

June 19, 2024

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on June 19, 2024, in the Lincoln County Annex, Eureka, Montana. Present were Commissioner Hammons, Commissioner Letcher, Commissioner Teske, and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Present online: Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown, Brett Duvall, Calvin Dyck, Christine Neils Lee, Dave Harman, DJ Welch, Feleisha Storkson, Gary Huntsberger, Jesse Knapp, Jessica Svendsbye, Joe Nagle, Mary Handy, Michelle Byrd, Patty Rambo, Ray Stout, Scott Shindledecker, Suzanne Resch, Sierra Gustin and Tessa Knapp.

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

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes / County Policy Regarding Longevity of Return Employees / Johnson Blanchard Perambo Court Order Split Letter:** Present were Brian Phillips and Noel Duram.

- Review of June 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes for approval: **Motion** to approve the June 12, 2024, minutes by Commissioner Teske. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Teske advised HR is waiting for more information and made a plan to meet with Joe Nagle to clarify his concern with a County Policy Regarding Longevity of Return Employees.
- Johnson, Blanchard, Perambo Court Order Split Letter: Commissioner Teske discussed a letter addressed to the Honorable Judge Cuffe drafted by Jesse Haag, Planning Director. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the letter on the court ordered split. Second by Commissioner Teske. No comments. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Letcher advised the Town of Eureka has not yet provided the will service letter, holding up the ARPA funding of the Fairgrounds sewer project, despite numerous phone calls and emails.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time – Non-Agenda Items:** Present were Brian Phillips, Noel Duram and Rebecca Nelson.

Noel Duram advised the Flag Day celebration at the Fairgrounds went well.

11:00 AM **Open Bids: Gas & Diesel, Hot Plant Asphalt, Display Advertising, Road Oil, Portable Toilets:** Present were Brian Phillips, Noel Duram and Rebecca Nelson.

Gas & Diesel: 3 bids

-Golden State Oil, Inc: *Libby shop* #1 diesel fuel vendor mark up of \$.10 per gallon over list price. #2 diesel fuel vendor mark up of \$.10 per gallon over list price. Regular unleaded gas \$.10 per gallon. *Troy shop* #1 diesel fuel vendor mark up of \$.15 per gallon over list price. #2 diesel fuel vendor mark up of \$.15 per gallon over list price. Regular unleaded gas \$.15 per gallon. *Eureka shop* #1 diesel fuel vendor mark up of \$.30 per gallon over list price. #2 diesel fuel vendor mark up of \$.30 per gallon over list price. Regular unleaded gas \$.30 per gallon.

-City Service Valcon LLC: only bid Eureka shop #1 diesel fuel \$.45 per gallon. #2 diesel fuel \$.45 per gallon, unleaded gas \$.45 per gallon.

-Dyck's Oil and Auto, Inc: *Libby shop* #1 diesel fuel vendor mark up of \$.37 per gallon over list price. #2 diesel fuel vendor mark up of \$.37 per gallon over list price. Nothing on gasoline *Troy shop* #1 diesel fuel vendor mark up of \$.32 per gallon over list price. #2 diesel fuel vendor mark up of \$.32 per gallon over list price. Regular unleaded gas \$.32 per gallon. *Eureka shop* #1 diesel fuel vendor mark up of \$.55 per gallon over list price. #2 diesel fuel vendor mark up of \$.55 per gallon over list price. Regular unleaded gas \$.55 per gallon.

Hot Plant Asphalt: 2 bids

-Noble Excavation: unit price \$79.00 per ton, 2,800 tons.

-Granite Concrete Products: unit price \$74.94 per ton, 2,800 tons.

Display Advertising: 2 bids

-Kootenai Valley Record: legals \$1.30 first insertion/folio, \$0 additional insertions, display \$1.95 per column inch-to include full process color, \$0 no charge for subsequent publication of the same advertisement.

-Western News: \$1.40 initial folio, \$0 additional insertions, display ad \$2.00, \$0 additional.

Road Oil: 1 bid

-McAsphalt:

HF150	Libby shop \$719.80, Troy Shop \$697.47, Eureka Shop \$726.78
HF250	Libby shop \$726.80, Troy Shop \$704.47, Eureka Shop \$733.78
HF500	Libby shop \$811.80, Troy Shop \$789.47, Eureka Shop \$818.78

Portable Toilets: 1 bid

-JMF Services:

Pioneer Park \$115/month, \$1,380/year
Ski Dale \$115/month, \$575/year
J Neils soccer field \$115/month, \$805/year
J Neils walking path \$115/month, \$1,380/year
J Neils soccer concession \$115/month, \$1,380/year
J Neils dog park \$115/month, \$1,380/year

11:15 AM **OVC FY24 – Meeting the Basic Needs of Crime Victims in Underserved Communities – Kathleen Sheffield:** Present were Brian Phillips, Noel Duram and Rebecca Nelson.

Kathleen Sheffield, Lincoln County Victim Witness Advocate, requested approval to apply for a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime for FY24. The grant, titled "Meeting the Basic Needs of Crime Victims in Underserved Communities" provides services such as mentoring, technical assistance and budgeting support to grant awarded agencies. This grant would be facilitated by the Victim Witness program and supervised by the County Attorney in providing these community services. Commissioner Teske verified with Kathleen her ability to manage this responsibility and she confirmed this opportunity would enable her to promptly aid those requiring assistance. **Motion** to approve the application for the grant for the victim witness by Commissioner Teske. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.

11:30 AM **Abandon County Road Between Lots 1 & 8 of Block 9 and Lots 5 & 6 of Block 8 between Pinewood Lane and Tamarack Lane:** Present were Brian Phillips and Noel Duram.

Commissioner Teske presented a petition from neighbors with road frontage to a section of road originally platted on the Pinewood Village Subdivision #2589 in 1969 but was never developed or utilized. This is a portion of Creekwood Road running north located between lots 1 and 8 of block 9 and lots 5 and 6 of block 8, between Pinewood Lane and Tamarack Lane. He and Jerry Regh, Libby Road Supervisor, reviewed it and have no issues with the abandonment, advising it is dirt and grass with many encroachments and has not been used or maintained by the county. This would be equally split by the adjoining property owners and added to the tax rolls. **Motion** to move forward with public notice and hearing process by Commissioner Hammons. Second by Commissioner Teske. No comments. Motion carried. Public hearing will be noticed and held July 24th, 2024.

11:45 AM **J Neils Bull Removal and Relocation Proposal:** Present were Brian Phillips and Noel Duram.

Dave Harman requested the Commissioners remove the bull situated at J Neils Park. He mentioned that LOR has donated a million dollars to the community and suggested there might be funding available for this initiative. He mentioned consulting with several organizations about his proposal, which involves relocating the bull and installing new statues at J Neils Memorial Park. Christine Neils Lee stated the Neils family supports this change. Gary Huntsberger advised the Rotary would like to see that location used more appropriately as determined by a community contest. Patty Rambo, representing the Kootenai River Stampede PRCA Rodeo, expressed her preference to keep the bull as it is and provided a counter proposal to incorporate an additional display on the opposite side of the park entrance. Commissioner Teske confirmed through Joe Nagle, Maintenance Director, that this relocation would not hinder maintenance operations. Joe confirmed the site near the flagpole would not pose issues. It was decided to revisit this request at next week's meeting.

12:15 PM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Josh Letcher, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board