

**April 6, 2021**

**FY 21/22 Preliminary Budget Discussions**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on April 6, 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.

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

10:00 AM **County Forester:** Present was Jennifer Nelson.

Jennifer submitted the expenditure report for commissioner review, reflecting any changes for FY 21/22. Jennifer commented that she is administrating and implementing approximately 1 million in grants. The expenditure report is underbudget due to grant funds. Jennifer said she is requesting a wage increase and potentially a part-time employee to help with the grant administration, written agreements, and site visits. Patrick asked Jennifer to write a proposal for any budget and/or employee changes with justifications for further conversation.

The commissioners spoke briefly about hiring a county grant writer for all countywide business.

10:30 AM **Road District 2:** Present was Dave Kyriss and DJ Welch.

Dave submitted the expenditure report for commissioner review, reflecting any changes for FY 21/22. Discussion topics were insurance on vehicles and equipment, oil costs, and upcoming projects. Preliminary budget for FY 21/22 was reduced approximately \$20,000.

10:50 AM **Clerk of Court:** Present was Tricia Brooks.

Tricia submitted the expenditure report for commissioner review, reflecting any changes for FY 21/22. Tricia said she is requesting a wage increase for the administrative assistant position and informed the commissioners that the hours for the part-time position has been reduced. Patrick asked Tricia to write a proposal for any budget and/or employee changes with justifications for further conversation.

11:00 AM **Meeting Adjourned**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Jerry Bennett, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robin A. Benson, Clerk and Recorder