

September 11, 2017
Fire Briefing

Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Darren Coldwell, Vic White, Lora Ercanbrack, Kathi Hooper, Steve Gunderson, John Blodgett, Ernie Anderson, Jeni Lawver, Gregg Smith, Craig Barringer, Heather Benjamin, Wendy Drake, Scott Beagle, Steve Lauer, Brandon Huff, Jennifer McCully, Brent Teske and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Cole was present via telephone conference.

9:00 AM Brent opened the meeting with a few moments of silence in respect to people who lost their lives in the September 11 terrorist attack.

EOC: Vic said he is proud to be working with such a great group of people at the EOC; calls are still coming in.

IT: Ernie said the Reverse 911 system is running well. Heather said there are continual requests for mapping services.

County Services: Kathi said the air quality is improved; moderate in Libby but still unhealthy for sensitive groups in Eureka. Many of the animals are no longer housed in the shelters as evacuees were returned home. The Red Cross shelter in Eureka is closed; donations were inventoried and sent to the Amish West Kootenai Store.

Finance: Darren said tracking is going well and employees are turning in time card forms and receipts.

Schools-Craig said games are scheduled and will be played as long as air quality stays good. Currently allowing all outside activities.

Fire Department: Steve and Scott commented that all efforts are working towards fire suppression.

Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Bowe said all evacuees are returned in Eureka except the burnout areas. Seventeen Mile has not been returned home and the very back of Bobtail. There are currently 4 road blocks countywide still in effect.

County Commissioner's: Commissioner Cole gave a brief update on the Eureka fires, adding that churches are still operating and providing meals. Commissioner Peck said he is proud of the efforts of all the help and communities coming together including understanding from the evacuees during a very difficult time. Commissioner Peck thanked the fire departments and county crews.

I.C. Information and Fire Update: Jeni said she is spending a lot of time keeping the bulletin boards current and spending more time with the public. A public meeting was held at the Christian Church last night and there is a public meeting scheduled tonight at the Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

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Mike Cole, Chairman

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Robin Benson, Clerk of the Board

September 12, 2017
Fire Briefing

Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Darren Coldwell, Jennifer McCully, Kathi Hooper, John Blodgett, Ernie Anderson, Steve Lauer, Wendy Drake, Heather Benjamin, Michelle Kelly, Brad Lord, Gregg Smith, Brandon Huff, Darren Short, Brent Teske and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

9:00 AM

EOC: Jennifer said staffing is going well and there are still a lot of calls coming in; communication is going well.

IT: Heather said she is updating fire layers with the most current information daily.

County Services: Kathi said air quality is good but still unhealthy for sensitive groups in Libby and Eureka.

Fire Department: Steve said he is looking forward to working with Brad Lord, sharing information and to remain on call.

Sheriff's Department: Brandon said there is a closure on upper Pipe Creek; considered a red flag warning area for potential spotting. It is also an aircraft area.

County Commissioner's: Commissioner Peck updated everyone that Stimson is working on their private ground and the work is coordinated with fire crews and is Blue Team controlled.

I.C. Information and Fire Update: Gregg said continued efforts to get current information out to the public is priority.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

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