

March 19, 2018

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on March 19, 2018, 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.

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

10:00 AM **Finance Meeting**: Present were Ron Ackerman, Ernie Anderson.

- **Economic Recruiting**: Ron gave a history of his experience with economic development and is interested in writing letters and reaching out to small business promoting Lincoln County as a place to locate. Ron is seeking direction from the commission and is asking if there are any guidelines. Commissioner Cole commented that the whole discussion in Lincoln County is how do we bring business to our area. Ron said he will be researching what Lincoln County has to offer that is appealing to business and lifestyle in Lincoln County. Commissioner Bennett referred Ron to Tina Oliphant and the Chamber of Commerce to aid in putting information together. Ron said he would like to volunteer his time and efforts to help in the area of local promotion to small business. Robin commended Ron for his positive attitude and thanked him for choosing to volunteer his time and efforts in promoting our community.
- **Frontier VOIP Phone System**: Ernie discussed a revised Frontier proposal for Lincoln County VOIP Phone System and explained different options and cost. Ernie informed the commission that at this point, the VOIP System will cover all Libby departments. Ernie pointed out that although there is initial cost, the system will save the county money in its monthly payments. The commissioners will take the proposal under advisement.
- **Office 365 County Email Users**: Darren discussed cost associated with Office 365, saying current cost is \$17 per user per month. Total cost is \$24,000 per year. Lincoln County has 114 email users countywide. The commission reviewed number of users per department to determine if there are unused email accounts that can be eliminated to decrease costs.
- **Ventilation System/Johnston Controls**: The commission signed a contract between Lincoln County and Johnston Controls for Courthouse H&V-1 Replacement. The project is to improve ventilation within the sheriff's department. Total cost is \$30,945. Darren said the project was discussed in August minutes and has been budgeted to be paid from the sheriff's budget.
- **Gas Tax Project**: Commissioner Cole asked if money from the gas tax should be used as project funding or does it belong in road reserves. Commissioner Peck said the gas tax money is distributed similar to a grant and can only be spent on road projects. The commission discussed potential road projects throughout Lincoln County. Discussion included Fifth Street Ext., Jennings Haul Road, Mountain Meadows Road and a portion of West Kootenai Road. Commissioner Peck commented that Mountain Meadows road project is almost complete and is already in current budget. The commission agreed to apply the new gas tax revenue to a road lift and resurface project approximately 1 mile from the end of West Kootenai Road to the end of the road. Total road project cost including materials, equipment, and man hours is estimated at \$175,000.

11:30 AM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

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