

**September 30, 2021**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on September 30, 2021 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Letcher, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Teske was excused.

Meeting allows for teleconferencing and VisionNet availability.

**2:00 PM CDBG Project/Trego Hall Public Hearing:** Present were Wendy Drake and Kristie Eggebrotten. The public hearing is for the purpose of obtaining public comments regarding a proposed application to the Montana Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant Program for a Community Facility Improvement project of the Trego Hall. The project will include insulating the hall and installing an HVAC system. Grant is for \$24,972. Lincoln County is the pass-through sponsor; there is no financial obligation by the county. Kristie said she will handle all grant writing and administration. Wendy commented the county procurement plan will need to be followed. Commissioner Bennett read Resolution 2021-31, authorizing submission of CDBG Application. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve Resolution 2021-31 as submitted, second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried. There were no public comments.

**2:30 PM Kootenai River Stampede (KRS):** Present were Wendy Drake, Dallas Bowe, Roger Guches, Joe Nagle, Ron Miller, Trisha Davis-Stacy, Patty Rambo and Tina Oliphant.

Patty gave a brief history of the Kootenai River Stampede and the PRCA Rodeo in Libby and provided a Project Summary for review, listing proposed improvements at the facility located at J Neils Park.

Tina said KRS would like to apply for a T-Mobile Grant up to \$50,000. The grant would be managed by KRS and there is no match.

Commissioner Bennett commented to prioritize improvements, suggesting internet and power. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve Kootenai River Stampede to pursue a T-Mobile Grant up to \$50,000 for improvements at J Neils Park. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried. Patty commended Tricia for her work and efforts for the PRCA Rodeo. Commissioner Bennett said he appreciates the efforts and time to find avenues to improve J Neils Park benefiting not only the events but the public as well.

Joe commented that he agrees the improvements listed are needed and commented it is a good investment to maintain the park.

Patty said there has always been a good working relationship with the county and looks forward to the future.

Dallas talked about a meeting in the spring with all the groups that use the park to create a schedule to ensure no overlap and to discuss maintenance costs and pay schedule.

10:45 PM **Adjourned**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Josh Letcher, Acting Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board