

September 16, 2020

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 16, 2020 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Letcher via VisionNet, County Administrator Patrick McFadden and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Bennett was excused.

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

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present were Sheriff Darren Short, Undersheriff Brad Dodson, Derrick Perkins and Ray Stout. Present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

- Patrick informed the commission that Tony Penfold of WR Grace wants to gift \$5,000 to ARP for the air monitoring system and asked how that process works. Commissioner Peck said the check to Lincoln County would be tracked specific to OU3 Air Monitoring.
- Robin presented the minutes for September 9, 2020 regular meeting for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried.
- Sheriff Darren Short said Char Williamson is retiring dispatch after 31 years of service and is requesting permission to fill that position. Commissioner Letcher and Commissioner Peck agreed to approve moving forward with the hiring process.
- Commissioner Peck talked about SB35 Child Safety Plan. Counties must have a child safety committee made of teachers, youth services, and other child agencies and it is the responsibility of county commissioners to set up the committee. Commissioner Peck asked Patrick to conduct further research. Patrick clarified that SB35 requires an established committee or group and to have it set forth in a resolution. The committee is so connections are made between schools and youth agencies.
- Commissioner Peck said that he has been taking a 12-week leadership course sponsored by MACo and commented that it was free for him to sign up and shared that it is a phenomenal and impressive course. Some of the training is by Colin Powell, and Business CEO's. Commissioner Peck said the county can have two employees take the course for \$1,600 and expressed it would be beneficial to continue to develop our leadership core through the county. Not sure how to decide who those two people would be at this moment, but the course is all online. Commissioner Peck expressed he would like to invest in this and come up with a selection to support employee training and noted this is also an opportunity to reward people. Commissioner Letcher agreed it is a great idea and expressed his support for county employee leadership training.

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

11:00 AM **Planning Department / Laughing Larch Subdivision Final Plat / Montana Lakes Condition Amendment Request:** Present were County Planner Jake Mertes,

Jake submitted the final plat for **Laughing Larch Subdivision, 2 lots** in Eureka for approval and signature. Jake said all conditions have been met by the developers. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve final plat for Laughing Larch Subdivision subject to planning staff conditions and recommendation. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried.

Jake said the planning department received a request from APEC, Inc to amend Condition #4 of the **Montana Lakes Subdivision** approval by changing the wording to: *The ACM road and secondary road within the subdivision shall be treated and maintained for dust control, at a minimum, by the application of an approved road binder and magnesium chloride as needed to prevent impacted air quality.*

Jake stated the planning staff recommends approval of request. Jake said the road crew did go out to inspect the road and Marc McCully agreed the amendment for logging traffic and dust control is good, but short term, so periodic maintenance will be required. Commissioner Letcher said it makes sense not to chip seal a logging road but would like to see something a little more substantial than "as needed", possibly annually or every 2 years.

Commissioner Peck suggested to give it a timeframe and then say, as necessary.

Commissioner Letcher suggested biennial and as needed. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to amend Condition #4 with language that periodic maintenance to be biennial or as needed, and subject to planning staff conditions and recommendation. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried.

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