

**November 6, 2019**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on November 6, 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.

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

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present was Derrick Perkins.

- Robin presented the minutes for October 30, 2019 regular meeting and November 1, 2019 special session for Commissioner approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.
- Darren submitted a 3-year maintenance contract between Lincoln County and Johnson Controls for services of the county heating/cooling system. Commissioner Peck suggested an overall analysis of the system to look at a long-term maintenance plan. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the 3-year contract with Johnson Controls as presented. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time:** Present were Mike Fraser, Derrick Perkins, Ray Stout and Ben Kibbey. Also present was Nikki Mayer, Eureka via VisionNet.

There were no public comments.

11:00 AM **DNRC/FEMA-Tracy Sears:** Present were County Planner Jake Mertes, Brett McCully, Michael Fraser, Marc Pitman, Stephanie DiBtilto, Tom Birney, Tina Oliphant, Derrick Perkins, Ray Stout and Ben Kibbey. Also present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Traci expressed concern about county compliance regarding floodplain issues due to the county not having a floodplain manager or process. Traci offered potential web-based training for the county planner or other designated county employee.

Commissioner Peck asked what the leverage of the county is to try to get the public to protect themselves. Traci said people can statutorily be fined for infractions, use of a county enforcement policy and federal enforcement policies. Darren talked about budget restraints and the difficulties of creating a new position. The group discussed options and potential solutions.

Tom expressed concerns regarding how the county floodplain program is being managed and explained the community benefits of the voluntary National Flood Insurance Program for any potential flood disasters. Tom said the goal is to support the county and its communities. Tom informed the commission that flooding is the number one FEMA disaster claim and wants to assist the county with its floodplain program and help bring it into compliance.

Commissioner Peck suggested contracting the right person on a short-term basis to bring this all together to improve county floodplain management. Tom suggested talking with other counties on how they conduct floodplain management. Commissioner Letcher talked about the benefit of community education, training and outreach. Traci said she would work directly with Commissioner Letcher to spearhead and coordinate the county program and any necessary county and public education and training. Tom said he will work with County Engineer Mike Fraser to close the Callahan Creek Project.

12:00 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

## **LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Mark Peck, Chairman

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