

May 3, 2023

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on May 3, 2023, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Letcher, Commissioner Hammons, Lincoln County Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown and Clerk & Recorder Corrina Brown.

Meeting allows for teleconferencing and VisionNet availability.

Present online were Nick Emblom, Rebecca Nelson, Ray Stout and Scott Mattheis

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

10:00 **USFS**: Canceled

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business**: Present were Veronica Bovee-Anderson and Scott Mattheis.

- Corrina submitted the minutes for April 26, 2023, regular meeting for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve minutes of April 26, 2023. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Commissioner Letcher noted one correction. No public comments. Motion carried.
- Eureka Airport Bid: Nick advised a review of the bid concluded it is complete and he has forwarded a recommendation letter to the Commissioners. Commissioner Teske reviewed the local share and verified the pricing. Nick clarified he is no longer recommending the removal of the asphalt strip. Commissioner Teske confirmed Schedule 2 is stricken. Commissioner Letcher advised the funding will come from the Airport rather than from PILT. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to grant this bid to Granite Petroleum with funding from the Airport Budget with PILT to cover any shortfall. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried. Scott discussed requests for jet fuel at the airport. Commissioner Letcher confirmed the idea of the Forest Service being able to land at the Eureka airport, resulting in faster fire suppression was a part of this decision.
- Lincoln County Proposed Precinct Numbering: Corrina advised Jennifer Curtiss brought attention to the 2023 redistricting Resolutions clearly defining the splitting of Eureka Rural, precinct 3 into Eureka W and Eureka North, however, it does not designate correlating precinct numbers. Corrina stated she'd conferred with the Secretary of State's office concluding this is a County Commissioner function and suggested continuing the established number sequence and designating Eureka W precinct 15 and Eureka North precinct 16. Commissioner Teske reviewed and clarified precinct identifiers county wide. Corrina advised she will review the changes with GIS and have an update to be reviewed by the Commissioners. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve the new precinct names and numbers for Lincoln County as discussed. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comments. Motion carried. Precinct names and numbers approved as follow: Fortine (1) Trego (2) Town of Eureka (4) Yaak (5) McCormick (6) City of Troy (7) 8-Troy Rural is changed to Troy South (8) City of Libby (9) Libby North (10) Libby East (11) Libby West is changed to Libby South (12) Libby Plummer is changed to Libby West (13) Troy Rural is changed to Troy North (14) Eureka W is changed to Eureka South (15) and Eureka North is changed to Eureka North (16)
- Commissioner Teske stated a special election is needed for the marijuana tax once Elections are fully staffed.
- Commissioner Hammons commented on the status of the Angel Island bridge project.
- Commissioner Teske commented on rising spring water levels and keeping an eye on roadways.
- Commissioner Letcher would like to revisit bids for crushing due to product needed/used being different than what is currently listed on the bid forms as this may result in better pricing. Commissioner Teske commented on increased price of asphalt.
- Commissioner Letcher advised of a break-in at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Teske suggested WIFI cameras may be an option to explore.
- Commissioner Teske advised he will be following up with departments submitting budgets.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time**: Present was Veronica Bovee-Anderson.

No public comment

11:00 PM **Adjourn**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Josh Letcher, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board