

February 21, 2024

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on February 21, 2024 in the Lincoln County Annex, Eureka, Montana. Present were Commissioner Letcher, Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown (zoom) and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Meeting allows for zoom participation. Present online were Chanel Geer, Rebecca Nelson, Ray Stout, Darren Short, Joe Brown, Michelle Byrd and Scott Shindledecker.

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

10:30 AM Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes / David Thompson Search & Rescue Non-County Entity Lease Agreement / Opioid Settlement Meeting Minutes / Resolution 2024-10 to accept determination that an environmental impact statement is not required for the proposed Yaak Community Hall Floor Rehabilitation Project: Present were none.

- Review of February 14, 2024 regular meeting minutes for approval: **Motion** to approve the February 14, 2024 minutes by Commissioner Teske. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.
- Review of February 15, 2024 compensation committee meeting minutes for approval: **Motion** to approve the February 15, 2024 compensation meeting minutes by Commissioner Hammons. Second by Commissioner Teske. No comments. Motion carried
- Review of February 16, 2024 GIS special session meeting minutes for approval: **Motion** to approve the February 16, 2024 special meeting minutes for GIS by Commissioner Hammons. Second by Commissioner Teske. No comments. Motion carried
- Commissioner Teske advised that MACO changed requirements regarding agencies with county vehicles in their own name to require an agreement or retitle to the county. The county insurance agent, along with MACo, drafted a lease agreement between Lincoln County and David Thompson Search & Rescue, showing a lease of county-owned or insured vehicles to this entity. **Motion** to approved the non-county entity lease agreement with David Thompson Search and Rescue by Commissioner Teske. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.
- Opioid Settlements MACo hosted Meeting minutes for April 27, 2023 – Interlocal Agreement: Commissioner Teske advised MACo is requiring signed approval of minutes regarding the Opioid Settlement meeting. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve MACo's request to sign the April 27, 2023 meeting minutes for the Opioid Settlement meeting. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Hammons spoke about a historical preservation grant sought by the Yaak Community Hall Board for a floor rehabilitation project with an estimated cost around \$200,000. A public hearing was conducted, attended by 15-20 people. He advised the grant necessitates a resolution on the determination of environmental impact statement for the project and noted the building is located on Forest Service land. Commissioner Hammons proceeded to read resolution 2024-10. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve resolution 2024-10. Second by Commissioner Teske. No comments. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Teske stated last week, we moved to accept the bid from Comfort Systems USA, with the understanding it was to replace both a hot water tank and a boiler for a total of \$136,377. Upon submittal we were advised these are two separate bids and not combined. The \$73,112 is specifically for the water heater and \$136,377 for the boiler system feeding the HVAC system. He added this process has been halted and we are here to discuss the urgent need for the hot water heater while acknowledging that sooner or later, there will also be a need for the boiler, totaling approximately \$200,000. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to rescind the prior approval of \$136,377 and move forward with \$73,122 from PILT. Second by Commissioner Teske. Discussion of options to plan future needs. No comments. Motion carried.

10:45 AM Public Comment Time: Present were none.

Scott Shindledecker clarified the Comfort System USA's bid is to replace the heater and circulation pump for \$73,112.

11:00 AM Employee Salary Discussion: Present were none.

Commissioner Hammons reviewed Lincoln County employee base salaries for 2024-25. There was a discussion about obtaining a breakdown of the 144 employees by department and whether temporary employees are included in this total. Commissioner Teske will review this year's budget schedule and expressed a desire to proactively address the department budget review, addressing overtime.

11:00 AM Approval of Funds for Rural Fire Dept. Training for Home Assessments – Jennifer Nelson: Canceled

11:06 PM Adjourned

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Josh Letcher, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board