

**January 4, 2023**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on January 4, 2023 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Letcher, Commissioner Hammons, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

Meeting allows for teleconferencing and VisionNet availability.

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

**9:00 AM Annex Upgrades & New Hire for Probation Department:** Present were Judge Jay Sheffield, Vanessa Williamson, Veronica Bovee-Anderson, Kathleen Sheffield, Kathi Hooper, Ray Stout, and Rebecca Nelson. Vanessa talked about a Crisis Care Grant award of \$252,000 for 18 months. A portion of the grant will be to hire a Behavioral Health Paraprofessional, completely grant funded, to help with suicide assessments and to assist on a crisis call. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve the position of Behavioral Health Paraprofessional. Second by Commissioner Hammons, motion was unanimous.

Vanessa talked about the Behavioral Health Office at the Libby Annex Building that is in need of new carpet and paint. Vanessa submitted a quote for \$2672.00 for carpet. Judge Sheffield requested a maximum amount of \$3500 for carpet and paint. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve up to \$3500.00 for the Behavioral Health Office carpet and paint; funds will come out of the PILT fund. Second by Commissioner Hammons, motion was unanimous.

**9:15 AM Presiding Chair of the Board of Commissioners:** Present were Vanessa Bovee-Anderson, Ray Stout, and Rebecca Nelson.

Commissioner Teske commented that historically the senior officer becomes Chair of the Board. Commissioner Teske nominated Commissioner Letcher. Commissioner Hammons agreed, and Commissioner Letcher accepted nomination.

**9:30 AM Planning / Final Plat, Wilderness Club Phase 6 & 7 / Final Plat, Amell Subdivision:** Present were County Planner Jesse Haag, Maggie Leysens, Ray Stout, and Rebecca Nelson.

Jesse discussed Wilderness Club Phase 6 & 7, located 5 miles NW of Eureka. All conditions of approval have been met and planning staff recommends final plat approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve final plat to Wilderness Club Phase 6 & 7 based on planning staff recommendation, motion was unanimous.

Jesse discussed Amell Subdivision located in Troy, near Schoolhouse Lake Road. All conditions of approval have been met and planning staff recommends final plat approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve final plat to Amell Subdivision based on planning staff recommendation. Second by Commissioner Teske, motion was unanimous.

**9:45 AM Annual Resolution Updates for 2023 / Resolution 2023-01 Holidays, Travel Rates / Resolution 2023-02 Public Posting / 2023-03 Commissioner Meeting Dates:** Present were Veronica Bovee-Anderson, Rebecca Nelson, and Ray Stout.

Robin submitted annual resolutions as follows for 2023.

**Resolution 2023-01** Holidays & Travel Rates. Commissioner Hammons read Resolution 2023-01 Holiday & Travel Rates as presented. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve Resolution 2023-01 as read. Second by Commissioner Hammons, motion was unanimous.

**Resolution 2023-02** Public Posting Locations. Commissioner Teske read Resolution 2023-02 Public Posting Locations as presented. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve Resolution 2023-02 as submitted. Second by Commissioner Teske, motion was unanimous.

**Resolution 2023-03** Setting Commissioner Meeting Dates for approval. Commissioner Letcher read Resolution 2023-03 Commissioner Meeting Dates as presented. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve Resolution 2023-03 as submitted. Second by Commissioner Hammons, motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Hammons recommended no agenda item is to be placed on the commissioner agenda after 5:00 pm Friday before the next regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioner Teske and Commissioner Letcher agreed.

**10:00 AM USFS: Cancelled**

**10:30 AM Administrative Issues-Old Business / Resolution 2023-04 Appointment of Superintendent of Schools / Weed Department, Doors for 4-Wheeler:** Present were Weed Director Mike Bradeen, Suzy Rios, Scott Shindledecker, Veronica Bovee-Anderson, Rebecca Nelson, and Ray Stout.

- Robin submitted the minutes for December 14, 2022 regular meeting for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion was unanimous.
- Robin submitted **Resolution 2023-04** Appointment of Superintendent of Schools for Commissioner discussion and approval. Commissioner Teske read Resolution 2023-04 Superintendent of Schools in its entirety. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve Resolution 2023-04 and appoint Suzy Rios contingent on attaining required certification. Suzy explained she is attaining the certification and should hear back from OPI by next week.

- Commissioner Teske explained Weed Director Mike Bradeen plows approximately 32 miles of trail systems and needs doors for his ranger. Mike submitted a quote for \$3940.99. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve the purchase of doors for the Ranger 1000XP in the amount of \$3,940.99. Second by Commissioner Hammons, motion was unanimous. Purchase will come out of the PILT fund.
- The commissioners noted that claims for the DUI Task Force need to be paid but waiting to hear from the county auditor for correct process to pay claims from FY 21/22.

10:45 AM AM **Public Comment Time:** Present were Veronica Bovee-Anderson, Scott Shindledecker, Rebecca Nelson, and Ray Stout.

Commissioner Letcher asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

11:00 AM **Resolution 2023-05-Troy Rural Fire Department Annexation, Public Hearing:** Present were Scott Shindledecker, Ray Stout and Rebecca Nelson.

Commissioner Hammons read Resolution 2023-05 TRFD Annexation in its entirety. There were no public comments. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve Resolution 2023-05 as submitted. Second by Commissioner Hammons, motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Teske said he has not received any negative comments, only support, and he finds no reason to not approve annexation. Commissioner Hammons expressed support of the annexation moving forward.

11:30 AM **Mike Fraser Project Updates:** Present were Jerry Regh, Scott Shindledecker, Ray Stout and Rebecca Nelson.

Mike and the Commissioners talked about current projects and expected updates for 2023 projects.

1. Retainer for 2023. Commissioner Hammons requested Mike to submit a contract to be placed on the commissioner's agenda for discussion and approval.
2. District 3 bridge evaluations to verify adequate for emergency services.
3. Angel Island Bridge. Start date of December 12, 2022 with contract completion date tentatively March 12, 2023.
4. Submitting 3 sets of permits for various stream bank projects in District 3.
5. Stream bank protection on Lake Creek above bridge near Iron Creek. Mike commented this is pending a right of entry for surveying but having difficulty contacting KSI.
6. Design water system "transient non-community" for Kootenai Park concessionaire; winter project.
7. Libby Mobile Home Park; outstanding issue of waivers of annexation by residents/owners.
8. Site visit on Balsam Avenue to look at guard rail damage with Road Supervisor Jerry Regh.

Commissioner Teske asked about the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Walkway, solid steel, need to look at it for a possible project.

Commissioner Teske talked about Granite Cherry Creek, erosion issues. Suggested a site visit and checking on permit to work on the approach.

There was a brief discussion about the status of the fairground sewer project.

12:00 PM **Adjourned**

## LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Josh Letcher, Chairman

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