

November 15, 2017

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on November 15, 2017, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Cole, Eureka via VisionNet, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Darren Coldwell, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Bennett was absent.

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

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present were John Blodgett and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Robin submitted the minutes for November 8, 2017 for commission approval. The commissioners reviewed the minutes as submitted. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Cole, motion carried.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time:** There were no public comments.

11:00 AM **Snow Removal Ordinance by Resolution No. 997:** Present were Alan Gerstenecker, John Blodgett and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Darren clarified that the county has already had its first reading and there has been no public response. The ordinance is posted at the Eureka Annex and the Courthouse bulletin boards. The purpose of the ordinance is to establish Lincoln County's Policy and level of service in respect to the clearance of snow or ice and maintenance of its road systems during the winter months. **Motion** by Commissioner Cole to approve Resolution No. 997 as submitted. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried.

Alan asked about a provision that prohibits putting snow on roadways. Commissioner Peck said it refers to a larger volume of snow that may cause impediment to snow plowing and emergency services.

11:00 AM **Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes:** Present were Steve Lauer, Ed Levert, John Blodgett, Alan Gerstenecker, and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet.

Robin submitted the minutes for a closed meeting dated September 27, 2017 for approval. Commissioner Cole explained the meeting was a Litigation Strategy Meeting regarding a suicide claim in the detention facility.

**Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve the minutes for September 27, 2017 as submitted. Second by Commissioner Cole, motion carried.

11:15 AM **Official Canvass for the 2017 City Municipal Elections:** Present were Election Administrator Leigh Riggelman, Deputy Clerk Chris Nelson, John Blodgett, Alan Gerstenecker, and Nikki Meyer, Eureka via VisionNet. Leigh explained that the School Board are the canvassers for the **School Bond Elections** in Eureka, and informed the commissioners that the School Bond Elections did not pass.

**Candidates who filed for offices and were elected by acclamation were as follows:**

City of Libby: Mayor (4-year term) Brent Teske and Council Member (unexpired), Angel Ford.

City of Troy: Council Member (4-year term) Shawna Kelsey

Town of Eureka: Mayor (4-year term) LeeAnn Schermerhorn and Council Member (4-year term) Breean C. Reyes.

Town of Rexford: Mayor (4-year term) No Candidate filed; must be appointed. Council Member (4-year term) Patsy Reece and Council Member (unexpired) Gerry Frost.

Leigh explained that the law changed recently so that if candidates are unchallenged, they do not need to be placed on the ballot in city elections. This does not apply to county, state and federal elections.

**Abstract of Votes were as follows:**

City of Troy/Mayor: Dallas Carr 173; Charles N. Ekstedt, Jr. 108; Chris Penner 7. Dallas Carr elected as Mayor.

City of Libby/Council Members/Vote for three(3): Gary W. Armstrong 399; Gary R. Beach 417; Arlen Magill 220; Kristin N. Smith 362. Armstrong, Beach, and Smith elected as Council Members.

**Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve the Official Canvass for the 2017 City Municipal Elections as presented.

Second by Commissioner Cole, motion carried.

**Appointment of Board of Health Member (BOH):** Commissioner Peck explained at the last Board of Health meeting, two applicants were presented to replace Joe Chopyak whose term expires in December 2017. The candidates were interviewed, and a decision was made to recommend Sarah Huddleston to be the replacement board member. Commissioner Peck said that Joe Chopyak did express that he would not desire to continue on the BOH after his term expires. Commissioner Peck said he was very impressed by both candidates, Sarah Huddleston and Laura Crismore. During discussion Laura stepped up and requested to not be considered because she is busy and involved in other areas of the community. **Motion** by Commissioner Cole to accept the recommendation by the Board of Health to appoint Sara Huddleston as the new BOH Board member. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried.

11:30 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Mike Cole, Chairman

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