

April 16, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 16, 2025, in the Lincoln County Annex, Eureka, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Duram, Commissioner Hammons, Administrative Assistant Nikki Fox and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Adam Stephenson, Brandon Hansen, Brian Berreman, Christine Griffin, Deb Burrell, Feleisha Storkson, HR, Jesse Haag, Nikki Fox, Ray Stout, Roland Jorgenson, Tony Petrusha and Tony Wickham.

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

10:00 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. Amend 2025 County Run School Elections Letter. Attorney Retainer Agreement:** Present was Traci Street.

- Approval of the minutes from April 9, 2025: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the April 9, 2025 regular commissioner meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Duram. No comments. Motion carried.
- Acknowledge Amended 2025 County Run School Elections Letter: Corrina Brown, Clerk and Recorder, emphasized voter services will return to the Courthouse, within the Clerk and Recorder’s Office, for future elections.
- Attorney Retainer Agreement: Commissioner Teske presented an amended attorney retainer agreement with Ugrin Alexander Zadick, P.C., for county-only representation in the Port Authority case. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the amended retainer agreement. Second by Commissioner Duram. Commissioner Hammons inquired whether the county recovers its attorney fees if cases are won. Commissioner Teske confirmed that it depends and noted this matter will be discussed. No public Comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Hammons reported a new grant-funded restroom at Kootenai Falls is being installed today. He added that an additional grant has been received to pave the trail from the old parking lot to the new one.

10:15 AM **Public Comment Time – Non-Agenda Items:** Present was Traci Street.

Tony Wickham advised that HB 293 has passed both the House and Senate and is pending the Governor’s approval. He noted the bill would require the Election Administrator to report to county leadership. He expressed concern with making changes prematurely, with the Election Administrator being on administrative leave, given the legislation involves transferring the position to the county commissioners.

10:30 AM **Pioneer Park Pedal Track Approval:** Present was Traci Street.

Tony Petrusha presented information on the Pioneer Park Pedal Track, which was previously approved by the commissioners last year but is still pending final location and design approval. He referenced a handout describing the track, noting that it will be constructed from a sand and clay mix, with no permanent structures. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the plan for the Pioneer Park Pedal Track. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Discussion of grant funding for the majority of the work. Tony confirmed there are no plans for tree removal. He noted DNRC has completed cleanup in the area and volunteers are active. No public comment. Motion carried.

10:45 AM **EBMS Health Insurance Update/Renewal:** canceled.

11:15 AM **Request for Comment Court-Ordered Division of Land – Lora Johnson:** Present was Traci Street.

Jesse Haag, Planning Director, presented a court requested commissioner comment letter on a proposed land division for Lora Johnson. He noted the Planning Department conducted only a limited review, as is typical for court-ordered land splits and did not evaluate the individual parcels. He stated the request appears reasonable in relation to adjacent properties, emphasized landowner responsibility for compliance and noted the Planning Department found no indication of an attempt to evade the Subdivision and Platting Act. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to submit the commissioner letter from the Planning Department to District Court. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.

11:30 AM **Public Hearing: TRFD Annexation Shannon Flats Subdivision:** Present were Sophia Garrubbo and Traci Street.

Commissioner Hammons presented the Troy Rural Fire District public hearing notice. Commissioner Teske called for public comment and none was received. The commissioners approved the annexation of the Shannon Flats/Itsaview Subdivisions into the Troy Rural Fire District and requested a resolution be prepared for next week.

11:45 AM **Public Hearing: Industrial Approach Subdivision Preliminary Plat Review – Planning Department:** Present were Cristie Lengstorf, Cortney Lynch, Darwin Pluid, Sophia Garrubbo and Traci Street.

Kristin Smith, Planning Department, presented the Industrial Approach Park Subdivision, located 6 miles north of Eureka on Hwy 93, proposing to convert 23 acres into mixed-use lots. She noted the Planning Board recommends approval with 18 conditions. Commissioner Teske called for public comment. Cristie Lengstorf asked about the specific plans; the Developer, Sophia Garrubbo, provided a summary of the lot layout and development. No further comments. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the preliminary plat for Industrial Approach Subdivision. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.

11:59 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board