not meet Montana Code. Brian Hopkins recommended some counties who already have accepted accounting/procurement policies and procedures for Lincoln County to review.
- **Spot Awards:** Darren explained that Spot Awards are a small financial award given to employees acknowledging good work. Darren said per M.C.A. 7-4-501, the law does allow up to \$50.00 for employee awards and recommended the county set aside a fund for FY 17/18. Commissioner Cole said he is supportive of implementing a spot award program. Department supervisors would recommend employees to the commission.
- **County Auditor:** Darren submitted a draft letter for the commission to review and will send letters out to 5 to 7 auditing firms.
- **Public Survey:** Darren submitted a final draft questionnaire for commissioner review. Once approved, the survey will be placed at City Halls, local libraries, the county website, Chamber of Commerce, and local newspapers. The survey is to attain public input regarding county services.
- **Port Authority Grant/LIV Golf Carts:** Darren sent all the paperwork associated with the grant to Dean Stensland with Boon Karlberg out of Missoula for review. Darren will compose an official letter from the county to the MT Department of Commerce.

1:30 PM Libby Control Groundwater Area (Port Authority Site): Present were Lisa Dewitt, Andrew Schmidt, George Jamison, Tom Stoops, Tom Richardson, David Cosgriff, Nick Raines, and Bethany Rolfson.

David Cosgriff shared a PowerPoint presentation to the commission showing the area designated as the Libby Ground Water Contamination Superfund Site and giving the historical background of the contaminated site. The site is on a former lumber mill and wood treatment facility on the southeast side of Libby. The facility treated timbers and poles with creosote and pentachlorophenol (PCP) from 1946 through 1969. These operations contaminated soils and groundwater. The resulting contaminated groundwater plume is part of the superfund site. The current remedy protects public health because there are no known pathways of exposure which could lead to the public being exposed. For the remedy to be protective in the long-term, the following steps need to be completed:

- Implement additional institutional controls to restrict land and groundwater use and activities which may interfere with final cleanup in all areas where there is remaining waste.
- Assess cleanup levels and residual soil contamination; and
- Modify the final cleanup plan to ensure that contaminants in the upper aquifer are addressed.

Next Steps: After EPA, DEQ and International Paper complete the Focused Feasibility Study, a new proposed cleanup plan will be developed and distributed to community members. The agencies will make a final cleanup decision after considering public comments. This is expected to happen in 2018. Site Documents are available at EPA's website : <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/libby-groundwater>. Documents are also available in an information repository at the Lincoln County Dept. of Environmental Health located on Mineral Avenue.

3:00 PM Meeting adjourned

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

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