

October 7, 2020

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on October 7, 2020 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Letcher, County Administrator Patrick McFadden and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

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

10:00 AM **USFS Update:** Present were Chad Benson and Will Langhorne. Present was Ray Stout via phone conference. Present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Chad talked about Ripley and Black Ram projects, both in consultation but the projects are moving forward. Joints Chiefs going very well; thanks to Jennifer Nelson for her help. It will be submitted to regional office by Friday. The MOU is finished and should already be signed.

Update with the Washington Office, Ross Creek is on the short list, in anticipation we may get some money; will know more in November. Commissioner Bennett said he did send out a letter in support of the Ross Creek project.

Christmas Tree permits will be available online this year.

Chad commended Jennifer McCully, great to work with and very helpful.

Met with folks to discuss strategy with Flower Creek. How to streamline easement processes; we want to make sure that they are done correctly. Committed to working on what an overall plan looks like.

Commissioner Bennett talked about potentially developing a one-page document for work on Warland Creek road. A maintenance agreement to partner with the forest service. There are about 7 or 8 residents.

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present were Jennifer McCully, Derrick Perkins and DC Orr. Present was Ray Stout via phone conference. Present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

- Jennifer McCully submitted a task order amendment for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant between MT DPHHS and Lincoln County for commissioner signature. The grant was previously approved and is additional funding to hire a full time covid response nursing personnel.
- Robin presented the minutes for September 30, 2020 regular meeting for 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 Undersheriff Brad Dodson, DC Orr and Derrick Perkins. Present was Ray Stout via phone conference. Present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

DC Orr said he is a big critic of the health department, not a critic from the sidelines, but that he attends all the meetings since formation. Mr. Orr expressed frustration and concerns regarding the efficiency and unethical behavior of the health department. Mr. Orr told the commissioners that the unethical behavior reflects back on them. Mr. Orr said a relative received a phone call from the health department that he had covid although he had not been tested. Mr. Orr stated that the community needs people in the health department who know what they are doing, have correct information, and answers their phones. Mr. Orr asked the commissioners if they recognize there is a problem with the health department.

11:00 AM **Sheriff's Office Longevity Scale Standardization:** Present were Undersheriff Brad Dodson, and Derrick Perkins. Present was Ray Stout via phone conference. Present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Brad talked about the wage matrix structure and that it currently does not reflect non-sworn personnel. Brad said he is looking for commissioner approval for the new longevity scale, a proposal to increase Non-Sworn Wage Longevity Schedule. Commissioner Peck clarified that the scale is creating new positions out of current staff within the current budget. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Sheriff's Office Longevity Scale Standardization as presented. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

11:15 AM **Resolution / Authorized Investment Representative Change:** Present were County Treasurer Sedaris Carlberg, Undersheriff Brad Dodson, and Derrick Perkins. Present was Ray Stout via phone conference. Present was Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Sedaris explained that the County Treasurer is listed as the Authorized Representative for the Montana Board of Investments' records. The Authorized STIP representative has to be updated from Nancy Trotter Higgins to Lincoln County Treasurer Sedaris Carlberg. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve Resolution 2020-23 as presented. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

12:00 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mark Peck, Chairman

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