

April 10, 2019

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 10, 2019, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Josh Letcher, Commissioner Mark Peck and Deputy Clerk and Recorder Chris Nelson. County Administrator Darren Coldwell was present via Skype. Commissioner Bennett was out of town.

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

**9:30 AM Election Acclimation:** Present were Alan Gerstenecker and Benjamin Kibbey. Assistant Election Administrator Chris Nelson said that he made a mistake last week and omitted Daniel Youso's name from the acclimation list the commissioners approved and signed last week. He asked the board if they would approve the acclimation of Youso to the Libby Park Board. **MOTION** by Commissioner Letcher to approve Daniel Youso to serve on the Libby Park Board. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried.

**9:45 AM 90-Day Temp for Maintenance:** Present were Benjamin Kibbey, Alan Gerstenecker **MOTION** by Commissioner Letcher to approve the 90-Day temp for the maintenance department. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried.

**10:00 AM Health Department Update: CANCELLED**

**10:30 AM Administrative Issues:** Present were Niki Meyer, Alan Gerstenecker, Benjamin Kibbey and Wendy Drake.

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Letcher to approve the minutes of April 3, 2019 as presented. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried.
- Wendy presented the contract for JPT for the commissioners to sign.

**10:45 AM Public Comment Time:** Present were Nikki Meyer, Alan Gerstenecker, and Benjamin Kibbey. No one from the public made comment.

**11:00 AM Treasurers Department Update:** Present were Treasurer Sedaris Carlberg, Nikki Meyer, Alan Gerstenecker, and Benjamin Kibbey.

Treasurer Sedaris Carlberg met with the commissioners for an update. Sedaris told the board she has been looking at the PILT money. She spoke with several people who said there would not be a problem investing money from PILT which currently totals about three million dollars. Darren said they have used it previously as a savings account but haven't had to use it much in the last two years.

The board also discussed the superintendent of school's position that Sedaris currently has. Darren said they have had discussions and the county attorney is currently looking at it. Sedaris also let the board know that their new employee will be starting next week.

**11:30 Schedule A Road Discussion:** Present were Ray Price, Dave Kyriss, Marc McCully, Alan Gerstenecker, Benjamin Kibbey and Nikki Meyer via VisionNet.

Commissioners met with each district road foreman to discuss Schedule A roads. Commissioner Peck asked about the plowing on certain Schedule A roads and which ones they could discontinue maintaining. The commissioners would like to have some criteria for roads the county will no longer plow that could possibly contain restrictions on how many people live on the road and how far they are. Dave said they have the most Schedule A roads, the majority being in the Yaak. Commissioner Letcher asked if they must maintain the roads. McCully said they did not have to. Commissioner Peck wondered if they should keep them on the Schedule A list or remove them. Darren agreed that having criteria would be helpful when they explain to the public why the county is not maintaining the roads. McCully said it is imperative to be clear on the criteria. Darren asked about putting an ad in the paper letting the public know which roads they are going to stop maintaining. McCully said they are meeting with the forest service on the 24<sup>th</sup> to come up with the new Schedule A list so they would have to come out with criteria before then. Commissioner Peck said the county should move forward with notifying homeowners and putting a notice in the paper. Darren said it is very important to let the public know that this isn't county owned roads they are looking at but forest service roads the county has been maintaining.

**1:30 PM Planning/Kootenai Forestland Conservation Easement:** Present were Alan Gerstenecker, Benjamin Kibbey, Clyde Ross, Brett McCully and Jake Mertes.

Jake said he normally doesn't bring conservation easements to the commissioners but this one is over 22,000 acres and wanted to see if the commissioners had any comments. Commissioner Peck said he has talked with them and they are ok with it. He did ask that any lands that were open to the public remain open to the public. Jake said that is in the agreement.

**2:00 PM Bid Opening: Bleachers at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena-Mike Cole:** Present were Wendy Drake, Dallas Bowe, Alan Gerstenecker, Benjamin Kibbey. Mike Cole, Sean McNamara, John Hammond, Donavan Truman, Marriah Miller, Kurt West and Nikki Meyer were present via VisionNet in Eureka.

Mike Cole opened the bids for the bleacher project at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. The bid amounts are as follows:

- Glacier Excavating-\$69,210
- Kooconusa Excavating-\$109,900
- Kootenai Sand & Gravel- \$89,961.45

The commissioners will review the bids.

**2:15 PM Meeting Adjourned**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Mark Peck, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Nelson, Deputy Clerk of the Board