

July 24, 2024

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on July 24, 2024, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Hammons, Commissioner Letcher, Commissioner Teske, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Present were Chanel Geer, Feleisha Storkson, Ray Stout and Scott Shindledecker.

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

10:30 AM Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes / Port Authority Board Appointment / State of Montana Standard Lease Contract / Libby School District Lease Agreement: Present was Noel Duram.

- Review of July 17, 2024, regular meeting minutes for approval: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the June 17, 2024, commissioner meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Teske. No comments. Motion carried.
- Clerk and Recorder, Corrina Brown, advised the Port Authority Board recommended appointing both applicants Kevin Peck and Jerry Bennett as citizen at large members. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve the board recommendation. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.
- State of Montana Standard Lease Contract between Department of Labor, Workforce Services Division: Commissioner Letcher advised the job service office in Eureka lease agreement was adjusted to \$9 per square foot with no other changes. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve the State of Montana standard lease contract for the job service office space. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.
- Libby School District Lease Agreement: Commissioner Teske noted the Superintendent, Suzy Rios, proposed moving to the central school building to be more in line with the administration she works with. He stated IT does not have any concerns with this move from 418 Main Ave. to 724 Louisiana Ave. He added the rent is \$250 per month, which is in the budget. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve the lease agreement with School District #4. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comments. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Teske noted that feedback from the county attorney regarding elections is pending.
- Commissioner Hammons mentioned meeting with the Troy Road Foreman and the State of Montana regarding the winter maintenance on the Yaak Highway, contracted at \$60,000 per year. He advised that the State was unwilling to increase this amount and may be taking the maintenance back over due to operating costs.

10:45 AM Public Comment Time - Non-Agenda Items: Present were Brian Berreman, DC Orr and Noel Duram.

DC Orr noted misinformation in the Western News regarding a debris pile left behind after the construction of Flower Creek Dam. He stated this is not a spoil pile but a debris pile containing construction materials. He stated the pile leaks a substance and expressed concern given the nearby water supply. DC Orr would like to find out what is in the pile.

Noel Duram advised the flag concrete is in, the star has been painted and electrical for lighting is pending.

11:00 AM Public Hearing - Abandonment of County Road – Creekwood Road Between Lots 1 & 8 of Block 9 and lots 5 & 6 of Block 8: Present were Brian Berreman and Noel Duram.

Commissioner Teske reviewed the petition and location. He mentioned encroachments. He noted the four adjacent property owners are aware if the abandonment request is approved, the property would be added to their tax rolls. Viewers had no concerns about the abandonment. No public comment was received. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to move forward with the road abandonment. Second by Commissioner Teske. No comments. Motion carried.

11:15 AM Route 56 RV Park Extension Request – Planning Department: Present were Brett McCully, Brian Berreman, Jesse Haag and Noel Duram.

Jesse Haag, Planning Director, presented Route 56 RV Park preliminary plat one year extension request, recommending approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Teske to approve a one-year extension request for Route 56 RV Park until July 15, 2025, as recommended by the Planning Department. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.

11:20 AM Adjourned

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Josh Letcher, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board