

April 21, 2021

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 21, 2021 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, County Administrator Patrick McFadden and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Letcher present, Eureka via VisionNet. Commissioner Peck was excused.

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

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present was Derrick Perkins. Nikki Meyer present, Eureka via VisionNet. Ray Stout present via phone.

- Commissioners signed a support letter regarding the Marston Bugs II Insect and Disease Project. Letter is to Bryan Donner, District Ranger, Eureka Ranger Station.
- Robin submitted the minutes for April 13 special session preliminary budget and April 14, 2021 regular meeting for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

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

11:00 AM **Fire Service Area Board Appointments:** Present was Derrick Perkins. Nikki Meyer present, Eureka via VisionNet. Ray Stout present via phone.

Robin said board vacancies were advertised and presented the applicants received to the commission as follows:

Eureka FSA, 2 vacancies: Applicants received from Tom Hall and Warren Powell.

Trego/Fortine/Stryker FSA, 2 vacancies: Applicants received from Dale Baldwin and Justin McNeil.

Upper Yaak FSA, 2 vacancies: Applicants received from George Lacy and Wynne Zellmer.

Motion by Commissioner Letcher to appoint all applicants as presented to serve on Fire Service Area Boards. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

11:15 AM **Planning Department: Imboden Subdivision Final Plat and Hug Family Transfer:** Present were County Planner Jake Mertes, Byron Sanderson and John Damon.

Imboden Subdivision Final Plat: Subdivision general location is Eureka, Sinclair Creek. Jake said all conditions for approval have been met and planning staff recommends approval for Imboden Subdivision subject to conditions and based on the findings in the staff report. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve final plat for Imboden Subdivision subject to conditions and based on planning staff recommendation. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

Hug Family Transfer: Jake gave an overview of the parcel history and intent and said the review committee recommends commissioners to deny request to use exemption, potential evasion of MSPA.

Commissioner Bennett said using quitclaim deeds followed by a family transfer has been previously approved and he would like to see consistency moving forward. Commissioner Bennett commented he feels there is no intent to evade MSPA but realizes citizens may not always understand the process.

There was a brief discussion regarding family transfer process and ensuring consistency.

Jake questioned if there is another way to change wording instead using the word "deny" in the planning staff recommendation, to stating final approval by commissioners.

Byron commented he understands the process and feels family transfers are case by case.

Motion by Commissioner Letcher to approve the Hug Family Transfer request. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

11:30 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Bennett, Chairman

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