

Lincoln County Study Commission 1st Meeting
Minutes of November 27, 2024
Lincoln County Courthouse Room 108, 12:00 PM

Attendance: Jennifer McCully, John Boyke, Mike France, Ernest Anderson, Gregory Bruns and Corrina Brown.
Zoom attendance: Maria Stephenson and Ray Stout.

- **Elect temporary presiding officer: Motion** by Ernie to appoint Greg temporary presiding officer. Second by Jennifer. Motion carried unanimously. It was agreed Corrina would take today's minutes.
- **Adopting by-laws discussion:** Discussion on the need to adopt by-laws that include definition of offices, roles of those offices, regular meetings, agenda structure and more. It was agreed to attend the December in-person training, where templates will be provided and revisit this discussion at the next meeting.
- **Electing permanent officers (at 1st or 2nd meeting):** It was agreed to revisit by-laws and elect permanent officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary at the next meeting. Discussion on the need to understand the budget before proceeding with the decision to hire a secretary.
- **Adopting a draft budget for approval by the governing body – voters approved \$58,571**
Approve expenditure types & amounts prior to incurring any expenditure:
 - Discussion of an immediate need to appropriate funds for the in-person training on December 10th in Whitefish. Consideration of attendance, course fees and per diem. **Motion** by Earnie to approve \$2,175 to attend training in Whitefish on December 10th. Second by Mike. Motion carried unanimously. Mike reiterated the importance of this training in understanding how to serve the Study Commission.
 - Discussion of the need to sign up prior to the December 4th deadline for a support package through MSU with training available December 15th – January 31st. **Motion** by Jennifer to sign up for the Local Government Review online training for the gold starter bundle at \$2,000. Second by John. Motion carried unanimously. Greg will complete the required enrollment.
 - Discussion of need to accept training budget expenditures types today contingent on amending the budget later. Ernie **motioned** an initial budget for Training and Consulting with line items to be added in the near future with the possibility of modification to the \$58,571 budget. Second by John. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion of a detailed budget ensuring transparency. Jennifer agreed to put together a budget outline for review.
- **Adopting a timetable to be published in the newspaper within 90 days (7-3-186, MCA):**
Discussion that training will bring more understanding to this item.
- **Public comment – non-agenda items:** Marie asked for clarification regarding the next meeting. Discussion of meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month with December 18th at 5:30 PM being the next meeting at the courthouse. Brief introduction by each Study Commission member.
- **1:12 PM: Motion** by John to Adjourn until December 18th at 5:30 PM. Second by Ernie. Motion carried unanimously.



Presiding Officer

Attest: 

Corrina Brown