

May 20, 2020

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on May 20, 2020 in the Lincoln County Annex, Eureka, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, and Commissioner Letcher. County Administrator Patrick McFadden and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson were present Libby, via VisionNet. Commissioner Peck was excused.

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

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present was Nikki Meyer. Also, present Libby via VisionNet was County Maintenance Director Joe Nagle, Sheriff Darren Short and Derrick Perkins.

- County Maintenance Director Joe Nagle submitted a letter and budget documents asking for support by reinstating the Maintenance Assistant position or a 2<sup>nd</sup> full-time position that was cut in 2017. Joe mentioned the position is to safeguard assets, inspect and plan out purchases better as the county continues to grow. There are 10 county buildings, one park, 3 parking lots and approximately 1 mile of sidewalk. Joe mentioned the groundskeeper at J Neil's Park is leaving and the maintenance department could absorb that position. Joe said the county has spent approximately \$12,000 on contractors, and the maintenance department could absorb some of those tasks and reduce some of those costs with a 2<sup>nd</sup> full time employee.  
Patrick said he challenged Joe to mitigate some of the full-time employee costs, and he has done that. Patrick commented that in his opinion, this makes sense.  
Commissioner Bennett said that we had to balance the budget several years ago, and now we can look at where we need additional personnel and commented that he appreciates the work done by the maintenance department. Commissioner Bennett said he is in favor of this but would like to review the package of information Joe submitted. Commissioner Letcher said it's easier to maintain assets then rebuild assets and it is understood there is too much work for one full-time employee, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> full-time person could save the county money in the long run.
- Patrick submitted a Quiet Title that was approved last week for commissioner signatures.
- Robin presented the minutes for May 13, 2020 for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

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

11:00 AM **County Planning:** Present was Karl Kassler, and Nikki Meyer. Also present was County Planner Jake Mertes, Libby via VisionNet.

- **Alpenglow Subdivision Final Plat Approval:** Located in the S½NE¼SE¼, S10T36NR27W, Tract 1 of CS 4520. Jake said all conditions have been met and planning staff recommends approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve Alpenglow Subdivision Final Plat subject to planning staff conditions and recommendation. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried. Carl thanked Jake for his patience, help and guidance.
- **Brook Hollow Subdivision Public Hearing:** Located in S9T36NR26W, Parcel D of CS 3778AE. Jake gave an overview of conditions and history of the subdivision. This is a minor subdivision and does not require planning board review. Planning staff recommends preliminary approval to Brook Hollow Subdivision, subject to conditions and based on the finding in the staff report. Commissioner Bennett said he would like to review the staff report. Jake said he would support amendments to conditions regarding pull outs and trimming trees along the driveway and changes to fire protection, because its more reasonable to this occasion.  
Commissioner Letcher asked questions about the septic system. Jake said he would conduct further review.
- **Miller Family Transfer:** Jake said the updated application has not been received yet.

11:30 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Mark Peck, Chairman

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