

June 26, 2018

Finance Meeting

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on June 26, 2018 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, County Administrator Darren Coldwell, Finance Director Wendy Drake, and Deputy Clerk and Recorder Chris Nelson.

10:30 AM

- **Sheriff Payroll Audit:** Wendy Drake said the audit is complete and they should have the findings back in a few weeks.
- **Coroners Salary:** Darren said the coroner's salary should be 1/3 of the Clerk and Recorders salary but it has not been. The deputy coroners also need to be adjusted. Commissioner Bennett asked if the county can establish the pay for coroner and deputy coroner by resolution. Darren said they can and he will draft one for the them.
- **Employee Appreciation Day:** Darren said instead of having a Christmas party they were discussing having an Employee Appreciation Day in August. The plan would be to provide lunch to the employees during work hours. He said the cost would be around \$10-\$13 per plate. Commissioner Peck said it might be nice to have the lunch at Riverfront Park. The Commissioners agreed that it would be good to show the employees how much their hard work is appreciated. Darren said Wendy and Dallas will work on reserving the park and finding a caterer. Commissioner Peck said he will talk to the elected officials and department heads about contributing to pay for the lunch.
- **EPA-DEQ:** Commissioner Peck said the board of health sent a letter to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the environmental covenants the DEQ is requiring on the Port Authority property. He said if a response to that letter is not received back from the DEQ by Thursday the board of health will inform them they will not be attending their meeting in July.
- **Appointments to Port:** Commissioner Bennett said the county auditor mentioned that with the reorganization of the Port Authority, the commissioners are the current majority board members. The auditor wanted to put that in his findings but Commissioner Bennett said there was no reason to. The board can have up to seven members per the bylaws. Commissioner Bennett said it was never about the commissioners "taking over" the Port, they were merely reorganizing and hope to fill the remaining board memberships soon.
- **Levy Sheet:** Wendy presented the preliminary levy sheet to the commissioners. Darren said that some of the department heads did their own budgets and Wendy helped some of the of the others. Commissioner Peck said he would like to see all department heads do their own budget including inputting the numbers

in to Black Mountain. Darren agreed and said he would work with Wendy to set up a training for department heads and elected officials.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Chris Nelson, Deputy Clerk and Recorder