

May 22, 2019

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on May 22, 2019, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, 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**.

9:45 AM **Bernal Property Discussion:** Present were Marc McCully, Brett McCully, Ben Kibbey and Alan Gerstenecker.

Commissioner Bennett talked about the Bernal property south of the Troy cemetery. There is a 40' ROW easement through the property. It's a public road that has been abandoned. Old records show the state was owner; the state has expressed to Commissioner Bennett that they no longer have a legal interest in the property. Jerry commented that the best way to solve this is to go through the petition process. Jerry will get the petition to Ben Bernal to begin the process. Commissioner Bennett questioned if a survey is required. Brett said if you can legally describe the property, a survey may not be required.

10:00 AM **5th Street Extension Project:** Present were Tricia Brooks, Marc McCully, Brett McCully, Ben Kibbey and Alan Gerstenecker.

Marc said the project is to adjust the road and move the railroad crossing. Marc showed a map of the original road, and what the changes will be after the project is complete. Marc said he has spoken with all the property owners and they will be signing an agreement for project completion. Commissioner Peck commented the current railroad crossing is considered a public safety hazard. The state is paying for the moving of the railroad crossing. The county will be paying for the road work and will be conducting the construction work. Marc said the changes are a win for everyone. Commissioner Peck said we are waiting for the permit from the railroad commission before moving forward.

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present were Ben Kibbey and Alan Gerstenecker. Also present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

- Robin presented the minutes for May 14 Finance Meeting and May 15, 2019 Regular meeting for Commissioner approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.
- Robin informed the commission that she received an email from MACo regarding a special district budget workshop. Robin said she is forwarding the information to the special districts. The training is about the financial reporting process districts are required to submit to the Department of Administration.
- Commissioner Bennett commented he will be a guest speaker at the Libby High School Graduation Dessert Ceremony tonight.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time:** Present were Ben Kibbey and Alan Gerstenecker. Also present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

There were no public comments.

11:00 AM **USDA Sheriff Grant:** Present were Wendy Drake, Ben Kibbey and Alan Gerstenecker. Also present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Wendy submitted the USDA Rural Development Resolution to accept the grant of \$31,700 for the purchase of two sheriff's vehicles. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the USDA Rural Development Resolution for the purchase of two sheriff's vehicles. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

1:30 PM **Planning Update:** There were no planning agenda items.

12:00 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mark Peck, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board