

April 28, 2021

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 28, 2021 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Letcher, County Administrator Patrick McFadden and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Letcher present via phone.

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

10:15 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present was Sheriff Darren Short, Martin Dunbar, Cheri Dunbar, and Derrick Perkins. Nikki Meyer present, Eureka via VisionNet. Ray Stout present via phone.

- Darren talked about the cooling system in the server room and the need for an upgrade. Darren submitted 2 proposals from Comfort Systems USA and Johnson Controls, Inc. Darren is requesting to contract with Carson Brothers/Comfort Systems for \$7,792. The cost will be absorbed in the sheriff's budget.
- The commissioners signed a support letter for the Lincoln County Probation Department application for a grant to address mental health in our community. Grant is through the Department of Public Health and Human Services.
- Robin submitted the minutes for April 20 special session preliminary budget and April 21, 2021 regular meeting for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Peck said he will be donating to the Freedom Celebration to be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> and to the Cross Country Ski Club to help offset engineering cost; \$1,000 each from the Economic Development Fund.

10:30 AM **Public Comment:** Present were Martin Dunbar, Cheri Dunbar, Arlene Elletson, Scott Lennard and Derrick Perkins. Nikki Meyer present, Eureka via VisionNet. Ray Stout present via phone.

Arlene asked about progress in the dust abatement issue in the Panoramic View area.

Commissioner Bennett said the county is planning a permanent fix, chip sealing from Parmenter Road approximately 7/10 mile to the subdivision.

Martin expressed concerns about more road usage and high-speed traffic.

10:45 AM **Resolution to accept Road District 2 CIP and Account:** Present was Martin Dunbar, Cheri Dunbar, Arlene Elletson, Scott Lennard and Derrick Perkins. Nikki Meyer present, Eureka via VisionNet. Ray Stout present via phone. Commissioner Bennett read Resolution 2021-12 in its entirety. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve Resolution 2021-12, Troy Road District 2 Capital Improvement Plan and create a separate financial account set aside for said plan. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

11:00 AM **Planning Department / Guckenberglakeshore Permit:** Present was County Planner Jake Mertes, Derrick Perkins, Cheri Dunbar, Martin Dunbar and Scott Lennard. Nikki Meyer present, Eureka via VisionNet. Ray Stout present via phone.

Jake said the property owner is proposing to redesign the exiting retaining walls on her property on Dicky Lake. Jake explained the findings and recommendations to the commissioners. Jake said planning staff's recommendation is to approve the lakeshore permit subject to the conditions in the staff report. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve the Guckenberglakeshore Permit as presented subject to conditions and based on the planning staff recommendation. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Letcher disclosed that a contractor is his Uncle, but he has no financial gain.

11:15 AM **Public Hearing separating Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools:** Present was William Langhorne. Nikki Meyer present, Eureka via VisionNet. Ray Stout present via phone.

Commissioner Bennett opened the public hearing for comment. Nikki asked for a brief history of why the offices were consolidated and now being separated.

Commissioner Bennett talked about the history of consolidating offices to save money, and although the consolidation served its purpose, it is now time to separate the Superintendent of Schools duties from the County Treasurer's Department.

Commissioner Bennett concluded the public hearing.

11:30 AM **Resolution to separate Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools:** Patrick submitted Resolution 2021-11 separating the positions of the Treasurer and County Superintendent of Schools and appoint a qualified individual as interim County Superintendent of Schools until which time the position is filled through the next general election. Commissioner Bennett read Resolution 2021-11 in its entirety.

**Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve Resolution 2021-11 separating elected official duties of the County Superintendent of Schools from the County Treasurer. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

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12:00 PM Meeting Adjourned

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Jerry Bennett, Chairman

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