

**May 28, 2019**  
**Finance Meeting**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on May 28, 2019 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Letcher, County Administrator Darren Coldwell, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

3:00 PM **Finance Meeting:** Present were Finance Director Wendy Drake, H.R. Director Dallas Bowe, Sheriff Darren Short, Undersheriff Brian Griffeth and Kathi Hooper.

**Sheriff Department:** Sheriff Short said the Drug Task Force grant amount is increasing from \$95,000 to \$140,000. The federal money is put towards two drug detective salaries.

Brian said there is approximately a \$120,000 increase in the sheriff's budget from 3.6 to 3.7 million.

Brian talked about an \$11,000 cost from juvenile detention but said there is a \$10,000 grant to offset that cost.

The jail population is not steady but is continually up and down; can be 30 to 40 inmates, go back down to 15 inmates and then up again.

The county nurse visits are a tremendous savings; there are less hospital visits.

There was a brief discussion about a CIP account for vehicle purchases. Commissioner Bennett suggested putting in \$10,000 a year. Commissioner Peck said we could take \$50,000 out of PILT to set up the CIP and budget \$10,000 each year to pay it back.

E911 monies is used for radio costs. Brian said he is researching radio options.

Commissioner Peck said he appreciates the trajectory of OT decreasing.

**Environmental / Public Health:** Kathi said the Sanitarian budget will increase \$7,700, but it is an insurance increase only.

There are no changes to the general public health fund, but there are added grant-based budgets under public health.

Kathi said she is considering reclassifying one position.

Kathi informed the commission there are left over funds from the woodstove changeout fund and she wants to put that money towards a new electric sign to update information continually from the DEQ website for air quality. Kathi will do more research to determine if the current sign can be updated.

Junk vehicle fund is 100% grant based.

The landfill budget remains the same. Kathi said she will put 100,000 into cell development and 120,000 into equipment replacement.

There was a brief discussion about used vehicles for ARP that no longer are being used by that department.

Commissioner Bennett commented that they potentially could be traded in for one good, reliable vehicle to put in the county vehicle pool.

**Meeting adjourned** at 4:00 PM

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Mark Peck, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board