

September 13, 2017

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 13, 2017, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

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

9:00 AM **EPA Update:** Canceled

10:00 AM **Health Department Update:** Present were Jennifer McCully, Kathi Hooper, Nick Raines and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Jennifer said as we head into the fall flu season, flu clinics are scheduled October 16 in Libby and October 17 in Eureka. The Public Health Department is working towards expanding outreach efforts to businesses, large employers and the schools. Jennifer briefed the commission on the recent suicide prevention training. Robin asked if any law enforcement attended the training. Jennifer said no law enforcement attended. Commissioner Peck said suicide prevention training for detention officers may be a specialized, specific training for that purpose. Kathi said there are recognizable warning signs and the training was beneficial to learn what those are.

Nick said EPA provided the Board of Health (BOH) a letter as an initial response to the grant cooperative agreement. Jennifer Mariman provided the information requested by EPA on September 1. We are waiting for a response from EPA; still going through the evaluation. Nick said the previous cooperative agreement expired in August and EPA requested additional documentation before awarding the new grant. Nick said the information he has received from EPA suggests the grant has been fully funded and that funds are set aside retroactive September 1, 2017. Nick is finalizing the Quality Insurance Project Plan.

Kathi said the Junk Trailer Program is September 11 – 23. The Libby and Eureka landfills are waiving disposal fees for junk trailers delivered to the landfills during that period and there is some funding available for hauling. A draft of a mobile home ordinance which would prohibit junk trailers from being brought into Lincoln County is being presented to the BOH tonight.

Happy's Inn Landfill is currently open 9-5 every day. We will continue that schedule through next week.

Kathi said she is continuing to research landfill fees. A landfill survey is scheduled in October. Kathi said she met with Mike Fraser to request a proposal for long term landfill planning.

10:30 AM **Libby Asbestos Advisory Team:** Present were Nick Raines, George Jamison and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Nick said advertisement for the Libby Advisory Team that was established from SB315 did go out. Only one citizen letter of interest was received from George Jamison; asking for commissioner consideration for appointment of George Jamison. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to appoint George Jamison to the Libby Advisory Team. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Peck expressed thanks to George for his willingness to participate on the Libby Asbestos Advisory Team. George said his motivation is that we are getting more involved in the details and the work of the advisory group is going to play an important role. The initial meeting of the Libby Asbestos Advisory Team will be held in Helena on September 21, 2017 from 1pm to 3pm. Nick said DEQ is looking at remote access for anyone interested to attend from Libby and he would like to attend as well, either in person or via conferencing. The Commissioners agreed that Nick should attend and participate in discussion.

10:45 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present were Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Robin submitted the minutes for September 4-7, 2017 Fire Briefing and September 6, 2017 Regular Meeting for commission approval. The commissioners reviewed the minutes as submitted. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes with one correction. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried unanimously.

There was a brief discussion regarding waiving the one year wait time to receive the full wage for the Lincoln County Detention Officers. Commissioner Peck commented there are very serious situations and issues in the detention facility. Commissioner Peck asked if potentially contracting out detention is a possibility or an option to consider. Darren said he would do some research on this option. Sheriff Bowe said he would not be opposed to waiving the timeframe for full wage and commented that we are having difficulty attaining new qualified detention officers, and keeping the seasoned employees as well. Training and leadership schooling was discussed to equip the officers and improve morale. No decisions were made at this time and a meeting for further discussion was scheduled for this Friday at 10am.

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

11:15 AM **USFS and Libby Airport Lease Agreement:** Canceled

11:45 AM **Weed Department/Dan Williams:** Dan submitted the Annual Participating Agreements between Lincoln County Weed District and US Dept. of Agriculture Forest Service KNF. The agreements are for weed treatment of Tansy Ragwort and Rush Skeletonweed using funds from the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grant Program. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the agreements as presented. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried unanimously.

1:30 PM **KRDC/Tina Oliphant:** Present were City Administrator Jim Hammons and Corky Pape. Commissioner Cole attended from Eureka via VisionNet.

Tina submitted an update on the City of Libby Wayfinding Project. Tina said she will be submitting a Tourism Grant for the purpose of completion of a Wayfinding Navigation System and Welcome Signs at 3 anchor entrances. The grant match will be provided by the City of Libby and will be finalized at a City Council Meeting on September 18, 2017. Tina said the purpose of this meeting is informational only and she will be asking for a support letter on the project from the county but wanted to be clear there is no financial obligation requested from Lincoln County.

2:00 PM **Callahan Creek Update:** Canceled

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Mike Cole, Chairman

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