

March 18, 2020

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on March 18, 2020, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Letcher, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Patrick McFadden and Deputy Clerk and Recorder Chris Nelson.

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

10:15 AM **Bid Opening: Libby Airport Snowplow Truck:** Present were Derrick Perkins, Ray Stout and Nikki Meyer. Commissioners received one bid from Istate Truck for \$208,334. **MOTION** by Commissioner Bennett to accept Interstate Trucks bid of \$208,334. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously. **MOTION** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the transfer of entitlements to Lewistown Airport, second by commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present were Kathi Hooper, Jen McCully, Derrick Perkins, Ray Stout and Nikki Meyer. **MOTION** by Commissioner Bennett to amend the minutes of March 4, 2020 with one change. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes of March 11, 2020. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Peck read Emergency Resolution 2020-09 in its entirety. **MOTION** by Commissioner Bennett to approve Emergency Resolution 2020-09. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed hiring another nurse for the health department. Commissioner Peck said he would like environmental health to start giving daily updates on COVID-19 and anything they need help with. Kathi said the immediate need is having more nurses for testing. Kathi said they want to get a 90-day temp in the Eureka area who is a nurse who could respond when testing is required. Jen said it would also be nice to have another temp down in south Lincoln county. **MOTION** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the health department hire up to three additional nurses as needed to do testing. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time:** Present were Derrick Perkins and Nikki Meyer.

No one from the public made comment.

11:00 AM **Eureka Dispatch:** Present were Joyce Hudson, Maury McKinney, LeeAnn Schermerhorn Brad Dodson, Derrick Perkins, Byron Sanderson, Brett McCully and Nikki Meyer.

Joyce Hudson from the Eureka Dispatch Board wanted to talk to the board about a request for more mills. Commissioners looked over the proposed resolution seeking more mills. Joyce said the dispatch board wants an increase because the county used to give them extra mills which they will no longer receive. Their budget was approved but they were never told by the finance department they would not be receiving those extra mills. Commissioner Bennett said he wants time to go over everything and talk to the county attorney about it first. Commissioners reviewed the finances of Eureka Dispatch.

11:15 AM **Pate FT Continued:** Present were Jake Mertes, Derrick Perkins, Nikki Meyer and Donald Pate via phone. The board called Mr. Pate to discuss with him his family transfer request. The issue had previously been tabled as the board wanted to hear directly from Mr. Pate. Commissioner Letcher said in the past the land had been for sale although on the questionnaire he said it hadn't been. Pate said he has had it for sale in past, but it will not be in the future. He said he would be happy to update his application. **MOTION** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Pate family transfer pending of his application being updated. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

11:30 AM **Brown-Holland Court Order:** Present were Jake Mertes, Derrick Perkins and Nikki Meyer.

MOTION by Commissioner Letcher to approve the Brown-Holland Court Order Survey. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried unanimously.

11:45 AM **Glen Lake Estates Final Plat:** Present were Jake Mertes, Derrick Perkins and Nikki Meyer.

Developers requesting final plat approval. All requirements have been met and planning staff recommends approval.

MOTION by Commissioner Letcher to approve Glen Lake Estates final plat contingent on planning staff recommendations. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried unanimously.

1:15 PM **Library Board Concerns:** Present were Alyssa Ramirez, Derrick Perkins and Nikki Meyer.

Alyssa updated the board on what the library is doing since it is closed until further notice. Since they are not going to the MLA conference, she was considering using some money on a few chairs and is currently painting in the library. Joe Nagle is helping in the kid's room painting and the work done in there is covered by a grant. In Troy they are working on cataloging their inventory. In Eureka Ester is working on cleaning library of all her stuff and organizing and readying it for the new librarian. Alyssa said she noticed yesterday people showing up to the library so they put a cart with free books outside.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mark Peck, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Chris Nelson, Deputy Clerk of the Board