

August 14, 2018

Fire Meeting

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on August 14, 2018, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Cole, Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson, Sheriff Roby Bowe, Undersheriff Brian Griffeth, IT Heather Benjamin, Finance Wendy Drake, EMA Brent Teske, Public Health Jenn McCully.

9:00 AM

Commissioner Peck said he wanted to bring everyone together to ensure the EOC staffing is prepared, to discuss what we can do to support law enforcement, and to hear concerns; making sure everyone is on the same page. Commissioner Peck cautioned becoming too engaged to early.

Commissioner Cole commented that Lincoln County was doing well until the lightning over last weekend. Commissioner Cole expressed frustration about information going out on Facebook and most of the time the information is not correct. Brent expressed the difficulty getting information out; the communication is out there, but people are using Facebook and other information sources.

Brent said he is working on areas to determine what the potential pre-evac areas are and will coordinate information with Jenn.

The meeting focused on communication and mutual aid between agencies, fire status and process.

Roby commented that we need to discuss the disconnect with Eureka Dispatch and some disconnect with Troy Dispatch not utilizing and promoting the Code Red System. Brent commented that he did send training webinars to the dispatch offices.

Commissioner Peck said if our dispatch services are not utilizing Code Red, something preventable could likely happen. Commissioner Bennett said the county is promoting Code Red; it needs to be utilized in all communities.

Brent said we will be moving to Stage II Fire Restrictions. Brent and Robin will coordinate writing the Emergency Stage II Fire Restrictions Resolution for the commission to approve at tomorrow's commissioner meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Robin Benson, Clerk of the Board