

June 18, 2019
Finance Meeting

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on June 18, 2019 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Letcher, County Administrator Darren Coldwell, Finance Director Wendy Drake, H.R. Director Dallas Bowe and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

3:00 PM

Justice of the Peace/Adult Probation Budgets: Present were JP Jay Sheffield, Robin Schiferl, and Misdemeanor Probation Officer Vanessa Williams.

Wendy submitted proposed budgets for commission review. Darren said nothing has changed except for wages. Jay commented the JP budget almost pays for itself from the revenue generated. Jay named some counties that have more than one JP Office but they are in the same location in the county seat at the courthouse; its because of a big workload.

Elections: Present were Election Administrator Leigh Riggelman, and Chris Nelson.

Wendy submitted the proposed budget for commissioner review. Leigh said she visited with Darren about a grant through the Secretary Of State (SOS) for Express Vote machines (replacing the outdated automarks), but is waiting for the SOS to certify them before ordering. Leigh said we will receive \$2,000 trade in for our automarks. SOS is reimbursing 50% of the cost for the new machines to counties; \$28,000 total cost for the Express Votes, Secretary of State's portion is \$14,000. A new 450 model ballot reader will need to be purchased (\$53,000) when we replace the new machines. Darren suggested to line item budget for the replacements, saying elections is something that must be financed, as there is no choice. Darren said we may have to take some money from PILT if necessary.

Weed Department: Present were Weed Director Dan Williams and Mike Bradeen.

Dan said he underestimated cash in both the grant funds and revolving loan, so those numbers will change, both are non-levied funds. Grant funds are from state and federal monies. Dan said he will be writing the grants in August before he retires; Mike Bradeen has been hired to replace Dan as the new Lincoln County Weed Director. Mike will attend training to learn the grant cycles and process.

North Annex Motor Vehicle Department: Present were County Treasurer Sedaris Carlberg.

Sedaris commented that if the department stays open we will need another full time employee. Commissioner Letcher commented that at least a half-time employee would decrease a lot of burden not only for the office but for the public. Darren expressed concern regarding that there has been 7 employees quit in 11 years. Sedaris expressed there is not enough incentive for part-time employees to stay.

Commissioner Letcher suggested to hire a part-time employee and potentially train the fair manager to work part-time fair and part-time motor vehicle. The commissioners approved Sedaris to advertise for a part-time motor vehicle employee for the North Lincoln County MV Department.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mark Peck, Chairman

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