

January 15, 2020

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on January 15, 2020 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Bennett, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Letcher and County Administrator Patrick McFadden were present from Eureka via VisionNet.

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

10:15 AM **Resolution 2020-02 County Holidays and Travel Rates:** Present was Derrick Perkins. Also present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Robin presented Resolution 2020-02 setting annual County Holidays, Mileage and Meal Travel Rates for the 2020 calendar year. Robin said November 3<sup>rd</sup> General Election Day is an added holiday and the IRS mileage rate decreased from 58 cents per mile to 57.5. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve Resolution 2020-02 as presented. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously. **All resolutions are available in their entirety on the county website [www.lincolncountymt.us](http://www.lincolncountymt.us) or at the Clerk and Recorder's Office.**

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet

- Robin reminded the commission that at last week's meeting she asked approval for the safety committee line item in the general fund to be overspent so two employees may attend the upcoming MACo SafetyFest in Missoula. Robin said usually the \$1200.00 budgeted for safety travel allows two county employees to attend, but MACo added the Safety Coordinator training as well as SafetyFest. The additional training was not known at the time of budget approval. Robin said she is requesting the safety amount to be overspent by \$1400.00 and that it does not increase or exceed the general fund budget but will be absorbed. Robin reminded the commission that the loss control credit was over \$4,000 and was put into the general fund and added that attendance of MACo SafetyFest by high risk departments is a part of the annual county safety audit conducted by MACo. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to allow up to an additional \$1500.00 to be spent for safety travel during the 19/20 FY. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously. Robin said she will visit with Patrick during the FY 20/21 budget process about potentially increasing the safety travel line item in the general fund.
- Robin presented the minutes for January 8, 2019 for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Bennett submitted a letter to FEMA Regional VIII, Supportive Action Group as Lincoln County's commitment to complete a Letter of Map Revision as defined in the CFR and FEMA requirement regarding the Callahan Creek flood plain. The commissioners agreed and signed the letter.
- Commissioner Letcher submitted a letter to Bryan Donner, District Ranger supporting the West Kootenai Greenbox Relocation Project. The commissioners agreed and signed the letter.
- Commissioner Peck talked about looking into the Lincoln County Title Company building that is up for sale located across from the courthouse. Commissioner Peck said that anytime property is for sale close to the courthouse, it is a good idea to at least look into it and get particulars of the sale. Commissioner Bennett agreed that the county should explore those opportunities.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time:** Present were Brent Teske and Derrick Perkins. Also present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

- Brent Teske thanked the commission for their appointment of Jennifer Nelson to the City Planning Board.
- Brent Teske requested to ask County IT Director Ernie Anderson for his assistance with the RICM System Project. Teske said he will work around Ernie's schedule. Patrick gave approval to the request but asked if end users could learn from Ernie so moving forward others have the necessary knowledge.

11:30 AM **Planning Department/Burnett Subdivision Final Plat:** Present was Jake Mertes.

Jake said preliminary plat was approved and all requirements have been met. Planning Department recommends approval of final plat for the Burnett Subdivision in Libby. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve final plat for Burnett Subdivision subject to planning staff recommendation and conditions. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

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