

June 14, 2016

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on June 14, 2016, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Larson and Deputy Clerk Chris Nelson.

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

1:00 PM **MACo Property & Casualty and Workers' Compensation Trusts:** Present were Shannon Shanholtzer, Brad Salonen, Vic White and Tom Wood.

Shannon Shanholtzer introduced herself and said she works as a liaison between the MACo Property and Casualty Trust and MACo. Shannon said the trust had a few catastrophic losses during the 2015-2016 fiscal year that were surprises which hurt the pool because they were not prepared to pay the claim. Shannon said that knowing how much to put into the reserve fund for a potential claim is a guessing game because they don't actually know what will happen and how much they will have to pay out of it when it is eventually settled. Shannon said there will now be multiple people working on evaluating how much money should go into each designated reserve fund in an attempt to have an adequate amount of money available to pay each claim. Shannon also went over the Property and Casualty Trust renewal comparison for 2016-2017. Shannon said the overall difference between the cost of the trust from 2015-2016 to now is a 7.29% increase, which is below the average increase of other counties.

Brad Solonen said that cyber coverage is constantly and quickly changing so the carriers are trying to pay catchup on what coverages to provide and what things to add. Brad said he imagines it will remain a moving target for at least three more years. Brad also told the commissioners that there isn't any coverage for the use of drones. Brad said that some law enforcement and search and rescue organizations use them but they are not covered. Brad told the commissioners to make sure anyone that uses them has their own insurance coverage.

Shannon asked the commissioners about refuse sites that the county may own and operate. Commissioner Cole said they have a mix of transfer sites, green boxes, and county owned landfills. Commissioner Larson said they are working on enclosures for green box sites and said that many of the sites are on non-county owned property. Shannon said that needs to be looked into as there have been several issues other counties have had with liability and costly lawsuits. Both Shannon and Brad commended the county on keeping workers compensation claims low. Vic White said they have an excellent safety committee and employees that are committed to safety. Brad agreed and congratulated the commissioners on everyone's hard work. Commissioner Larson and Commissioner Cole agreed and said the employees and the safety committee are to be congratulated.

2:00 PM. **Official Canvass.** Election Administrator Leigh Riggleman and Nancy Trotter-Higgins met with the commissioners. Leigh said the primary election went smoothly and complimented the staff and election judges that worked the election. Leigh said there were three provisional ballots that were counted yesterday. Leigh said that Larry Dolezal has come in and asked several questions pertaining to a recount. Leigh also said the three provisional ballots didn't change any of the results for commissioner. Leigh then went over all of the precinct voting results with the board and Treasurer Nancy Trotter-Higgins. **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to approve the official Canvass of the June 7, 2016 Primary Election. Second by Commissioner Cole and so ordered upon the consent of the board

3:00 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Chris Nelson, Deputy Clerk