

July 6, 2016

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on July 6, 2016, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Larson, Commissioner Peck, and Deputy Clerk Chris Nelson.

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

10:00 AM **Operating Engineers Union Discussion:** Rhoda Cargill, Seaborn Larson, and Niki Meyer and Alan Gerstenecker.

Vick said he spoke with their union negotiations lawyer Dan Johns and he had received proposals from union. They would like a 5% increase in wages and would like to have their boot allowance increased from \$100 to \$200 per year. Commissioner Larson asked how many people are in the Operating Engineers Union. Dallas said that it is 6 or 7 people although supervisors and gate keeper are not union members. Commissioner Larson said he wasn't in favor of the 5% increase as the non-union employees would only be receiving a 1% increase in wages but said he doesn't have a problem with going to \$200 per year for footwear to protect the employees from getting hurt. Vick said that Kathi Hooper's recommendation is to support the \$200 boot allowance. **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to increase union wages by 1% COLA, pay the increase in insurance premiums and increase the boot allowance to \$200 per year. Second by Commissioner Peck and so ordered upon the unanimous consent of the board.

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Rhoda Cargill, Alan Gerstenecker, Robin Benson, Jeff Koskela, Seaborn Larson, and Gene Auge.

- Robin Benson presented agreement between Lincoln County and Pathways Treatment Center. Robin clarified that when people from Lincoln County are court ordered for treatment, it is the county's responsibility to pay for those costs. It is part of Clerk of Courts budget and is one of those line items that can vary greatly from year-to-year. Jeff Koskela asked why the person that gets assistance isn't ordered to repay the money possibly on a case-by-case basis. Commissioner Peck said he agreed it is an issue that should be looked at but they are required to have an agreement in place. **Motion** to sign agreement with Pathways Treatment Center for FY 2016-17. Second by Commissioner Peck and so ordered upon the unanimous consent of the board.
- Dallas needed a signature for the agreement with the Leavitt Group that was approved last week. Commissioner Cole signed the agreement.
- **Motion** by Commissioner Larson to approve the May 25, 2016 corrected minutes. Second by Commissioner Peck and so ordered upon the unanimous consent of the board.

11:00 AM **Public Comment Time:** Present were Alan Gerstenecker, Gene Auge, Philip M. Steinke, Jim Auge, Jeff Koskela, Fran McCully, John R. Righter, Hank LaSala, and Seaborn Larson.

- Gene Auge expressed concerns about a road closure on East Fisher. Asked who authorized the closure. Commissioner Peck said Mr. Vanderhoff is allowing the road to be used under emergency conditions. The county road supervisor was under the impression the private road with public access was to be closed, so there has been confusion; with the new information, the current plan is to open the road back up. There was a brief discussion of the history of closing this portion of East Fisher and why there has been confusion. Commissioner Peck said the road is going to be re-opened and apologized for the confusion.
- Hank LaSala stated that four weeks has passed since he presented to the commission reasons to dissolve the Troy Area Dispatch District (TADD) and as far as he is aware, there has been no action taken since that time. Mr. LaSala handed out documentation titled Facts and Figures on the June 2014 Primary Election; The Mill Levy Increase for the TADD; Services Provided by Troy Area Dispatch; Cost for Operating the Troy Dispatch Office and Voter and Taxpayer Information as of June 2016. Mr. LaSala expressed that it is time the commissioners put this subject matter of the Troy Area Dispatch District on their agenda. John Righter asked if the commission needed more information to help make a decision to move forward. Fern asked if the commissioners could request a report from the Troy Dispatch on how many calls are received per shift, and other statistical data regarding the services the dispatch has provided. Commissioner Peck said the information is public and should be provided by a computer generated report. Commissioner Peck said some of this information may be provided by the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Peck stated that his focus is on process and that is what is important. The citizens need to be provided information and knowledge of the process and moving forward is according to statute. Mr. LaSala specifically requests the TADD issue be put on the commission agenda so the process can begin to move forward.

1:00 PM **EMA Update:** Dan Williams, Lisa Oedewaldt and Rhoda Cargill.

Lisa was in to give an update from EMA said the Connex boxes are here, said the road crew was amazing to get the equipment up. Lisa says they have to do a portion of the levy repair as part of the counties portion is 70,000 which Lisa asked be in-kind services. If the road crew can help, Lisa said it will save the county over \$65,000. Greg said he talked to Troy Road Foreman Dave Kyriss and he was fine with doing the work.

1:30 PM **Lisa Oedewaldt: Planning Department-** Canceled

2:30 PM **Callahan Creek:** Alan Gerstenecker, Mike Fraser, Deb Blystone and Lisa Oedewaldt.

Mike Fraser said they have contacted their carrier to determine coverage and there answer was no. They have the master agreement ready and prepared for signature between LC and HDR Engineering. Frazer has task order #1 which consists of engineering services to Lincoln County for work associated with the removal of fill and the restoration of Callahan Creek. Task order one will cost \$36,516 which Lisa and Mike Fraser are recommending be approved. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve task order number one for the Callahan Creek Restoration Project for \$36,516 with the funds coming out of PILT. Second by Commissioner Larson and so ordered upon the unanimous consent of the board.

Mike said it is important that they end up with a channel that is better than the one they started with. Both Commissioner Peck and Commissioner Larson agreed they would like the same thing.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Chris Nelson, Clerk of the Board