

April 2, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 2, 2025, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Duram, Commissioner Hammons, Administrative Assistant Nikki Fox and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Alaena Woody, Bailey Bronson, Brandon Hansen, Chanel Geer, Chris Bachman, Christine Griffin, Crystal Denton, Darren Short, Danielle Maiden, Deb Burrell, Feleisha Storkson, HR, Jesse Haag, Jon Gassman, Melanie Howell, Michelle Dodson, Noah Pyle, Ray Stout, Robin Blumberg, Sierra Gustin and Traci Street.

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

10:00 AM **MACO-MCT Camera Assessment:** Present were Brian Berreman, Darren Short, John Hyslop and Scott Shindledecker.

Sheriff Darren Short advised that the camera systems at both the jail and courthouse are outdated. He mentioned that MACo has started a cybersecurity and technology division, which conducted an onsite assessment. He met with a contractor from the cybersecurity and technology division who evaluated the systems and provided two quotes. He reported that they were able to secure funding for the jail's quote, which includes hard drives, cameras, and wiring for \$13,545. The quote for the courthouse's upstairs and parking lot camera system is \$11,315. He noted that the two integrated camera systems will have separately housed hard drives. Sheriff Short asked if the commissioners would like to update the upstairs and external cameras while the contractor is already onsite updating the jail's camera system. There was a discussion regarding IT being on board and that the old system will not integrate. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to enter this contract for the upstairs courthouse for \$11,315 paid from PILT. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.

10:15 AM **Proclamation for National Crime Victims' Rights Week:** Present were Brian Berreman, Kathleen Sheffield and Scott Shindledecker.

Commissioner Duram read the proclamation of national crime victims' rights week April 6th-12th kinship connecting Healing. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to proclaim April 6-12th national crime victims' rights week. Second by Commissioner Duram. Kathleen Sheffield, Victim Witness Advocate, emphasized that this grant provides crucial support for victims of all crimes. She noted that this is the third consecutive year receiving the grant, which helps fund community awareness efforts, the Ispeak campaign, and the annual candlelight vigil, to be held Thursday, April 10th, at 7 p.m. She mentioned that her office has appeared in district court cases 779 times April-July. No public comment. Motion carried.

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. Libby Creek Community Site Opinion Letter:** Present were Brian Berreman, Jesse Haag, Robin Blumberg and Scott Shindledecker.

- Approval of the minutes from March 26, 2025: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the March 26, 2025, regular commissioner meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Duram. No comments. Motion carried.
- Libby Creek Community Sewer Project Site Opinion Letter: Commissioner Teske noted that this item was on the agenda last week. Commissioner Hammons advised that Danielle sent over a good reply, and it appears to be in order. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the Libby Creek Community Sewer Project site opinion letter. Second by Commissioner Duram who advised that he visited with Danielle, and all funding appears to be in order. No public comments. Motion Carried.
- Libby Creek Community Bid Award: Commissioner Teske noted one bidder of Noble Excavating with a \$2,030,927 base bid with two alternatives for 72,000 and 101,000 totaling 2,211,631 for the project and a notice of award letter needing signed. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to accept the base bid. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Jon Gassman clarified that the recommendation is for only the base bid of \$2,030,927. He stated that this amount will allow for a contingency budget. Commissioner Hammons pointed out that if the project exceeds the contingency amount, the county will not be responsible for any additional grants or loans. Commissioner Duram agreed. Jesse Haag, Planning Director, inquired if a CDBG grant is funding part of the project and asked about timeline for the county's future CDBG grant involvement. Danielle Maiden advised municipalities can apply for more than one CDBG grant at a time now. Jon advised that construction must be substantially completed by the end of 2025 when the ARPA funds sunset. Danielle also mentioned the intent to close out the project by the end of December. Commissioner Hammons advised of two different CDBG grants; one for infrastructure and one for water and sewer projects and you can apply for only one at a time. Danielle advised this rule changed and requires a waiver. Danielle recommended reaching out to Rosie Goldman for further clarification. No public comment. Motion carried. The notice of award and site survey will be completed and sent to Jon Gassman. Commissioner Hammons noted that two weeks from tomorrow, there will be a meeting with the Department of Transportation regarding the Savage Lake speed study.

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

11:00 AM **Wilderness Club Phase 8 Extension Request - Planning:** Present were Arthur Schauer, Brian Berreman and Scott Shindledecker.

Kristin Smith, Planning Department, presented Wilderness Club Phase 8 extension request. She noted they are approved to file their plats in nonsequential order with a plan for the final phase to be filed by 2029. Discussion of recommendation to approve the requested extension. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the extension based on planning staff recommendation. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:03 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board