

September 23, 2020

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 23, 2020 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Letcher, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

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

10:15 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present was Douglas Letcher, Kevin Letcher, Sheldon Letcher, Tara Letcher, and Derrick Perkins. Present was Ray Stout via phone conference.

- Robin presented the minutes for September 16, 2020 regular meeting for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve minutes with one correction. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.
- The Commissioners signed a Facility Rental Agreement with the Libby Memorial Events Center for the use to hold court trials as needed.

10:30 AM **Public Comment Time:** There were no public comments.

10:45 AM **Resolution 2020-21 Proposed Fisher River Fee Increase Intent:** Present were County Planner Jake Mertes, Douglas Letcher, Kevin Letcher, Sheldon Letcher, Tara Letcher, Marc Liechti, Wayne Yarger, Byron Sanderson, and Will Langhorne. Present was Ray Stout via phone conference.

Robin submitted Resolution 2020-21 Intent to Increase Fisher River Service Fee Schedule. Robin said she was instructed by Commissioner Peck to prepare the resolution and to advertise a public hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for September 30, 2020 at the Fisher River Community Hall at 6:00pm for the purpose to hear public comments for or against the amended fee schedule as stated in the resolution. Commissioner Peck read Resolution 2020-21 in its entirety. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve the resolution with two corrections. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

The Board of County Commissioners has received a request from the Board of Trustees of the Fisher River Fire Service Area to amend the fee schedule as follows:

CLASSIFICATION	PRESENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Residential	\$140.00/year	\$280.00/year
Commercial 1 (w/o fuel)	\$280.00/year	\$500.00/year
Commercial 2 (w fuel)	\$350.00/year	\$600.00/year
Structured Improvements (new)		\$177.00/year

11:00 AM **Planning Department / Yarger Subdivision / Montana Lake Final Plat:** Present were County Planner Jake Mertes, Douglas Letcher, Kevin Letcher, Sheldon Letcher, Tara Letcher, Marc Liechti, Wayne Yarger, Byron Sanderson, and Will Langhorne. Present was Ray Stout via phone conference.

- **Yarger Subdivision**, 4 lots, located off Highway 37. Jake briefed the commission on the findings and 10 conditions. Planning staff recommends approval of preliminary plat for Yarger Subdivision. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve preliminary plat for Yarger Subdivision subject to planning staff conditions and recommendation. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.
- **Montana Lake Final Plat Approval located near Happy's Inn area:** Jake said all conditions have been met for final approval and planning staff recommends approval for Montana Lake Final Plat. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve final plat for Montana Lake Subdivision subject to planning staff conditions and recommendation. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

11:15 AM **Resolution 2020-20 Amend School Levies:** Present were Treasurer/Supt. of Schools Sedaris Carlberg, Will Langhorne, Douglas Letcher, Kevin Letcher, Sheldon Letcher, and Tara Letcher. Also present was Ray Stout via phone conference.

Sedaris explained the mill levy amounts previously approved were reduced due to receiving CARES ACT funds in the amount of \$15,065.40.

Commissioner Peck read Resolution 2020-20 in its entirety. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve Resolution 2020-20 as presented. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

11:30 AM **County Attorney-Special Deputy Appointment, Hartman Case Dispute: Cancelled**

11:45 AM **District Board Appointments / Lincoln County Rural Fire District / Em-Kayan W/S District / Fisher River FSA:**

Robin said she received a request from LCRFD to appoint Gary Wood until the next election cycle and a request from Em-Kayan W/S District to appoint John Hopkins to complete a mid-term vacancy. Robin commented that she advertised for Fisher River FSA just last June and all vacancies were filled but one; Fisher River FSA board is requesting Kit Clark to fill that vacancy.

Appointments were as follows:

- Lincoln County Rural Fire District (LCRFD): Appointed Gary Wood
- Em-Kayan W/S District: Appointed John Hopkins
- Fisher River FSA: Appointed Kit Clark

Motion by Commissioner Bennett to approve board appointments 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