

September 6, 2017

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 6, 2017 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Darren Coldwell and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

11:15 AM **FY 17/18 Budget Adoption:** Present were Treasurer Nancy Higgins, Finance Deputy Wendy Drake, Road 1 Supervisor Marc McCully, John Blodgett and Savannah McMillan.

Nancy submitted summaries of all school budgets for commissioner review. The only school that had decreased levies was from Fortine; all other school levies did increase. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to accept school budgets, levies, and county wide funds for education as presented. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried unanimously.

Darren submitted **Resolution No. 995 that an emergency millage is hereby levied** pursuant to Section 10-3-405 MCA, because expenditures are expected to rise beyond the financial capability of the county; two (2) mills will be levied during Fiscal Year 2017/2018 and be utilized for expenditures and costs associated from the 2017 fire season. Resolution No. 995 is due to unprecedented wildland fire conditions and severe drought in Lincoln County and the costs associated with the ongoing multiple fires within Lincoln County. Commissioner Cole read Resolution No. 995 in its entirety. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to adopt Resolution No. 995 as presented. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried unanimously.

Darren submitted Resolution No. 994 – **Levies for Lincoln County for Fiscal Year 2017/2018**. The preliminary public budget hearing was held on August 30, 2017. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to adopt FY 2017/2018 budget and levies as presented. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Cole commented that he is seeing a downward trend of expenditures.

11:30 AM **Administrative Issues:**

- The Commissioners signed a letter to DNRC, Greg Poncin, Area Manager requesting county assistance due to significant large wildland fire activity.
- The Commissioners reviewed the minutes for August 29 and 30, 2017. **Motion** by Commissioner Bennett to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Robin Benson, Clerk of the Board