

MAY 6, 2015

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on May 6, 2015, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Greg Larson, Commissioner Mark Peck, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

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

- The Commission read the minutes for April 29, 2015. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Larson, and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the board.
- The Commission received a letter from Ron and Nancy Higgins stating their recertification is up in August and they will no longer be able to distribute commodities for the Troy area. Commissioner Cole and Commissioner Larson will coordinate efforts to find a replacement.
- The Commission received the Task Order/Contract that covers the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2019 for the continuation of the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program (MCH). The commission will take the contract under advisement for review.
- The Commission opened and reviewed bids for the purchase of a backhoe/loader for the Troy Road Department on April 29, 2015. **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to award the bid to Western States out of Kalispell, MT for the purchase of a 2015 Caterpillar Model 420F2 4XM for \$106,943. Second by Commissioner Peck, and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the board. The award was based on the recommendation from Troy Road Supervisor Dave Kyriss, history of service, and from the standpoint of compatibility of parts with other equipment.
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10:00 AM Environmental Health Update: Present are Kathi Hooper, Jennifer Nelson, Nick Raines, Ray Miller, Bob Henline and Paige Bothman.

Kathi discussed the junk vehicle program being in its 6th year and how the process works. Junk trailers are brought to the county landfill organized by the Environmental Health Department and are then checked for asbestos and demolished at the landfill. The county will start advertising the program to the public. The junk vehicle program for the public to participate in begins September 5 and runs through September 15.

Jennifer submitted a handout showing some abandoned buildings and homes in Lincoln County. Jennifer also submitted laws that may apply and would need consideration. The Environmental Health Department is coordinating with the Libby Fire Department and the Asbestos Resource Program to gather information with the goal to put together a pilot program. A program would be approached from a public nuisance and fire code standpoint. Kathi said from the public health aspect, all that can be done is restrict access. Jennifer is looking into possible grants and is seeking options and ideas on how the county can assist the public with abandoned buildings. Nick discussed how asbestosis regulations apply to abandoned buildings in residential neighborhoods as well as public facilities. The Commission were in agreement that this is a viable project to continue to work through and commends the Environmental Health Department and their efforts to find ways to effectively deal with abandoned and unsafe buildings within Lincoln County.

The Environmental Health Department is putting out public reminders about landfill hours and how loads need to be covered and secure per MCA. Kathi submitted the new county litter ordinance and said the Environmental Health Department is working on a push towards public education about the litter ordinance. Commissioner Peck said once there is clarity of what "secure load" is defined as, he would suggest moving towards a zero tolerance. Jennifer said she is working towards compiling a resource list that could potentially assist residents who are not in compliance with the litter ordinance.

10:30 AM Abstract of Votes/Canvass-McCormick Fire District Trustee Election:

Assistant Election Administrator Leigh Riggleman submitted the Abstract of Votes for the McCormick Fire District Trustee Election held May 5, 2015. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to accept the Abstract of Votes/Canvass as presented. Second by Commissioner Larson, and so ordered upon consent of the board. The ballot requested electors to vote for two (2). The election results were as follows: John Drieusch (83), Michael D. Humberg (29), Trevor Pelling (81). Leigh submitted results of the Libby Trustee School Election. ***(The results will be appended to the minutes for public review)***

11:00 AM Montanore Project: Present are Eric Klepfer and Jessica Klepfer.

Eric and Jessica are here to update the Commission on the status of the Montanore Project. The USFS has released their final environmental impact statement and draft record of decision which begins the 60 day objection process. Eric said the project has been approved by the Forest Service, now we are in the administration portion. Individual comments are lumped categorically. Examples of some of the more common categories would be water quality, flows, and grizzly bear. There will be no comments considered that are based on new subjects or new issues. If everything goes smoothly with no extensions, the final ROD could be issued by September, 2015 and work on the mine could begin. Eric feels optimistic there will be no litigation regarding the evaluation phase which will employ 35 to 50 people for this 1st stage of the project. The next or 2nd phase is construction and would involve increasing the number of employees. At full production, the mine could employ 300 to 350 employees for many years. Eric said Montanore is tracking bears in close proximity to the mine site through bear scat, and the DNA suggests the bears are not moving. The group agreed that balancing habitat, wilderness and economics can be accomplished in Lincoln County and conversations should be focused on solutions to that goal. The Commission agreed commencing the Montanore Project forward will be a huge morale and economic boost to Lincoln County. This is really good news for the people in Lincoln County to understand.

1:30 PM Planning Department: Present are Lisa Oedewaldt, Deb Blystone and Paige Bothman.

BS Ranch Proposed Subdivision: N2NW4, S07 T30N R33W; Parcel A of CS 2592

The proposed subdivision is being created to legally separate Lot 1, which is under a mortgage survey (CS 2862) held by Lincoln County Credit Union, and reserves Lot 2 as a timbered parcel; there are no current plans for development on

Lot 2. Developer is Brian and Jennifer Smith. The Lincoln County Planning Department recommends approval of BS Ranch Proposed Subdivision with conditions. **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to approve BS Ranch Proposed Subdivision subject to planning staff recommendations and conditions. Second by Commissioner Peck, and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the board.

2:00 PM **Eureka Fairgrounds/Rodeo Improvement:** Present are Paige Boothman and Krista Nemeroff from Eureka via VisionNet.

Commissioner Cole said the idea is to find a way to fund improvements to the fairgrounds in Eureka. The bull ride event during the Lincoln County Fair is increasing in attendance and there is a need to find ways to accommodate the seating and other necessary improvements at the fairgrounds for the rodeo event. Commissioner Cole suggested having terracing done on the hillside and the purchase of new bucking shoots and portable bleachers. The portable bleachers can be used countywide for other large scale events that bring in extra revenue. The discussion focused on feasibility, funding, bid process, and timeline. Bill Bischoff suggested the possibility of the road departments helping with excavation work on the terracing to help reduce cost. The project could potentially be completed in stages with terracing the hillside as first priority to increase seating capacity. Commissioner Cole will visit with Eureka Road Supervisor Tim White and bring information back next week for further discussion.

2:30 PM **County Board Appointment Policy:**

A policy letter from the Commission will be sent to the various county boards informing them of the new board appointment process. **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to approve Resolution 933, creating a uniform board appointment policy. Second by Commissioner Peck, and so ordered upon unanimous consent of the board. ***(The policy letter, Resolution 933 and board application will be appended to the minutes for public review)***

The intent and idea is to provide more opportunity for public participation and engagement to serve in the operations of the affairs of Lincoln County.

3:00 PM **Personnel Issue:**

The Commission discussed a reclassification and reorganization in the Environmental Health Department. The two sanitarian positions (one vacant) will also be working in the ARP program. It was unanimously decided to classify all of these position withing the grade schedule designated for the ARO position. **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to approve request and reclassification. Second by Commissioner Peck, and so ordered upon consent of the board.

The Commission discussed a personnel issue with a department supervisor.

4:00 PM **The meeting was adjourned.**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board

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DISTRICT NO. 2, TROY

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DISTRICT NO. 3, EUREKA

TAMMY D. LAUER
CLERK OF THE BOARD AND COUNTY RECORDER

Date: May 11, 2015

To: All County Board members

From: Board of County Commissioners

In the spirit of public participation in our local government, we have adopted a resolution to require the advertisement of advertising vacant or expiring County Board member terms. We are hopeful that this will encourage people to become more involved in the decisions we and other County Boards make.

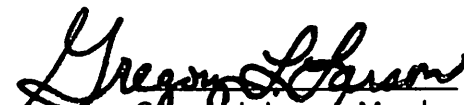
To simplify and better serve your board and the public, advertisements for board vacancies will be coordinated through the Clerk and Recorder's Office. The applications we receive will be forwarded to the Board with the vacancy or expiring term to be reviewed for a recommendation for our appointment.

Lincoln County relies on many volunteer citizens to help us manage the many components of local government. We, as the Board of Commissioners, want to thank all of you and offer our sincere appreciation for all of the volunteer hours you commit to your Board responsibilities.

Attached, please find the most recent list of Board Members with expiration dates. We ask that you review the list and forward changes and updated contact information to: Leigh Riggleman, Assistant Election Administrator at 283-2303 or via email at leigh@libby.org .

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Gregory L. Larson, Member


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Resolution No. 933

WHEREAS, Lincoln County relies on many citizen volunteers who serve on various boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, the nature of local government centers on providing meaningful access and participation in the operation of the affairs of the County; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has operated with an informal Board appointment policy in the past; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Lincoln County Commission to operate under a uniform Board Appointment Policy; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Clerk and Recorder will keep an updated list of all board members, dates of service for individual members, and expiration of current terms; and
2. Prior to the expiration of a term of office for a board or committee member, an advertisement announcing upcoming board vacancies will be published encouraging applications for the board or committee; and
3. The discretion to appoint members of the public to serve on boards and committees shall reside with the Lincoln County Commission.

DONE IN SESSION this 6th day of May, 2015.

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Attest: 
Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board

APPLICATION FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State Zip _____

Email Address _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell/Other) _____

Are you a resident of Lincoln County? Yes [] No [] Length of residency in Lincoln County _____

Board or Committee you are applying for: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Have you previously served on a County or City board? Yes [] No []

If so, which board and for how long? _____

Past Memberships and Associations: _____

Current Memberships and Associations: _____

List any relevant qualifications and/or related experience. Attach any additional information or a resume, if you prefer.

What are your primary objectives for serving on this board? _____

An interview may be required if deemed necessary. Thank you in advance for your interest.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
Lincoln County Clerk & Recorder's Office
512 California Ave., Libby, MT 59923
Fax: 293-8577

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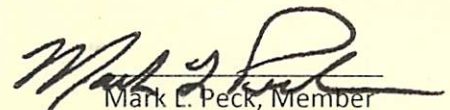
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