

Lincoln County Study Commission Minutes 22APR26

17:30 Pledge and Roll Call, Mike, John, Ernie, and Jen present in Libby, with Greg, Corrina, and Noel Duram, together via Zoom in Eureka. Other attendees: Kathi Hooper, Marcia Boris, Jennifer Nelson, Sarah Long. Evan Comella and Pat McLeod also attending via Zoom.

Discussed dissemination of our Tentative Report. Reviewed the scope and purview of our study commission as outlined in MCA, with a defined focus on reviewing the form and structure of our county government. John noted there are also a couple ways to change our form of government that do not involve our study commission.

We reviewed our survey highlights, and the themes that became apparent.

17:58 commence Public Hearing

Pat McLeod would like to see non-partisan elections, while Evan Comella wishes partisan remain. Kathi Hooper & Jennifer Nelson would like to see our form changed to Commission, with non-partisan sub-options, yet all in attendance were in sound agreement that all elected county department head positions remain elected (vs appointed)

Kathi Hooper wishes to see elections for commissioner seats be at-large vs in-district voting

All were encouraged to spread and share our Tentative report

18:10 end Public Hearing

John moved, Ernie second, adjourn unanimous at 18:12



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