

April 29, 2020

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 29, 2020 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Patrick McFadden, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Letcher was present, Eureka via VisionNet.

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

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present was Derrick Perkins. Also present via phone conference was Nikki Meyer.

- Robin presented the minutes for April 22, 2020 for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.
- Robin talked about the contract between GeoControl and the Clerk & Recorder's Office. Robin said GIS training for digitizing plat and survey maps into the tract books is ongoing and she would like to maintain GeoControl Services into FY 20/21. Robin said GeoControl service fees will be paid out of the Records Preservation Fund which comes from recording fees and is not a levied fund. Robin said the funds are already budgeted and there is no request for any budget increase. Contract states maximum fees is \$1000.00 per month.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time:** Present was Derrick Perkins. Also present via phone conference was Nikki Meyer, Ray Stout and Mike Hedges.

Mike informed the commissioners that he serves on the Forest Service RAC Committee and a project has been approved for \$60,000 for road work at Abayance Bay. Mike said he is requesting permission to use the county as a conduit to receive the funds and provide a contract with the contractor to approve the project. Mike commented that according to Bryan Donner, the forest service cannot give funds to a profit organization and that is why he is asking the commissioners; there would be no involvement other than the funds pass through the county.

Commissioner Peck clarified that it's a little more complicated than that. If it comes through the county, it would have to be put through the bid process. Commissioner Peck stated the county would be open to looking at it but questioned why the forest service doesn't act as the conduit. Mike said he would hate to lose the funds. Commissioner Peck commented that we won't let that happen, we are fully capable of doing this.

Commissioner Bennett said he will visit with Forest Supervisor Chad Benson, commenting that it is a special use permit on a forest service road.

11:00 AM **Planning / McMahon and Miller Family Transfers:** Present were County Planner Jake Mertes,

- Jake said Planning received a request from WGM Group on behalf of their clients Dennis and Diane McMahon to transfer a 20.08-acre portion of their property to their daughter Kristine McMahon and retain the remaining 10-acre portion for themselves. Jake said after exemption review, the planning staff recommends approval of request to use exemption. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the McMahon Family Transfer based on the planning staff conditions and recommendation. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.
- Jake said Planning received a request from Cabinet Mountain Surveying on behalf of their client Rhoda Miller to transfer a 8.00-acre portion of her property to her son David Miller and retain the remaining 40.25-acre portion for herself. Jake said after exemption review, the planning staff recommends approval of request to use exemption. The Commissioners had further questions and asked Jake for more information. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to table until further review. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

11:30 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mark Peck, Chairman

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