

April 14, 2021

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 14, 2021 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Letcher, County Administrator Patrick McFadden and Deputy Clerk Corrina Brown.

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

10:00 AM **Health Department:** Present were Kathi Hooper, Trista Gilmore, Bryan Alkire, Jake Mertes, Ron Catlett and Derrick Perkins. Present, Eureka via VisionNet was Nikki Meyer. Present via phone was Ray Stout.

Public Health: Trista gave an update on the Covid-19. Currently the county has 28-30 cases consisting of various ages. Vaccine Distribution is being done as a Clinic on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's. Lincoln County total doses given are 10,274 with 4,426 fully vaccinated. Trista sees a slowing in vaccinations.

Environmental Health: Jake reported 603 residential burn permits, 13 of the last 14 days have been open for burning and 7 large burns are currently being managed. Commissioner Bennett discussed possibly changing the way burns are managed in the future.

Solid Waste & Recycling: Kathi advised E-waste collection will be in August. Kathi said traffic and volume increased about 11% at the landfills in both Libby and Troy during 2020. Kathi reported an estimate of 9 years remaining in the current landfill cell. A new cell location west of the current site is being reviewed. Bryan advised more clay is needed for landfill covering. Bryan noted logging will be needed to clear out the west site. Commissioner Peck suggested looking at marketing the logs as well as the need to reduce fuel on the perimeter of the site. Commissioner Letcher commented the price of private dumpsters have doubled and anticipates this increased pricing will result in more demand on county sites.

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present were Ron Catlett, Arlene Elletson, Robin Benson and Derrick Perkins. Present, Eureka via VisionNet was Nikki Meyer. Present via phone was Ray Stout.

- Corrina submitted the minutes for April 6 special session preliminary budget and April 7 regular meeting for approval. Commissioner Bennett noted the Liberty on Parade Event will be June 26th at J Neil's Park. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve both minutes with the date of Parade Event corrected. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.
- Tax Appeal Board Appointment: Robin advised Laura Schrader has applied to serve a second term on the board. Robin will add the two remaining open positions for secretary and board member to an existing newspaper ad. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve Laura Schrader to the Tax Appeal Board. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.
- Patrick presented the 2021-2022 PCT Renewal Scheduled Property acknowledgement form regarding buildings, vehicles, heavy equipment and other equipment. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve 2021-2022 PCT Renewal Scheduled Property. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution 2021-10 Road District #1 CIP: Patrick presented the resolution for the CIP. Commissioner Bennett reviewed Road District #1 Capital Improvement Plan and Financial Account. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve Resolution 2021-10 Road District #1 Capital Improvement Plan and Financial Account. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Peck discussed the logging, level of excavation and drainage situation of the development of 20 acres near Education Way as the city annexation has not been approved. Commissioner Bennett confirmed with Kathi Hooper that mobile home parks are licensed through the state. Commissioner Peck will have further discussion with County Planner, Jake Mertes.

10:45 AM **Public Comment:** Present were Ron Catlett, Kathi Hooper, Arlene Elletson and Derrick Perkins. Present, Eureka via VisionNet was Nikki Meyer. Present via phone was Ray Stout.

Arlene Elletson questioned last weeks meeting on the dust abatement regarding the letter that is to be sent out to all the residents of Panoramic View road. Commissioner Bennett advised he met with Kathi Hooper and they are working out the details of the letter. Commissioner Bennett reported he has talked with the road supervisor regarding when the weather will allow for road work.

11:00 AM **ARP Updates:** Present were ARP Director Virginia Kocieda, Will Langhorne, George Jamison and Ron Catlett. Present, Eureka via VisionNet was Nikki Meyer. Present via phone was Ray Stout.

Virginia summarized public requests received in the last month, there were 26 hotline calls and 121 calls for utility locate requests. ARP performed 33 site visits. Virginia updated the status of current property abatements. Virginia reported ARP has received 8 subdivision applications, with four being within the superfund boundary. Virginia gave a funding summary per Commissioner request. ARP has sent a notice of requirements for properties being sold within the superfund boundary to 78 realtors and to the local title company. Virginia also sent out a list of refusal properties in hopes that realtors and the title company can contact ARP to help remove notices on those properties. Virginia said she met with Ron Higgins, City of Libby and Troy building inspector, on coordinating regulations. Virginia received approval to make updates on asbestos information on the City of Libby webpage and the suggested updates were sent to Tom Sikes. Virginia advised that ARP is seeking to replace two slow, aging computers. George commented the relationship between ARP, DEQ and the new administration has improved. George noted LASOC reporting on budget information helps. George commented he volunteered at the Health Board meeting to redraft a health board liaison position. George and Virginia will work together on the Panoramic View asbestos sampling plan and Commissioner Bennett advised he will follow up.

11:15 AM **Kok Easement exchange:** Present were Brett McCully, Robin Benson, Ron Catlett and Will Langhorne. Present, Eureka via VisionNet was Nikki Meyer. Present via phone was Ray Stout.

Brett briefed the commission regarding the proposed easement exchange and submitted email correspondence from the Lincoln County Attorney's office that stated they reviewed the proposal and did not have any issues with moving forward. Brett submitted the proposed easement to the commission for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve Kok Easement Exchange Agreement on Deep Creek. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously. Jerry Bennett signed submitted paperwork and it will be forwarded to J.Tiffin Hall for the Landowners signature. The clerk and Recorder's office will record the signed document upon receipt.

11:36 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Bennett, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Deputy Clerk of the Board