

January 22, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on January 22, 2025, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Commissioner Duram, Dallas Bowe, Darren Short, Feleisha Storkson, Jesse Haag, Josh Letcher, Melanie Howell, Ray Stout, Scott Shindledecker and Traci Street.

Commissioner Teske opened the meeting with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

10:00 AM **Snowshoe Trail Stewardship Grant – Libby Parks District**: canceled

10:15 AM **Cernick Subdivision Final Plat – Planning Department**: Present were Brian Berreman and Paul Coon.

Jesse Haag, Planning Director, presented the Cernick Subdivision final plat for approval, which would create two equal lots from a 40-acre parcel. He reviewed the fifteen conditions and noted the plat indicates no emergency services are available. He advised the Planning Department recommends approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve Cernick subdivision final plat per Planning Board recommendation. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comments. Motion carried.

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. Eureka Airport Subscription Service Agreement. Lincoln County Study Commission Budget. Resolution 2025-06 Appointing Special Deputy County Attorney**: Present were Brian Berreman, Jennifer McCully and Paul Coon.

- Minutes of January 15, 2025, for approval: **Motion** to approve the minutes submitted by Commissioner Duram. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.
- Eureka Airport Subscription Service Agreement: Commissioner Teske noted this is an agreement to subscribe to service for the credit card reader at the Eureka Airport for fuel. He explained that this is part of the upgrades to the fuel tanks and will allow credit card payments for aviation fuel. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve as is. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Lincoln County Study Commission Budget: Jennifer McCully, Lincoln County Study Commission Chair, presented a budget, stating this assumes a potential election would be the primary in 2026. She noted they are still discussing, and this may be amended, extending the budget to a third fiscal year. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve this budget as submitted, adding this was voted for. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Discussion of the voter approved 1 mill / \$58,571 and the budget spanning at least two fiscal years. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2025-06 Appointing Special Deputy County Attorney: Commissioner Hammons read resolution 2025-06. **Motion** to approve resolution 2025-06 by Commissioner Hammons. Second by Commissioner Duram. Discussion about how this is common, especially in small communities. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Teske presented a letter of transmittal from Morrison Maierle for a draw on the AIP grant of \$152,964.96. Commissioner Duram noted his son worked on this project, confirming no personal financial benefit. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the invoice. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Discussion of the installation progress of the Eureka Airport's Jet A Fuel System, with \$300,468.38 drawn so far from the total grant of \$579,015. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Duram noted parts and pricing are still pending for the Eureka Annex heating system.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time – Non-Agenda Items**: Present were Brian Berreman and Paul Coon. None.

11:00 AM **Preliminary Plat Review – Whiskey Timbers**: Present were Brian Berreman, Byron Sanderson, Calen Williamson, Jesse Haag, Kristin Smith and Paul Coon.

Kristin Smith, Planning Department, presented the preliminary plat for the Whiskey Timbers subdivision, recommending preliminary approval subject to sixteen conditions. Byron Sanderson explained that the subdivision will eventually be divided into three separately owned properties. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the Whiskey Timbers subdivision. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:15 AM **Lakeshore Construction Permit – Parson (Bull Lake)**: Present were Brian Berreman and Paul Coon.

Kristin Smith, Planning Department, presented a request for a construction permit for a 150-foot long retaining wall at Block 1, Lots 14 and 15 of the Angel Island subdivision. She provided background information and advised that based on the submitted materials and the retaining wall criteria, both the Planning Board and staff recommend denial. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to support the Planning Board recommendation of denial for lots 14 & 15 on Angle Island for the lakeshore permit. Second by Commissioner Duram. Discussion of no response from the applicant. No public comment. Motion carried

11:24 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board