

May 17, 2023

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on May 17, 2023 in the Lincoln County Annex, Eureka, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Commissioner Letcher, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Meeting allows for teleconferencing and VisionNet availability. Present were Michael Fraser of Fraser Management & Consulting, PLLC, Chanel Geer, Ray Stout-Reporter Kootenai Valley Record, Dianne Hansen, and Director of Planning Jesse Haag.

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

09:30 AM Planning: Lakeshore Permit-Angel Island Bridge: Present were Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown, Michael Fraser of Fraser Management & Consulting, PLLC, and Director of Planning Jesse Haag.

Director of Planning Jesse Haag reviewed the after the fact permit and advised Lincoln County Planning Department recommends approval of the Angel Island Bridge Lakeshore Construction on Bull Lake based on the 11 conditions of approval as read. Commissioner Letcher entertained a motion to approve the Lakeshore Development Permit Application. **Motion** to approve by Commissioner Hammons. Second by Commissioner Teske. No further comments. No public comments. Motion carried.

Director of Planning Jesse Haag advised Kenny Rayome resigned from the Lincoln County Planning Board. John Damon is Vice Chair. The Planning Board is requesting Tracy McNew resign due to attending only 3 of 11 meetings. Jesse read Planning Board Regulations which stipulate 4 excused and 2 unexcused absences within a calendar year. Jesse advised the Planning Board now has 2 openings, 1 filling Kenny's vacated seat and Tracy's is the 2nd. Jesse clarified regulations require 2 members from each district. 1 open position will be from Libby and 1 at large. Commissioner Letcher requested a letter be submitted next week making this an action item. Jesse will follow up with Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown regarding a public notice.

10:00 AM MT State Fund Workers Compensation Renewal – Mac Kirk: Present were Mac Kirk of PayneWest Insurance, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown, and Rebecca Nelson-Reporter Tobacco Valley News.

Mac provided hand outs of the renewal proposal. Mac stated Lincoln County has far and away the best E-Mod in state attributing this to involvement or employee by-in, along with assistance and help of the safety committee. Mac reviewed coverage details, 2023 E-Mod .75. Mac advised this year Lincoln County has an opportunity of performance check for dividends sometime this fall.

Mac discussed visiting Lincoln County with Pat McCarthy and then reviewed a presentation depicting what PayneWest Insurance has to offer. Commissioner Teske questioned the scenario of switching and going out to the market for insurance savings. Mac confirmed this process and elaborated that market savings research is usually started in March. Mac advised MACO renewal is July 1st. Mac provided documentation on evaluating and switching insurance.

10:30 AM Administrative Issues/Old Business: Minutes / Health Department Immunization Grant / Resolution 2023-17 Planning Department Fees: Present were Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown, Director of Planning Jesse Haag, Lincoln County Public Health Jenn McCully and Rebecca Nelson-Reporter Tobacco Valley News.

- Lincoln County Public Health Jenn McCully presented a contract between Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and Lincoln County Health Department Immunization Program. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve the renewal of the contract with MDPHHS. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried. Commissioner Teske questioned the only change being an increase. Jenn confirmed a slight increase.
- Resolution 2023-17 A Resolution Adopting a Planning Fee Schedule. Commissioner Teske read Resolution 2023-17. Commissioner Teske advised this had been reviewed last week and appears substantial given what Lincoln County Planning Department is seeing today. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve Resolution 2023-17. Second by Commissioner Teske. No comments. Commissioner Teske advised of two previous Resolutions found which will be superseded. Motion carried.
- Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown submitted the minutes for May 10, 2023, for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve minutes of May 10, 2023. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Letcher advised he's been working with the Forest Service regarding the intersection of FDR/Dodge Summit and West Kootenai Roads. Commissioner Letcher presented on-screen an image of this intersection. Commissioner Letcher estimates 9 of 10 vehicles do not stop at this intersection. Commissioner Letcher advised he is working with the Forest Service and has consulted Kootenai Surveyors Inc. regarding altering this intersection for through traffic to West Kootenai Road and a T for Dodge Summit Road. Commissioner Letcher advised he will bring a proposal to the Commissioner meeting next week.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time:** Present were Dianne Hanson and Rebecca Nelson-Reporter Tobacco Valley News.

Dianne is concerned of entities such as MACO and SOS standing between citizens and commissioners regarding use of voting machines. Dianne recommended viewing a documentary she feels is useful regardless of party affiliation called Kill Chain available on rumble.com. Commissioner Teske stated he has never had a conversation with these entities regarding using voting machines. Rebecca requested the results of research from a prior meeting regarding following up on legislation pertaining to ballot counting methods. Commissioner Teske advised this was answered and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown will forward this to Rebecca.

11:15 AM **County Gravel Crushing Contract Discussion:** Present were Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown, Rebecca Nelson-Reporter Tobacco Valley News, Eureka Road Foreman Ray Price, Troy Road Foreman DJ Welch, and Libby Road Foreman Jerry Regh.

Commissioner Letcher expressed a need for clarification in the bid process. Commissioner Letcher stated he brought in all three Lincoln County Road Foreman to review the list of bid items/descriptions to ensure this list properly reflects the product being made as well as the product being used. Commissioner Teske advised, after reviewing the list with each Forman, he can see the concern of what is used and how the current bid form flaws the final number. Commissioner Letcher advised he will update the bid list to reflect what is being used. Commissioner Teske recommends this be handled through the Commissioner office via Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown for ease of handling. Commissioner Teske commented special for Air Quality District does not meet City Standard to meet PM 10 standard. Libby Road Foreman Jerry Regh commented there is no competition. Commissioner Teske advised of the benefits of working with the cities. Eureka Road Foreman Ray Price advised stockpiling is used to offset the mobilization fee. Commissioner Letcher suggested a work completion deadline be included in the bids as well. The Foremen agreed spring is the best time and to include that the contractor is responsible for site dust control. Commissioner Letcher advised the site and quantity is to be included in the bid. Troy Road Foreman DJ Welch expressed concern with the Hot-Plant Asphalt. Jerry would like to work with the city and maybe the Forest Service to mitigate the cost. Commissioner Teske expressed concern with the hauling cost. Jerry confirmed black top is \$80 per ton this year. Commissioner Teske confirmed Jennifer will ensure this is redefined and she is working with Director of HR Dallas Bowe to get these published and put them out for bid.

11:45 pm **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board