

May 7, 2024

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a budget meeting on May 7, 2024, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Letcher, Commissioner Hammons, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participants: Sharlee Miller, Mary Handy and Melanie Howell.

09:30 AM Library Budget Meeting: Present were Alyssa Ramirez, Barb Hvizdak, Kevin Peck and Laura Finley.

Alyssa Ramirez, Library Director, presented the preliminary budget data. She discussed unknown grant funding, adding that the Library Foundation is volunteer-based and supports them with donations and grant work. Barb advised that the increase is due to costs beyond their control, with the biggest being personnel. Alyssa stated the \$40,000 increase over last year is due to reinstating the \$17,000 operating budget cut from last year and \$23,000 for personnel.

10:30 AM Health Department Budget Meeting: Present were Kathi Hooper and Noel Duram.

Kathi Hooper, Health Department, presented a preliminary budget. Kathi noted she has \$10,000 annually and an additional \$25,000 one-time ARPA to put toward GIS, specifically online septic permits. She affirmed salaries and benefits are current. Kathi advised the current animal shelter contract is through June 2025. She noted the general public health fund levy for 2022/23 was \$70,698 and should remain unchanged. Public health grants includes tobacco prevention of \$42,707; Systems Improvement grant (Pathways) about \$55,000 through March 2025. Maternal Child Health grant from the state of \$14,000 highlighting accident prevention. Immunizations, remaining state COVID funding completely grant and vaccine revenue funded. Public Health preparedness grant of \$43,845. Systems Improvement called workforce development four-year grant. Headwaters, Zero to Five grant program of \$200,000 ending December 2025. Junk Vehicle grant funding is based on the number of vehicle registration in Lincoln County. Landfill includes groundwater monitoring, some salaries and engineering with ARPA funds used for expansion. Solid Waste Libby: has a site attendant at Libby Creek paid from refuse assessment fee. ARP pays for special waste handling. Approximately \$140,000 from sale of scrap each year. Solid Waste Troy: now has a remote site attendant and is now open six days per week. Solid Waste Eureka: added an operator. Equipment fund reflects a plan to buy new roll-off truck and hoist as well as a new roll-off trailer.

10:59 AM A Sheriff's Office budget meeting scheduled for 11:30 AM will be rescheduled. Meeting recessed until 1:30 PM.

11:30 AM Sheriff's Office Budget Meeting: Cancelled

01:30 PM MACo Renewal Webinar: Present was Kevin Peck.

Property & Casualty Trust 2024-2025 Renewal Webinar was presented by Bonnie Knopf & Shannon Chamberlain of MACo. Kevin Peck of Hub International noted approximately a 13% increase in insurance premiums for the upcoming year and recommended obtaining a quote from Travelers.

02:40 PM Adjourned

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Josh Letcher, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board