

August 1, 2017

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on August 1, 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 July Overtime: Darren informed the commission that he ran an employee overtime report for the month of July and there were over 870 overtime hours. Darren said the Sheriff's Department was the majority at over 770 hours; approximately 65 hours were landfill employees working over the 4th of July weekend and about 12 hours from all other departments combined. Darren requested to schedule a meeting with Sheriff Bowe and Undersheriff Huff to discuss their budget. Darren said the overtime is not budgeted and feels a conversation needs to take place. Commissioner Peck said that on the jail side there are 4 positions not filled which may contribute to the overtime amount. Darren said the overtime in the Sheriff's Department comes from all areas and is not specific to the jail side. Commissioner Peck expressed frustration over poor management. Commissioner Cole requested a meeting set up for discussion as soon as possible.

10:15 AM FVCC-Lincoln County Campus Tour:

The Commissioners, Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson, Sheriff Bowe, Kathi Hooper, and Building Inspector Ron Higgins toured the Lincoln County Campus. Chad Shilling toured the group through the entire facility. Chad provided a brief history, stating the college moved into its current facility in 2002.

11:00 AM Former Asa Wood School Tour:

The Commissioners, Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson, Sheriff Bowe, Kathi Hooper, and Ron Higgins toured the former Asa Wood School. Craig Barringer toured the group through the entire facility looking at the classrooms, spacing and infrastructure.

11:30 AM Discussion regarding facilities:

Commissioner Peck commented that the college facility appears to be used to full capacity and feels the county needs to support its program. Darren commented that Asa Wood School needs a lot of work; boilers, roof etc... Commissioner Bennett questioned if there should be a cost analysis conducted regarding Asa Wood School. Ron agreed that Asa Wood School would require a lot of work, noting just the electrical alone would be a significant undertaking. Commissioner Peck asked if there was a new jail constructed, would it have to be in Libby? Sheriff Bowe said Libby or Troy would be ok, but transport would be difficult from Eureka.

Darren said the next move may be to get a correctional architect here, someone with expertise and options to get an idea of what costs would be for a remodel and/or new facility. Commissioner Peck agreed stating we need to look at long term solutions at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Robin Benson, Clerk of the Board