

June 10, 2020

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on June 10, 2020 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Letcher, County Administrator Patrick McFadden and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Peck was excused.

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

9:45 AM **Tina Oliphant / Brownsfields Technical Assistance Application:** Present were Craig Barringer, Ron Goodman, and Derrick Perkins. Also present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Tina is asking Lincoln County to be the organization for the Targeted Brownfields Assessment Application. The environmental assessment assistance application is the first step asking EPA Region 8 to conduct an assessment at the Asa Wood Elementary School located at 700 Idaho Avenue, Libby.

Commissioner Bennett commented that he sees this as part of a county role to be involved. We all know that Lincoln County does have many older buildings. Commissioner Bennett asked if the building has been cleared as far as Libby Amphibole (LA). Craig said LA is still in the walls. Commissioner Bennett clarified that as long as this is just an assessment, the county is not held financially accountable.

Commissioner Letcher agreed the county needs to be involved in the cleanup of its buildings. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to move forward with the Brownsfield Assessment application as submitted. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

10:00 AM **Health Department Update:** Present were Kathi Hooper, Jennifer McCully, Bryan Alkire and Derrick Perkins. Also present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

- **Solid Waste and Recycling:** Kathi said there is a bear issue at the Glen Lake Green Box site. Bear Specialist Kim Annis will be inspecting the fence and surrounding area and will trap the bear to be relocated. Bryan informed the commission there was a fire at the landfill recently that happened after hours and burned all night, believed to be caused by a battery. The fire department was called in to assist.
- **Public Health:** Jennifer submitted a chart showing a breakdown of age, residence location and occupation of individuals who were covid tested. The CARD will be taking over testing for Libby and Eureka. CHC will conduct testing in Troy. The Public Health Department is still answering the hotline designated for covid questions. Jennifer talked about a Sequential Intercept Mapping workshop to discuss how to improve responses and care for mental health and substance abuse disorder. Funding has been attained.
- **Environmental Health:** Phase II has been implemented. The focus is on education outreach and assistance to licensed establishments. Kathi commented that Lincoln County is getting back to business as normal. Jennifer said DPHHS does have national county information that is interesting. Big Fork did go back to Phase I restrictions. Commissioner Bennett commented that a positive in all of this is the public education aspect on good hygiene practices whether it be covid or the flu.

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present was Derrick Perkins. Also present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

- Robin presented the minutes for June 3, 2020 for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Bennett submitted an insurance quote from Kevin Peck of Glacier Insurance for the county drone for \$1,900.00 annually. The quote is from Northwest Insurance Group, Inc. and is mainly for liability purposes. Commissioner Bennett explained the drone has been useful during flood season for inspecting creeks. The county does have a person trained and licensed to use the drone. Commissioner Bennett said he will sign the insurance quote.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time:** There were no public comments.

11:00 AM **County Bid Opening:** Present were Dallas Bowe, Zach Schad, Kenny Rayome, Lee Bothman, Suzanne Resch and Derrick Perkins. Also present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Dallas presented the bids and Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Letcher opened and read from each bid to the public.

Legal Advertising: Two bids received; Kootenai Valley Record and The Western News. There were split dollars in the bids; legal advertising came in lower from the Kootenai Valley Record and display advertising came in lower from the Western News.

There was a discussion regarding legal advertising cost vs. display advertising cost to the county. Commissioner Bennett commented that he would like to visit with the county attorney. Patrick said it would allow the county time to possibly determine the ratio of those costs. No decisions were made at this time, tabled until next week.

County Road Oil: One bid received from McAsphalt. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to accept the bid from McAsphalt as submitted. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

Gas and Diesel: One bid received from Moore Oil for servicing the Troy Shop only. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to accept bid from Moore Oil as submitted. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried. Commissioner Bennett commented we will need to rebid for service to Libby and Eureka.

Hot Plant Asphalt: One bid received from Noble Excavating. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to accept bid from Noble Excavating as submitted. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried.

Janitorial Service: One bid received from Annie's Professional Cleaning Service: **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to accept bid from Annie's Professional Cleaning Service as submitted. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

11:30 AM **Upper Yaak Fire Service Fire Service Area (FSA) By-Laws Change:** Present was Derrick Perkins. Also present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Commissioner Bennett said the FSA submitted Resolution 2020-001 that was approved by the Upper Yaak FSA Board of Trustees for commissioner approval. The change to 3.7.5.4 D reads as follows: *The Fire Chief is responsible for all simple and routine maintenance on all emergency response apparatus/equipment. The board will set from time to time a budget item or an annual amount for all simple and routine maintenance on all emergency response apparatus/equipment. In the event the amount exceeds the budget item, or the annual set aside amount, the Chief or his Assistant Chief(s) must obtain prior Board of designated Trustee approval before proceeding with maintenance.* **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the by-law change set out in Resolution 2020-001 as set by the Upper Yaak FSA Board of Trustees. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried.

11:45 AM **Planning Department / Bache Family Transfer:** Present were County Planner Jake Mertes, Byron Sanderson, and Derrick Perkins. Also present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Jake reported that planning received a request from Kootenai Surveyors on behalf of John and Kathleen Bache to transfer a 5.0-acre (each) portion of their property to their sons and retain the remaining 51 acres portion for themselves. Jake said the planning staff recommends approval to use exemption. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve the Bache Family Transfer as presented based on planning staff conditions and recommendation. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

12:00 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mark Peck, Chairman

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