

March 25, 2015

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on March 25, 2015, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Greg Larson, Administrative Assistant Bill Bischoff, Assistant Election Administrator Leigh Riggleman. Commissioner Mark Peck was absent.

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

9:35 AM – **Bids for the Eureka Highway 37 Walking Trail** were discussed. 2 bids were submitted: Thomas, Dean & Hoskins, INC (TD&H Engineering) of Great Falls, MT and Jackola Engineering of Kalispell, MT. TD&H Engineering was awarded the bid. Commissioner Cole said that the bids were scored by CTEP requirements. TD & H was slightly higher, but met requirements more completely. **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to accept the bid, no discussion and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the Board.

10:10 AM. – **Treasurer's Update:** Nancy Sutton, Lincoln County Treasurer for monthly review of Treasurer's Reports for the month of February. Balanced to the penny for that month. Discussed having the investment banker, Roger Cox, come in to talk to the Commissioners. Mobile Home Taxes go out in May and November – State is reappraising and hope that the transfer will occur by May 22, and bills will be out a bit later, but it will be close to be paid by the end of the County's fiscal year. She presented a list of mobiles that she is requesting that come off the tax rolls and the taxes owed be deleted. Personal property delinquencies were discussed. Nancy hopes that the Commissioners will allow her to delete them off the tax rolls, but writs can be prepared to be served by the Sheriff's Office. **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to accept Nancy Higgins' recommendation to delete mobile home and personal tax delinquencies off the tax roll, and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the Board..

Nancy needed to discuss the contract with Brady Selle for evaluations, his Independent Contractor status and that the county might be responsible to pay into Teachers Retirement System (TRS). Mr. Selle is not required to pay into TRS, but the County might be required to contribute for all expenses paid to Mr. Selle. Nancy is still looking into the matter and just wanted the Commission to be aware of the situation and that the County Superintendent of Schools budget might need to be increased.

10:36 AM - **PUBLIC HEARING** for Bull Lake Rural Fire District (BLRFD) annexations: 11 individual properties to be annexed into BLRFD. Resolution #931 for request for annexation to the district. There are approximately 500 property owns within the BLRFD – and close to 250-300 properties are being serviced by the Fire District. **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to accept annexations, and so ordered by unanimous consent of the Board.

10:48 a.m. Administrative

March 11, 2015 Commissioner Minutes **Motion** to accept by Commissioner Larson and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the Board.

Letter to Henry LaSala signed and Bill Bischoff will send out.

Commissioners tabled the request for a credit card for Vel Shaver until 4/1/15.

Commissioners reappointed Harold Etienne and Herbert Gregory to the Troy Rural Fire District Board. Their terms expire April 30, 2015 and new expiration date will be April 30, 2018. They also considered a letter of interest from Ron Downey to be appointed to a vacant position on the board. **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to accept and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the Board.

Alvin Benitz appointed to the Tax Appeal Board. The Commissioners asked Bill for specifics on what the Tax Board's purpose was. Discussion ensued for consideration on a formal policy for tax payers to follow when questioning tax assessments. Bill Bischoff will work on a written policy.

Budget letters were read and the Commission agreed that they would like to be included in those letters by adding their names alongside the Clerk and Recorder's name. The letters were passed to Bill Bischoff for review.

Commissioners agreed to solicit letters of interest for the open elected position of Public Administrator by running a legal ad in the newspaper. **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to advertise for letters of interest and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the Board.

11:30 a.m. _Meeting adjourned

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Leigh A. Riggleman, Clerk of the Board