

April 27, 2021

FY 21/22 Preliminary Budget Discussions

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on April 27, 2021 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Patrick McFadden and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Letcher was excused.

Library: Present were Alyssa Ramirez and Chuck Gerheim.

Alyssa gave an overview of the library budget and anticipated expenditures for fiscal year 21/22. Alyssa talked about the status of the current library vehicle that is used for crate hauling needs a complete engine rebuild. There was discussion about the library using a vehicle in the county pool or sharing a vehicle with the county forester. Alyssa expressed concerns regarding the IT infrastructure at the Libby branch and that there are no public computers available.

Commissioner Peck commented that cost savings is good, but we are down to one person in IT. Patrick commented that is concurrent with the bigger IT/GIS projects currently happening in the sheriff's department. Commissioner Peck suggested contracting a person to fix the library networking to get it up and running. Patrick said he has started that conversation with DIS Technologies.

Environmental/Public Health Departments: Present were Kathi Hooper and Jennifer McCully.

Kathi presented current and next fiscal year anticipated budget expenditures for sanitation, animal control, planning, junk vehicle, public health and solid waste. Kathi requested that the quarterly safety awards come from a separate budget that is for county safety. Kathi briefed the commission on grant funded employees and programs. Kathi expressed that she would like Addressing/GIS to not be umbrellaed under the Planning Department.

County Attorney: Present was Marcia Boris.

Marcia gave an overview of the county attorney's budget and anticipated expenditures for fiscal year 21/22, commenting there were only minor changes. Court is still be held at the Memorial Center.

12:00 PM Meeting Adjourned

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Bennett, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Robin A. Benson, Clerk and Recorder