

September 15, 2021

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 15, 2021 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Letcher, Commissioner Teske, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

Meeting allows for teleconferencing and VisionNet availability.

Commissioner Bennett opened the meeting with the **Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer**.

9:45 AM **School Budgets:** Present were Superintendent of Schools Tara McFadden, Ray Stout, Pamela Monroe and Will Langhorne.

Tara submitted and provided an overview of School District Levies for FY 2021-2022. Levies are for all 7 schools in Lincoln County and FVCC (Libby Junior College).

Pamela asked about the budget process for approving the school budgets in Eureka. Tara clarified the levy process for schools and how they are approved.

Motion by Commissioner Letcher to approve budgets for 7 school districts in Lincoln County, including the Libby Junior College as presented. Second by Commissioner Teske, motion carried unanimously.

10:00 AM **Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment:** Present were Finance Officer Wendy Drake, Will Langhorne and Pamela Monroe.

Wendy submitted Resolution 2021-33 Budget Amendments for FY 2021. Commissioner Letcher read portions of Resolutions 2021-33. The resolution for budget amendments is done annually for revenues and/or expenditures not known at the time the budget was approved. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve Resolution 2021-33 Budget Amendments for FY 2021 as presented. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

Pamela said the 2021 budget showed expenditures of 10 million. Commissioner Bennett explained there are levied and non-levied funds and we are currently close to 15 million total.

10:15 AM **ARP Update:** Present Will Langhorne and Pamela Monroe.

Commissioner Bennett read the following ARP Report submitted by George Jamison:

ARP Report to Commissioners
O&M Plan Review
15 September 2021

Gentlemen:

In lieu of Virginia's normal ARP report today, I am providing a brief update on review of the Sitewide Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan for the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site.

DEQ has drafted a Sitewide O&M Plan that will supersede the existing Plans for Operable Units (OUs) 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8. These OUS are generally described as:

- 1- Former Export Plant/City Park Area, Libby
- 2- Former Screening Plant/Hwy 37 North
- 4- Residential, commercial and public properties/Libby
- 5- Port Authority area/Libby
- 7- Residential, commercial and public properties/Troy
- 8- Highway Transportation Corridors/Lincoln County

The purpose of the "Sitewide" plan is to provide uniformity in a single O&M Plan for all of these OUs. (The mine site and the Burlington Northern corridors OUS are not included.)

DEQ has been collaborating with ARP and the Port Authority as they developed this working draft, and recently shared the document for an informal review of the in-progress draft document. We are appreciative of their giving us this opportunity ahead of a more formal review. In addition to the Commissioners, the working draft has been shared with the Chair of the Lincoln County Board of Health and representatives of various OUs.

Our review (including input from Tina for OU5) is progressing well toward a requested DEQ deadline of October 1. Overall, the Sitewide document should be an improvement over the separate and differing, existing Plans. We are requesting that comments from the

Commissioners, Libby or Troy be provided to the ARP by the end of this week so that we may begin collating them next week into one response. Any questions may be addressed to the ARP or me.

Thank you,

George Jamison

Superfund Advisor to Lincoln County Commissioners

Commissioner Teske asked about anything that may be concerning.

Commissioner Bennett commented about conditions of the remedy in OU5 not being adequate. There was a brief conversation about the O&M Plan for OU's.

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present were Derrick Perkins, Ray Stout, and Pamela Monroe.

- Robin submitted the minutes for September 8, 2021 regular meeting for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried.
- Commissioner Bennett talked about the Troy Archery Club coordinating with The Troy Christian Fellowship which has 20 acres. Troy Christian Fellowship will lease targets from the county. The Troy Archery Club will be working alongside the Troy Christian Fellowship. Lease agreed and signed.
- Commissioner Bennett submitted a Motorola invoice of \$31,248 additional cost to the radio project not figured into the initial agreement. Commissioner Bennett suggested the additional cost be paid out of the sheriff department's budget.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time:** Present were Derrick Perkins, Pamela Monroe and Ray Stout. There were no public comments.

11:00 AM **Bid Review / Meadow Peak Tower:** Present were Sheriff Darren Short, Undersheriff Brent Faulkner, Brent Shrum, Pamela Monroe, Derrick Perkins and Ray Stout. Also present was Blair Miller representing Camus Creek Contracting.

Two bids were received:

Camus Creek Contracting: \$123,000.

Buchholz Fabrication: \$108,873.

Brent Faulkner commented the bids will have to be reviewed before final decision.

11:15 AM **Library / General Update, FY21 Annual Report, Summer Reading Program, Beanstack, Broadband Access:** Present were Library Director Alyssa Ramirez, Derrick Perkins, Ray Stout and Pamela Monroe.

Alyssa expressed how exciting it is to gear back up after covid restrictions. With closures and covid, the circulation is down, but under those conditions Alyssa said the libraries are doing very well. Alyssa provided the FY 21 Annual Report and gave an overview of programs/events, library services and provided a financial breakdown for commissioner review. Alyssa talked about Beanstack, which is a new app allowing for connecting with people without physically coming into the libraries. The participation in the reading programs has been extremely good and is for kids and adults.

Alyssa submitted the following Library Report:

Commissioner Report
September 15, 2021

Beanstack Statistics (as of 9/15/2021)

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Participants: 100 kids

Books read: 3652 books

Summer Reading Program (Adults/YA)

Participants: 59

Teens-16

Adults-43

10 to Try

Participants: 54 adults

Activities completed: 79

Books read: 301 books

Activities completed: 180

2021 Reading Challenge

Participants: 226

Kids-163

Adults-63

Summer Reading Program (Kids)

Participants: 196 kids

Minutes logged: 163,506 minutes

Activities completed: 941

Total minutes logged: 345,013 minutes

Eureka-140,262 minutes

Libby-112, 023 minutes

Troy-92,728 minutes

Completed challenges: 43

Top Reader: 8,977 minutes

Completed challenge: 11

Top Reader: 23,420 minutes

11:45 AM **TFS Community Hall CDBG Project:** Present were Kristie Eggebroten, Derrick Perkins and Ray Stout. Kristie, representing the TFS Community Hall is requesting the county to sponsor a Community Development Block Grant-CARES. The requirements from the county would be to draft the resolution and send out a public notice and to hold a public hearing. There is no fiscal responsibility by the county and no matching grant requirements. The grant request is for \$24,972. The grant project will include insulating the hall and installing an HVAC system. Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson will advertise the public hearing set for 2:00 pm on September 30, 2021 in the commissioner's office.

12:00 PM **Meeting Adjourned.**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Bennett, Chairman

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