

**February 27, 2018**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on February 27, 2018, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Darren Coldwell, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

10:00 AM **Finance Meeting:** Present were Wendy Drake, Tina Oliphant and Brett McCully.

- **HB473:** Darren explained 2018 HB 473, increasing the fuel tax providing the new revenue must fund local road projects. Darren said the county needs to pick a road project and apply for the funding similar to a grant process. Counties may bank the revenue for up to five years. The Lincoln County portion is \$75,788 for current FY. Funding becomes available every March. Lincoln County's full annual portion is approximately \$200,000. Commissioners and road supervisors will discuss and prioritize road projects.

**2018 HB 473 County Fuel Tax Allocations**

County	County Total Allocation
BEAVERHEAD	\$53,854.13
BIG HORN	\$49,302.12
BLAINE	\$45,317.37
BROADWATER	\$22,396.23
CARBON	\$31,754.81
CARTER	\$22,352.03
CASCADE	\$72,755.82
CHOUTEAU	\$51,009.70
CUSTER	\$30,564.46
DANIELS	\$18,535.11
DAWSON	\$31,723.46
DEER LODGE	\$14,889.13
FALLON	\$18,338.68
FERGUS	\$48,420.20
FLATHEAD	\$179,739.44
GALLATIN	\$122,987.74
GARFIELD	\$32,998.65
GLACIER	\$41,729.61
GOLDEN VALLEY	\$12,207.36
GRANITE	\$20,975.33
HILL	\$49,614.09
JEFFERSON	\$36,810.65
JUDITH BASIN	\$22,446.52
LAKE	\$66,020.87
LEWIS AND CLARK	\$100,000.33
LIBERTY	\$21,881.19
<b>LINCOLN</b>	<b>\$75,788.02</b>

MADISON	\$42,221.90
MCCONE	\$24,466.29
MEAGHER	\$17,940.31
MINERAL	\$21,260.18
MISSOULA	\$119,382.63
MUSSELSHELL	\$21,110.46
PARK	\$40,379.26
PETROLEUM	13,527.56
PHILLIPS	\$43,168.67
PONDERA	\$25,917.93
POWDER RIVER	\$24,767.70
POWELL	\$25,015.82
PRAIRIE	\$16,343.78
RAVALLI	\$101,159.62
RICHLAND	\$32,959.71
ROOSEVELT	\$38,322.13
ROSEBUD	\$43,422.27
SANDERS	3,345.29
SHERIDAN	\$27,898.79
SILVER BOW	\$14,477.32
STILLWATER	\$35,110.14
SWEET GRASS	\$18,200.85
TETON	\$35,868.01
TOOLE	\$26,174.98
TREASURE	\$7,983.72
VALLEY	\$55,288.56
WHEATLAND	\$13,117.29
WIBAUX	\$10,872.62
YELLOWSTONE	112,344.92
Totals:	2,346,461.76

- **Road Fund Discussion:** Darren said the Timber Receipt monies came in for Lincoln County at \$508,571; county portion is \$340,000 and the balance goes to the schools. Darren discussed gas tax options that would be 2¢ per gallon, but after its portioned out, the county receives less than 1¢ per gallon and it would still have to go to the voters. Darren expressed this is not a viable option. Darren suggested inviting road foremen to a finance meeting to further discuss road budgets.
- **Update on Finances:** Darren submitted a Statement of Expenditures Budget vs. Actual Report for commission review. Darren conveyed the county is 67% through the fiscal year and overall, departments are doing well staying within budgets. *All budget reports are available to the public from the Finance Department.*
- **Jail Discussion/Ventilation:** Darren said improvements to the detention center ventilation is scheduled in the spring. Commissioner Peck commented the discussion needs to center around a long term sustained plan.
- **EMPG Grant:** Darren said the EMPG Grant pays for half of the EMA Director wage. Darren requested the EMA Director wage to increase to a grade 12. Darren said the increase can be written into the grant. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve a wage increase for the EMA Director position to a Grade 12 to be included in the EMA Grant. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried unanimously.
- **Salary Review Committee:** Darren explained the Salary Review Committee is made up of the county commissioners, three other elected officials and each commissioner is to select a citizen from their district. Commissioner Peck selected Robin Swimley, Commissioner Bennett selected John Righter and Commissioner Cole has yet to select a citizen from District 3. Clerk of Court Trish Brooks and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson will also serve on the Salary Committee. The purpose of the Salary Committee is to review countywide wages. Darren said he will gather statewide data to help with wage comparisons.
- Commissioner Cole asked about the **Tax Appeal Board Meeting.** Darren said the Tax Appeal Board heard 4 appeals and did a very good job. Darren said the Department of Revenue (DOR) came very well equipped with

information regarding assessments. The Tax Appeal Board found no discrepancies against the DOR assessments.

- **Port Authority Discussion:** Commissioner Bennett suggested the commissioners grade the Port Authority Board applications on a point basis 1 through 9 and turn them in to Darren to compile those points. The Commissioners briefly discussed qualifications to be considered; knowledge and understanding of business, development and invested interest in the county. Tina commented to consider objectivity with no biases. Other considerations will be availability, commitment and skills. Commissioner Bennett mentioned the commissioners may choose more than two people at a later date.

11:00 AM **Meeting Adjourned**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Mike Cole, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board