

October 21, 2020

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on October 21, 2020 in the Lincoln County Annex, Eureka, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Letcher, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. County Administrator Patrick McFadden present, Libby via VisionNet. Commissioner Peck was excused.

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

10:15 AM **Public Comment Time:** Present were Jennifer Curtiss, Katrina Newton, Kathleen Johnson, Neil A. Duram, Rachel Yoder, Diane Watson, Ed Kahle, Catherine Kahle, Heather Handy, Jacob Handy, and Paul R. Beaumont. Ray Stout and Nikki Meyer present via conference call. Present was Derrick Perkins, Libby via VisionNet.

Kathleen Johnson submitted and read the following letter:

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Dear Lincoln County Commissioners,

"Where an excess of power prevails, property of no sort is duly respected. No man is safe in his opinions, his person, his faculties, or his possessions." James Madison, Property, 1792

Hello all, I am very concerned about the lack of concern by the Lincoln Co Health board and health directors at al re: the deeply divided schism occurring between our local Citizens. They do not care about the honest health concerns occurring in this County brought on by this deeply flawed logic of wearing masks. They and Dr. Black are concerned only with Policing our Citizens and our Businesses here re mask wearing. It seems they are gearing up for yet another shutdown/lockdown "to keep everyone safe" (in their opinion) which will wreak further destruction on this County and her Citizens! This is unacceptable at best.

I am asking for action from our electeds, including Sheriff and Commissioners. The County Health board SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF OUR COMMISSIONERS. Please know you are on the front line, whether protecting or undermining our God-given freedoms. We expect you to move on this and keep us apprised of action taken. We are thankful for you! We thank you for protecting our God-given freedoms.

The mask ordnance in Lincoln Co, has no base in solid science or facts, and is in effect a form of taking away our right to persue Life, Liberty and Happiness.

The town of Eureka used WHO guidelines as an authority for Eureka MT emergency declaration. I believe more than Eureka used this bunch of crooks as an authority on their emergency declaration. The WHO are under investigation for lies regarding the entire chinese virus scandal. How can we base such devastating action on such a scandalous organization?

Did Lincoln County and every town within LC declare a state of emergency to receive the federal money?? Who in Lincoln County is getting \$\$ from Bullock to bolster County enforcement of mask mandate? How much are they getting?

Do you recognize that currently there are breaches in our Constitutionally protected rights occurring at an alarming rate throughout Montana and our Nation? Let us not be a part of this alarming disintegration here in Lincoln County, and Montana.

The letters of threat to our local business owners with jail time, should they not enforce the false security of requiring citizens to be muzzled in their place of business, is NOT OK. This does not happen in the United States if America.

Must we wait for the legislative session to overturn an outdated edict which put unelected bureaucrat health officials in charge?

Can our Commissioners finally step in and legally put an end to this bold move against the citizens of Lincoln Co?

Are you not now willing to let this emergency order, mask enforcement threat and further shutting down of our community go, in order that we, the Citizens of Lincoln County, may enjoy peace, prosperity and a sense of well being once again in our communities?!

Thank you for getting a firm hold on Mr Black, Mr Rice and Kathi Hooper and the Lincoln Co health dept! They have overstepped their authority and must be taken in hand by you, our County Commissioners.

We appreciate your serving the Citizens of this County.

Respectfully submitted for consideration,

Kathleen Johnson

Fortine, Montana

Paul commented on the mask mandate and expressed frustration and concern that the county does not have authority to fine and imprison people, especially business owners. Paul stated that it really scares him that can be done and is actually happening.

Diane asked if OSHA has been consulted about the mask mandate and other regulations because OSHA experts should be advisory and there are long-term OSHA standards and regulations; why are we violating OSHA? OSHA has always worked with businesses on PPE, and not everyone has the same strain on their pulmonary system. Mandating masks is illegal. OSHA is now going back on their long-held beliefs, meaning OSHA has been weaponized similar to what the IRS did.

Ed Kahle submitted and read the following letter:

You the Commissioners are elected by the People and charged with representing the People. The County Health Board and Officer are not elected but merely appointed entities that are allowed to yield tyrannical dictatorial powers that our elected Commissioners and Sheriff are bowing to. This is not Constitutional or acceptable!

We have representative government by consent of the People based on law rooted in the Constitution, not a dictatorship. The Montana Constitution is the foundation for law not the Montana Code that the health mandates hang onto. Code is nothing more than an agreed administrative procedure that may or may not be Constitutional and lawful. I ask you — is the Code above the Constitution and if so, why do we have a Constitution?

Montana Constitution ARTICLE II

Section 1 states All political power is vested in and derived from the people. All government of right originates with the people, is **founded upon their will only - We the People have ALL the Power — not elected or appointed entities!** Section 2. The people have the **exclusive right of governing themselves as a free, sovereign**, and independent state - **We the People are kings in our own right, above ALL elected and appointed entities. Lincoln County is Sovereign to the State as are we the People sovereign. Lincoln County rescinded its' State of Emergency over the States State of Emergency on 6/3/2020 asserting its' Sovereignty. We the People are now asserting our sovereignty.** Section 3. All persons are born free and have certain **inalienable rights**. **They cannot be taken away or infringed. The Health Officer and Board are infringing our rights.** Section 8. The public has the right to expect governmental agencies to afford such reasonable opportunity for **citizen participation in the operation of the agencies prior to the final decision**. **We the People have had no consent to any part of our grievance.**

ARTICLE III Section 3 states the Public Servant Oath that you **swore to the People and God** the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the state of Montana. **You must make a decision to either support and defend the Oath you swore to for the People or cower—to the dictator Governor and his agent health official minions.**

You the Commissioners have appointed the Health Board who in turn has appointed the Health Officer. Since you ultimately are responsible to the appointment of the Health Officer then you can be responsible to see the Health Officer removed! Nowhere in the State Constitution or Code does it declare the Health Officer to have autonomy. That assertion comes only from the

Montana State Health Department publication giving themselves autonomy. This State of Emergency and mandates not only violate the Constitution but the Code itself that it hangs onto as described in the petition brief being presented. We the People demand an end to this fraud and those who participate in this fraud have no immunity against the many harms that have been committed against the People as stated ARTICLE II Section 18 states **"all other local governmental entities shall have no immunity from suit for injury to a person or property"**. Are you going to honor your oath or defile it? We the People deplore you to end this fraud so we may return to normalcy. We **DO NOT ACCEPT THE "NEW NORMAL" AND WE WILL NOT COMPLY!**

Heather asked why the Board of Health does not follow their own standards yet are attacking businesses.

Diane talked about the online updates from the Lincoln County Health Department and how the comments are now invisible; there is no transparency regarding posts for the people they are supposed to be serving.

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present were Jennifer Curtiss, Katrina Newton, Kathleen Johnson, Neil A. Duram, Rachel Yoder, Diane Watson, Ed Kahle, Catherine Kahle, Heather Handy, Jacob Handy, and Paul R. Beaumont. Ray Stout and Nikki Meyer present via conference call. Present was Derrick Perkins, Libby via VisionNet.

- Robin presented the minutes for October 14, 2020 regular meeting for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.
- Commissioner Bennett presented Resolution 2020-25, A Resolution Ordering the Creation of the Lincoln County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team. Patrick said the county attorney has approved the resolution to form. Commissioner Letcher read the resolution to people in attendance. Section 52-2-211(1) MCA states "county commissioners shall ensure the formation of an interdisciplinary child information and school safety team". **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to adopt Resolution 2020-25 as presented. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.
- Commissioner Bennett submitted a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Lincoln County Asbestos Resource Program for the Libby Asbestos National Priorities List site. The agreement sets forth the terms, conditions, understandings, and procedures under which DEQ, through cooperative agreements with the EPA will reimburse the Lincoln County Asbestos Resource Program. Commissioner Bennett commented the agreement has been approved by the county attorney. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve the MOA as submitted. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

10:45 AM **Library Board:** Present were Jennifer Curtiss, Katrina Newton, Kathleen Johnson, Neil A. Duram, Rachel Yoder, Diane Watson, Ed Kahle, Catherine Kahle, Heather Handy, Jacob Handy, and Paul R. Beaumont. Ray Stout and Nikki Meyer present via conference call. Present were Library Director Alyssa Ramirez and Derrick Perkins, Libby via VisionNet.

Barb spoke about costs and repairs to the sprinkler system at the Libby Library. Barb said Johnson Controls conducted an inspection and the Library sprinkler system failed. Barb spoke about what repairs could be conducted by the county maintenance department to offset costs. Barb submitted a billing quote from Johnson Controls Fire Protection to fix the necessary repairs.

Commissioner Bennett commented that he agrees to fixing the sprinkler system at the Libby branch, but also said the drain field and pumps in the basement all need to be looked at. We should have continued discussions regarding library repairs and maintenance.

Barb talked about the Memorandum of Understanding between the Library and Lincoln County regarding building repairs. It is the library boards understanding that the building maintenance would be paid by the county.

Commissioner Bennett said the next step is to talk to the maintenance department to determine what they can repair. Alyssa asked after her conversation with maintenance, how does the county want to pay the bill from Johnson Control. Commissioner Letcher suggested the bill go through the maintenance budget first.

Commissioner Bennett agreed and commented that the county needs to track maintenance cost on each building.

11:00 AM **Resolution 2020-24 to Appoint Special Deputies and Case Management Cares Funding – Lincoln**

County Attorney: Present were Jennifer Curtiss, Katrina Newton, Kathleen Johnson, Neil A. Duram, Rachel Yoder, Diane Watson, Ed Kahle, Catherine Kahle, Heather Handy, Jacob Handy, and Paul R. Beaumont. Present were County

Attorney Marcia Boris, and Derrick Perkins Libby via VisionNet. Present were Ray Stout and Nikki Meyer via phone conference.

Marcia commented the resolution is not prepared yet, waiting on the state auditor's office for the name of the individual to be appointed.

Marcia sent out an email to the commissioners regarding CARES Act funding for a new case management system for her office. The cost estimated have been preapproved. The company, Karpel Solutions said the data conversion and training will increase the amount of the proposal, total cost of \$37,975.00. The new case management system must be implemented by end of year to receive CARES Act funding. Marcia said she is looking for final approval of the amendment and wants to know who signs the contract.

Commissioner Bennett said Commissioner Peck is the Board Chairman and should be the signor of the contract. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve the contract with Karpel Solutions as submitted for the new case management system in the County Attorney's Office. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

Commissioner Letcher asked if the new system is replacing an older version.

Marcia said, it is a replacement. The old system is slow and is not geared specifically to prosecution. The new system is geared specifically for her office and includes e-filing and overall allows better efficiency. Marcia commented that the County Attorneys Association has negotiated a discount, and there are currently 32 counties coming on board which allows for a 15% reduction in the cost of the licensing, to be deducted from the annual support services in the second year. This discount may increase as more counties become involved. Marcia said the money outside CARES Act funding can be absorbed in her current budget and is comparable to what is paid for the current system.

Commissioner Letcher asked Marcia to clarify what she means by a system geared more towards prosecution.

Marcia said that our job is to prosecute offenses, it is our day to day business, that is what our job is and what we do.

Motion by Commissioner Letcher to approve the contract with Karpel Solutions outlining terms and conditions and an agreement wherein Karpel will provide internet-based software hosting services as submitted for a new case management system for the Lincoln County Attorney's Office. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

11:15 AM **Brunner Family Transfer:** Present were Jennifer Curtiss, Katrina Newton, Kathleen Johnson, Neil A. Duram, Rachel Yoder, Diane Watson, Ed Kahle, Catherine Kahle, Heather Handy, Jacob Handy, and Paul R. Beaumont. Present was County Planner Jake Mertes, Libby via VisionNet. Present were Nikki Meyer and Ray Stout via phone conference.

Jake said planning staff received a request from Marquardt & Marquardt on behalf of their clients John and Terry Brunner to transfer a 10.28-acre portion of their property in Rexford to their daughter April Bingaman, and retain the remaining 11.34-acre portion for themselves.

Jake explained the parcel history to the commissioners. Jake said planning staff has reviewed the request and recommends commissioners approve request to use exemption. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve the Brunner Family Transfer as presented subject to planning staff conditions and based on planning staff recommendation. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

11:30 AM **The people's complaint against mandates and unaccountable "health" officers:** Present were Jennifer Curtiss, Katrina Newton, Kathleen Johnson, Neil A. Duram, Rachel Yoder, Diane Watson, Ed Kahle, Catherine Kahle, Heather Handy, Jacob Handy, James and Micki Handy, Sheriff Darren Short, Doug Cyrus, Matt Charlton, Pierce Barney, Matthew Barrett, Ruth McLaury and Paul R. Beaumont. Present were County Planner Jake Mertes, Michelle Byrd, Jennifer McCully, Kathi Hooper, and Derrick Perkins, Libby via VisionNet. Present were Nikki Meyer and Ray Stout via phone conference.

Catherine Kahle from Trego, Montana said she is representing 686 residents who signed a Petition of Complaint: Against Un-Constitutional Mandates, Unaccountable Health "Officials" and Lincoln County State of Emergency.

Catherine Kahle submitted and read the following document titled: What is Freedom in 2020?

What is Freedom in 2020?

We the People, 686 residents, of Lincoln County are submitting-our Petition of Complaint: Against Un-Constitutional Mandates and Unaccountable Health "Officials". This ultimately isn't about masks, though. That's really the distraction or the precursor. This is about forced vaccination with a dangerous new technology which, unbelievably, will change what it means to be a human being, as well as the very real possibility that the vaccination will be required in order to freely buy and sell things or to travel. Together we need to stop this freight train now for all our sakes. We are submitting the petition, signatures, and addendums, including all references to the Montana Constitution and Code, for you to formally review toward remedying our grievances.

What is freedom? What does it mean to be a free American? Too many people today have lost what it means to be free. It's mind boggling how rapidly America is turning from the land of the "free and brave" into the land of the cowardly slave. Decades of social engineering have left many Americans not only ignorant, lazy cowards, but also incapable or unwilling to see the enormous evil that is now more than ever engulfing them; nevertheless, We the People will not comply with whatever politicians dictate, but desire to remain free Americans, making our own medical choices. The Constitution of the State of Montana is quite clear regarding individual sovereignty in Article II Sections 1 and 2. The erroneous idea that collective rights are the only thing that matters negates everything the Founders of this county and this state believed. Individual sovereignty means we don't wear a mask, get tested or vaccinate ourselves for the benefit of anyone else. Breathing the fresh air uninhibited is an individual right given to us by God, not government. As the Constitution of the State of Montana states in Article II Section 3, this is an unalienable right, meaning that it cannot be taken away. Regardless that the Governor declared a mandate, which by the way is not law, as only the legislature can make -law, it's actually a violation of Article III of the Montana Constitution which lists the powers of the different branches. In addition, no law can be legitimately passed which could take away an unalienable right. If we don't have the ability to breathe fresh air and to make our own medical choices as to what goes into our bodies, such as vaccines, then we are not free. We're simply not. We're all slaves; we're chainless slaves making a mockery of the free country that our Founders fought, bled, and died for.

You can't deny that the world has changed in the last 7 months. We the People don't accept this so called "new normal". Fear and gullibility are apparently the guiding forces since we were all plunged into Coronaland; however, we must not foolishly be conned into giving up individual liberty-for supposed safety or health. The Elite Class who desire world government, the destruction of the United States and communism are

the ones who want us to act out of fear and hand over the very last remnants of our freedom via health "experts". We must stop falling for the well crafted false narrative of COVID-19! There is no true pandemic, only a well planned deception.

Should a state of emergency have been called to plan for a pandemic? According to the Montana Code 10-3-103, "emergency" means imminent threat of a disaster causing immediate peril. It doesn't mean a possible threat. The state of emergency back in March was called when there were 0 cases and 0 deaths. There was no instant and serious peril. The state of emergency that was called set off a cascade of events including mandates, lockdowns, closures, fines and the flowing of LOTS of federal money. Moreover the state of emergency is based on a common cold - a pathogen that is not isolated, according to the CDC.

According to Montana Code 50-1-101 a communicable disease means an illness because of a specific infectious agent. And the "condition of public health importance" is a disease that is identifiable. Again, COVID19 has not been isolated. Calling a State of Emergency based on a non-specific and unidentifiable infectious agent is a violation of the Montana Code. Furthermore, there is absolutely no specific, conclusive test for COVID19. So, we have a state of emergency for a non-existent pandemic called out of panic or because the Governor did it or because the President did it.

We need to come to the realization that an all-powerful government can swiftly take all freedom away. We are coming to that point as society is collapsing on many fronts. We know that any exemptions given by government can be easily removed and the strongest mechanism that is being used to accomplish societal destruction is medical tyranny. Remember this now because of where everything is headed: vaccination with dangerous RNA technology and corporation immunity is control and eugenics as well as the transformation of humanity. On July 15, 2020 Governor Bullock, in a speech announcing his mask mandate said, it's "the states authority and duty to fight outbreaks of disease and impose quarantines, mandatory vaccination orders and other public health measures to prevent the spread of contagions." Vaccines usually take years to produce so they can be adequately tested. We are being told in advance by the Governor that a rushed to market and new technology vaccine will be the "authority and duty of the state" to mandatorily impose on Montanans. Do we continue to acquiesce to the tyranny and wait for total destruction or do we stop it right now?

Submitted with our petition is an addendum from a transcript of a presentation by Dr. Carrie Madej on the RNA COVID19 Vaccine that she says is her "alarm call to the world". The COVID19 vaccine will utilize nanotechnology, genetic modification to our DNA using RNA code, and luciferase enzymes. These things will work synergistically using transfection to genetically modify our DNA/genome, create a way to scan us to ensure we've definitely been vaccinated with this vaccination, and meld us with artificial intelligence. You cannot allow this vaccination to be forced on the people of Lincoln County or be made a requirement to buy, sell or travel.

We the People are here to call out this tyranny that is taking the entire world down in subjugation.

Regardless of the initial supposed good intentions, make no mistake about it: a state of emergency based on faulty data with no cases and no deaths; and mandates, lockdowns, social distancing, putting children in plastic boxes at schools, closing of businesses, and canceling of events over a common cold, which has an over 99.9% cure rate for most of the population, are not indicative of a free society. Unelected and unaccountable health "authorities" are making themselves a fourth branch of government, which is not only un-Constitutional, it's tyrannical. While we really have no hope in changing what is going on in the world and country, we can do something here: here in Lincoln County, Montana.

We are very proud of the decision that the County Commissioners of Lincoln County made to rescind the false state of emergency that was declared in March. At the time, it might not have been as obvious that what we're dealing with here is unbelievable fraud. Originally it seemed reasonable to believe what the media and people like Dr. Fauci said was truth, but we are now many months out and certainly we have better vision, don't we? Perhaps 20/20 vision? We can clearly see that we're losing our country. We can clearly see that federal funds are strings of control and entrapment. That the mega amounts of federal money will ultimately set up an elaborate control system to where we are all technologically suffocated. Contemplate carefully all the information we have compiled before you ever even reconsider a state of emergency for COVID19 in the future.

The control grid of contact tracing is already set up awaiting further activation and empowerment. Do you really think force masking and tracing and tracking people, even children, is something that a free country even does? Are we free people of Montana, citizens of the United States of America or Nazi Germany? How did those German "authorities" treat their people? How are un-elected health "authorities" treating people now? What mechanisms did those Germans use to take control? Do you see a parallel? How will the health "authorities" treat people when more faulty testing equates to more supposed cases? This is already happening in other counties, such as Yellowstone County - the Health Officer is using the public to snitch on business owners and he is then referring these business owners to the county attorney to prosecute them for non-compliance of COVID mandates and health "orders". So, I guess there's no representative government there. Are we going to let this same kind of thing happen in our county? Well, Dr. Greg Rice sent an email around just days ago to many people in the county including Commissioner Josh Letcher calling for a complete shutdown of 2-3 weeks and expanded testing.

There is the mistaken idea that the Health Board, Health Department or Health Officer is autonomous, but that is an idea implanted by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. According to the Montana Code, the Commissioners appoint the Health Board and that board appoints the Health Officer. The top of the chain is the Commissioners. There is no autonomous designation in the Montana Code or the Montana Constitution, only the insertion of that idea by Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services in their publication to members of health boards, noted in our Addendum 3 to the petition. If the Commissioners appoint the health "authorities", then the commissioners can unappoint them. We have representative government and as such unelected people can't be in a position of autonomous power. That's how it works in dictatorships, not in the United States of America.

686 of us are imploring you to thoroughly examine our complaint, evidence and remedy of our petition. For every signature gathered know that there is most likely 20 times that amount or more in support. The significance of the amount of signatures is that it is 3% of the county's population. It is the same percentage as the brave colonists who stood up against the tyranny of the British in the Revolution. John Adams said, "Liberty once lost is lost forever." We must not lose liberty or be satisfied with a society which is completely controlled. That's fine for the Chinese, but not for us.

We have sworn Affidavits of Harm and Liability as well as copies of letters sent around to the businesses for not obeying the "order" of Dr. Black, the Health Officer. Because of forced masks and the lockdown, we have witnessed things that have never happened in our county before. Here are a few of the horror stories happening in our community: a 69-year old resident who has issues with asbestos is passing out within seconds after being forced to wear a mask; another person has uncontrollable coughing to the point of not being able to breathe while being forced masked; a person was asked to leave the bowling alley in Eureka for stating that it was stupid to wear a mask; yet another person cannot function with the lack of oxygen while trying to shop and being forced to wear a mask; we have a business owner in Eureka who has loss of income, customers and employees, suffering from emotional trauma from a hostile work environment, as well as defamation of character all arising because of the forced mandates. We have business owners who have been harassed by the Health Department, as well as referred to the County Attorney's Office for apparently not abiding by Health Officer Black's health order dated July 21, 2020; an "order" put out after the unanimous vote of the representatives of the people of Lincoln County, the Commissioners, on June 3 to rescind the state of emergency. We the people contend we elected representatives here in Lincoln County; we did not elect, or do we consent to a medical dictatorship by the Health Officer in this fake state of emergency.

This is a juncture in time where Americans must make a choice: are we going to espouse freedom and all the blessings that brings or prefer fear, ignorance, apathy, greed, tyranny and slavery? All hinges on you now, Commissioners, so seek wisdom. Remember this also: the most noble of intentions in the beginning is no excuse for abuse or abdication of your authority later in the game. According to Montana Code 2-2103, The People of Lincoln County have trust and confidence in the election process that those whom they elect to office will be upstanding and moral, benefiting The People. If said representatives prove to depart from their duty of representing The People, then those representatives are subject to penalties for abuse of office. We contend that abuse of office is refusing to hear the cries of The People or refusal to recognize or stop the fraud against the People and not protecting The People against fraud, as well as allowing or continuing to allow the destruction of our

individual liberties and medical tyranny against The People by unelected "authorities". The Constitution of the State of Montana says in Article II Section 16 that counties shall have no immunity from suit for injury to a person.

Thank you, Commissioners, for rescinding the false state of emergency in Lincoln County that was called in March of 2020. Yes, there is no state of emergency or pandemic; only the illusion of one. We commend you for that very wise decision, but please do not consider another state of emergency now that you have the evidence-that the COVID19 death and case numbers are not based on fact, but are instead based on subjective tests which are producing fraudulent numbers. COVID19 has not been isolated according to the CDC themselves; therefore, there is no definitive test for COVID19. We now know and understand that these fraudulent numbers are being used to further a tyrannical agenda that is against freedom and against our American form of government. We want the fear and manipulation to stop which is harming The People and leading us all toward forced vaccination and the total loss of our God-given rights and our free country. Please prove that representative government can and still works in 2020.

John Adams said, "You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve YOUR freedom." Our generation must appreciate the legacy that the Founders gave us -to let the spark of freedom set off brush fires in people's minds making a proclamation to other counties in Montana, to the country, and to the world that not only does freedom matter, it's of utmost importance; that not only are we blessed to be Americans, we will honor those who came before us by our actions and dedication to protect freedom and secure it for future generations. We the People are appealing to you, Commissioners, to know who you are: you are the elected representatives of The People. The People demand that you reclaim your authority in this county from the un-elected heath "experts", who really have no true Constitutional power whatsoever, only the illusion of it, lest we really do not have representative government at all, but rather rule by unelected tyrants - tyrants who will do the Governor's will to carry out forced vaccination. Honor the Constitutions that you swore an oath to defend and have the same spirit as those of the Founders, so future generations can look back on us not with an attitude of absolute disdain for being cowards, but instead will remember and be inspired by our bravery.

Catherine submitted 5 binders of informational data regarding the Science of Covid-19 and resources, information pertaining to the health and safety wearing masks, Affidavits of Harm & Liability, references to the Montana Code and the Constitution of the State of Montana, CDC Study Finds Overwhelming Majority of People Getting Coronavirus Wore Masks, Covid-19 Survival Rates Have Many Scientists/Doctors Questioning Masks and Mandates and many other coronavirus related documents including testing, fake data, and censorship, and the mistake of lockdowns and crippling the economy.

All documents can be obtained in their entirety from the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

Commissioner Bennett thanked everyone for attending.

11:45 AM **Resolution 968, Road Sign Process Policy:** Present were Neil A. Duram and Jennifer Curtiss. Present were County Planner Jake Mertes, Michelle Byrd, and Derrick Perkins, Libby via VisionNet. Present were Nikki Meyer and Ray Stout via phone conference.

Robin explained that county addressing has moved to the Clerk and Recorder's Office. Resolution 968, updated in 2017, outlines the policy for the standardization of property addresses, road naming, and road signage for private roads in Lincoln County. Robin said pages 9 and 10 refer to the county road departments as installing the signs and includes fees for providing that service. Robin clarified that road departments are no longer installing road signs on private properties and would like to have the resolution corrected to reflect current road sign policy.

Commissioner Bennett commented the resolution's intent was to have a continuity between subdivisions and in all road districts. Road departments are no longer doing this, so the question is do we need the road departments to provide this service.

County Planner Jake Mertes said that as long as the requirements for materials and design stay in place, he is fine with property owners or developers installing road signs. The amended resolution should remove the language that placement of road signs is done by road departments.

Commissioner Letcher clarified that during subdivision approval process, signs need to be in place before final plat approval.

Jake said that language would stay in the subdivision policy and if there are two structures, roads would have to be named. That is a condition of approval. Jake said the fee schedule would be added to the supplemental administrative material.

Commissioner Bennett suggested to sell the post and sign as a package, take out the road department on pages 9 and 10 of the resolution.

Michelle mentioned that page 5 outlines an enforcement penalty that may need to be amended.

Robin said she will account for all the comments and amend the resolution. It will go to Michelle and Jake for draft approval before bringing it to the commissioners for final approval.

Jake commended Michelle for all her work, paying attention to detail and said she is doing an excellent job.

Robin thanked Michelle for bringing this to everyone's attention.

12:00 PM **Joe Purdy, Commissioner of Glen Lake Irrigation District (GLID):** Present were Neil A. Duram and Jennifer Curtiss. Present were Nikki Meyer via phone conference.

Jennifer talked about properties, bonded acreage and when those properties change hands, GLID is not notified. Jennifer said GLID is here asking if there is a way they can be notified when those properties transfers to a different party.

Jennifer said when GLID receives its listing of property payments from the Treasurer's Department, they try to update the ownership but that is done bi-annually and is cumbersome. GLID is looking for a more efficient process.

Joe commented that the problem is making sure bonded acreage transfers properly. Joe explained some of the problems/issues with not knowing those transfers. It would be helpful if GLID could be alerted. Joes talked about irrigated land vs. special use; GLID cannot transfer special use to an individual. There have been cases that go to court and GLID is becoming involved in lawsuits that they have nothing to do with. Joe talked about boundaries of the district, and not being able to get water to certain properties.

Commissioner Bennett asked if there is language in GLID by-laws or founding documents regarding this issue.

Robin explained there is no current process in the recording system to flag properties. She would need a list of all legal descriptions involved and then she would have to talk to her staff about a possible process created manually to flag those properties at the time deeds come in for recording. Robin said she cannot confirm any process until after she conducts a staff meeting about if a process is doable and the time commitment it would need. Joe commented that it would actually be a better process if GLID could be contacted by title companies at the time transfers are signed, before the deed is brought to the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

Commissioner Bennett suggested to let Robin talk to her staff to see if there is a process within the Clerk & Recorder's Office that could be helpful, but also for GLID to reach out to title companies as well.

Joe talked about pipeline easement concerns/issues and explained that people need to get ahold of GLID before they dig.

12:30 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mark Peck, Chairman

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