

March 20, 2019

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on March 20, 2019, in the Lincoln County Annex, Eureka, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Letcher, Commissioner Peck and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. County Administrator Darren Coldwell was absent.

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

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present were Blake Lancaster, Michael Lancaster, Laurie Richardson and Nikki Meyer. Also present were Alan Gerstenecker and Luke Hollister, Libby via VisionNet.

- Robin presented the minutes for March 13 regular meeting and March 14 audit exit meeting for Commissioner approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time:** Present were Blake Lancaster, Michael Lancaster, Laurie Richardson and Nikki Meyer. Also present were Alan Gerstenecker, Luke Hollister, and Ben Scott Libby via VisionNet.

Ben asked about 4 diesel generators purchased for the repeater stations. Ben said 3 of those generators are now at the county shop. The cross-country ski club would like to use a diesel generator for the visitors center at the cross country facility on Flower Creek. Commissioner Peck said Brent Teske will need to see about limited use or any stipulations; can they be used for non-emergency services. Ben commented the building is located at the trail head for the county mountain bike trail. Commissioner Bennett said the county will need to conduct some research.

Blake said he is working on an eagle scout project and is requesting putting in a slab of concrete to be used for ice hockey in the winter and roller sports in the summer. Blake said he has not determined a location, but Commissioner Letcher said there is potentially a space available at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Peck commended Blake stating it's good to see a constituent with a plan. Blake said that since it is an eagle scout project, it would be their job to raise the monies for the project. Blake will coordinate efforts with Commissioner Letcher. Commissioner Peck requested Blake to come in to brief the commission as the project moves forward.

Laurie expressed frustration about the failure at the MV Department at the North Annex, commenting there needs to be another body in the office to do vehicle and drivers licenses. Commissioner Peck clarified the drivers licensing is state, not a county department; they just rent space from the county. Laurie asked about another person in the County MV Department. Commissioner Peck explained that function is under the county treasurer and is not a decision the commissioners make. Laurie said she may visit with the county treasurer.

11:00 AM **Tobacco Valley Industrial District Update:** Present were Tammy Lawler, Ethel White, Laurie Richardson and Nikki Meyer. Also present were Alan Gerstenecker, Marc McCully and Luke Hollister, Libby via VisionNet.

Tammy asked which Commissioner would be the exofficio member on the Tobacco Valley Industrial District (TVID) Board. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennet to appoint Commissioner Letcher to serve as the exofficio member on the TVID Board. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried unanimously. Tammy said she will get the meeting schedule and other information to Commissioner Letcher for review.

11:15 PM **Oscar Miller Easement:** Present were Nikki Meyer. Also present were Alan Gerstenecker, Marc McCully and Luke Holliser, Libby via VisionNet.

Marc submitted a map showing the public access easement to the Oscar Miller Campground. Marc said he did contact MACo and this type of easement does not have to go through the petition process; the commissioners can accept the easement. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to accept the easement from HECLA into the Oscar Miller Campground. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously. Marc said it's a very popular area the public uses for weddings, family reunions and horse recreation.

11:30 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

## LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Mark Peck, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board