

**July 20, 2022**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on July 20, 2022 in the Lincoln County Annex, Eureka, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Letcher, Commissioner Bennett, County Administrator Jim Hammons and Deputy Clerk Corrina Brown.

Meeting allows for teleconferencing and VisionNet availability.

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

09:45 AM **Cooperating Agency Status:** Resolution 2022-19 Countywide Emergency Declaration Forest Health and Wildland Fire Threat. Present were Ray Stout, Rebecca Nelson, Jennifer Nelson, Solomon Alcain and Ben Van Sickle. Commissioner Letcher summarized the Resolution; Lincoln County faces a clear and present public safety, public health, and economic threat from catastrophic wildland fire. Commissioner Bennett expressed his thoughts on the continual interruption by groups without consideration of the human element in the environment. Commissioner Teske hopes this action will bring awareness. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to Approve Resolution 2022-19. Commissioner Letcher seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bennett discussed a letter of thanks to Chad Benson, Forest Supervisor for addressing the WUI needs of Lincoln County. Commissioner Teske emphasized the benefit of a Cooperating Agency status on projects impacting Lincoln County WUI. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to sign and move forward with the letter. Commissioner Letcher seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10:00 AM **Fair CIP Approval:** Present were Ray Stout, Rebecca Nelson, Solomon Alcain, Ben Van Sickle, Pam Rackley. Pam presented her Capital Improvement Plan along with a list of needed repairs. Commissioner Teske discussed options for some needed repairs. Pam feels the rental facilities should be the primary focus. Commissioner Letcher discussed working toward expansion and prioritizing needs to include lights, sprinklers around pond, showers at the rodeo, toilet replacements, roof separation, 10-year building paint cycle, rabbit barn upgrade. Commissioner Bennett expressed the need for further conversation regarding the county funding usage allocation to ensure mutual understanding. Commissioner Bennett reviewed MCA 7-6-616 CIP funds. Pam advised she will review the Fair CIP list according to priority then send the update to Wendy. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve the CIP for the LC Fair. Commissioner Teske seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10:15 AM **ARP Update:** Present were Ray Stout, Rebecca Nelson, Solomon Alcain, Ben Van Sickle, Elzhon Anderson. *Elzhon submitted and reviewed the ARP Report listed below.*

Asbestos Resource Program (ARP) Report for Commissioner's Meeting  
July 20th, 2022      10:15 – 10:30

In June, ARP received 25 hotline calls. 18 were from Libby, 7 from Troy. Most of the requests were for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) comfort letter/MT Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) status letter requests.

ARP also received 95 utility locate tickets from properties within the Superfund site in June: 84 from Libby, 11 from Troy.

ARP completed 28 site visits within June. Most of these site visits were to confirm digging locations for utility locates and to active asbestos abatement/sampling projects.

ONGOING/PLANNED ABATEMENTS:

386 Riverside Drive, Troy – planned soil removal – on going; SOW has been signed by the property owner. Solicitation will begin when soil sample results are analyzed for neighboring property.

713 Michigan Avenue, Libby – planned indoor removal from residential building; waiting to hear from property owner about hiring a contractor.

42162 US Hwy 2, Libby- NOPEC- Demolition and abatement activities have been completed at the property. ARP sent post removal documents to DEQ so they can start the processes of getting the NOPEC removed.

757 E 5<sup>th</sup> St, Libby- Property is currently under contract to the perspective buyer. VCI was released on the East side of house, contaminating a large area of the side yard and a portion of the understructure. ARP has been unable to contact new property owner.

803 Minnesota Ave, Libby-While installing a new outlet the property encountered VCI within the wall cavity. There was also a release of VCI in the basement where he was feeding electric to the new outlet. The SOW has been signed by the property owner and they can move forward with soliciting an abatement contractor.

Asa Wood School, Libby- ARP was given contact information for the new property owner of the Asa wood building. ARP is currently working with the new owners to draft a SOW for the abatement of the west wing of the building.

ONGOING/PLANNED SAMPLING:

GID 11192, Troy – Property was designated a non-use area during the time of investigation. The property has since been developed. The property has been sampled and ARP is awaiting analytical results.

287 Terrace View, Libby- ARP identified gross levels of VV on areas of the property where tree stumps had been removed. ARP is waiting on the property owners to start work activities to perform further inspection of the area.

288 Hummingbird Ln, Troy-NOPEC property. ARP was contacted by the property owner to draft a sampling SOW for the property. Sampling has been completed at the property. Soil samples are ND for LA. Post investigation documents have been sent to DEQ to start the processes of getting the NOPEC.

100 Manor Dr, Libby-NOPEC property. The property owner stopped by the ARP and requested a Sampling SOW be drafted for the property. A SI investigation was completed at the property in 2011. ARP is currently drafting a DI sampling SOW.

## **FUNDING**

The ARP program is funded through a Memorandum of Agreement with DEQ. This is funding coming from a cooperative agreement between DEQ and EPA. The agreement designates

\$600,000 over 13 months starting with costs from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, until June 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Total costs incurred by ARP & reimbursed by DEQ since June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, is \$0.00 leaving a remaining balance of \$600.00. The last reimbursement for May has been received leaving a remainder of approximately \$26,125 from the old MOA. Claims for July reimbursement have been sent to DEQ.

## **10:30 AM Administrative Issues/Old Business / Logan Health Contract / Port Authority Board Appointment:**

Present were Ray Stout, Rebecca Nelson, Solomon Alcain, Ben Van Sickle.

- Corrina submitted the minutes for July 13, 2022 regular meeting for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Teske, motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Bennett reviewed the annual contract with Logan Health for Emergency Detention Inmate Care. Commissioner Teske noted the 3% increase scheduled for next year. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve the Logan Health contract for Emergency Detention Inmate Care. Second by Commissioner Teske, motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Bennett advised no applications were received for the Port Authority Board Appointment.
- Commissioner Letcher discussed marijuana sales tax requests. The commissioners agreed they will address this once Eureka, Libby and Troy have all been heard from. Commissioner Bennett will reach out to Troy.
- Commissioner Teske followed up on a pending letter to the Yaak Community. Commissioner Bennett advised it's been updated to read 2 years rather than 3 years on project completion and returned to the community center.

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

## **11:00 AM RFP: Third Signal: Lincoln County RFP: Public Safety Communications Optimization Lincoln County 911:**

Present were Ray Stout, Rebecca Nelson, Solomon Alcain, Ben Van Sickle, and Tom Lane.

Commissioner Bennett advised this is the only proposal received. Commissioner Bennett reiterated that all this information should come to the commissioners for a coordinated review. Commissioner Teske advised of changes needed, i.e. page 6 both the consolidation plan and completion criteria. Commissioner Bennett recommends the money come out of PILT and facilitated by the commissioners. Commissioner Teske confirmed everything identified is needed to move forward. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve Third Signal proposal with changes discussed. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously. Tom commented that all this needs to come through the EMA office as well. Commissioner Bennett affirmed that all parties will be kept up to speed as it progresses. Commissioner Letcher discussed the need to identify the dead spots within the county making this a complete package. Tom stated this will best serve all affected agencies if addressed in the manner agreed herein.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

## **LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Jerry Bennett, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Corrina Brown, Deputy Clerk of the Board