

APRIL 29, 2015

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 29, 2015, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Greg Larson, Commissioner Mark Peck, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

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

10:00 AM **Monthly Treasurer's Report:** Present are County Treasurer Nancy Higgins, Lee Boothman and Paige Boothman.

Nancy submitted the March 2015 cash reconciliation report and Lincoln County investment reports with supporting documents. Nancy gave a brief overview of the accounting process explaining budgets vs. cash balances in relationship to spending and the timeline that tax and non-tax revenue is received. Nancy briefed the commission on delinquent property tax bills.

The county received a thank you letter from local student Moxley Roesler-Begalke for the gift of \$200 to help his family travel to Billings for the state spelling bee competition.

Brady Selle is the administrative contractor for the County Superintendent of Schools. The commission will review the contract before the FY 2015/2016 budget is finalized.

Nancy asked the commission for approval to replace an open position in the Treasurer's Department. The Commissioners agreed they are comfortable authorizing Nancy to evaluate how the Treasurer's Department functions with one less employee, with the approval to fill the open position down the road at her discretion.

10:30 AM **Proclamation/Wildfire Awareness Month:** Present are Ed Levert, Steve Lauer, Lee Boothman and Paige Boothman.

Ed Levert updated the Commission regarding the Firewise Grant Program and current activities and fuels reduction projects within the county.

The commission signed **Resolution 932**, a proclamation declaring the month of May, 2015 as **Wildfire Awareness Month**. Lincoln County wishes to implement the "One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire" program to raise awareness about wildland fire safety, community preparedness, hazardous fuels mitigation, and fire prevention. **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to proclaim May 2015 as Wildfire Awareness Month. Second by Commissioner Peck, and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the board. Steve expressed his appreciation for the work Ed Levert is doing and the county participation to help with community awareness efforts.

11:00 AM **Bid Opening:**

The county received bids for the purchase of a backhoe/loader for the Troy Road Department. The Commission opened the bids for review to verify the bond requirement. Bids received were as follows:

Western States out of Kalispell, MT: 2015 Caterpillar Model 420F2 4XM, \$106,943.00

Triple W Equipment out of Kalispell, MT: John Deere Power Tech 310 SL HL, \$99,500

Triple W Equipment out of Kalispell, MT: John Deere 310 SL, \$96,000

Motion by Commissioner Larson to take the bids under advisement pending recommendation from Troy Road Supervisor Dave Kyriss. Second by Commissioner Peck, and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the board.

1:30 PM **Planning Department:** Present are Lisa Oedewaldt, Deb Blystone, Ernie Anderson and Paige Boothman.

Deb gave a presentation on the Montana Land Information Act (MLIAC) grant the planning department has been working on for approximately one year. The first grant was received in 2012 to update Metadata (history of a map) and in 2014, the Planning Department received a grant to create up to 12 online maps using ArcGis Online. One of the grant requirements is to participate in 50 classes to train on how to use the software applications. The maps currently being created are informational and promote voting, public county parks and recreation sites and aids the public to recognize noxious weeds. Ernie demonstrated a photo tour of the county showing area lakes in Eureka, Trego, Libby and Troy. The new technology also assists county departments such as planning, road, and weed while working in the field by using iPads.

Lisa submitted draft Lincoln County Fee Schedule and Rent/Lease regulations for the commission to review.

3:00 PM **Administrative Issues:**

- The commission signed an agreement for the transfer of entitlements from the Eureka airport to the Libby airport. Eureka has completed its FY 14/15 projects and there are no new projects planned for FY 15/16.
- **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to designate Flathead Valley Chemical Dependency Clinic to receive earmarked alcohol monies for the provision of chemical dependency treatment and prevention services in Lincoln County in accordance with 53-24-206, MCA. Second by Commissioner Larson, and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the board.
- **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to appoint County Clerk of Court Susan Farmer as County Public Administrator.
- The commission received a petition to abandon a county road located at 726 Waterfront in Troy. The commission will take the petition under advisement for review.
- The commission will put county board appointments on next week's agenda for discussion. The commission asked Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff coordinated with Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson to draft a resolution implementing public notice for all county board vacancies prior to board appointments.
- The Commission read the minutes for April 22, 2015. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve the minutes as written for April 22, 2015. Second by Commissioner Larson, and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the board.

4:00 PM The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

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