

February 3, 2021

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on February 3, 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 Bennett opened the meeting with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

10:00 AM **USFS Update:** Present were Chad Benson and Derrick Perkins. Present via phone were Nikki Meyer and Ray Stout.

The Ripley Project has been in consultation and Chad expressed that it is prepared for and if litigation happens. Chad expressed frustration and disappointment regarding the Black Ram objection process and how last week newspaper articles were inaccurate.

Great American Outdoors; expecting 2.8 million to be awarded. The forest service will need to communicate with county on projects and potentially will be hiring a seasonal workforce. Funds received could be 3 to 7 years of work. Joint Chiefs money was not successful. Commissioner Peck commented those funds will be available again and we need to be better prepared.

Chad talked about other grants and potential upcoming opportunities.

Commissioner Bennett talked about how he can look back how the forest service operated in the past and the difference of how it operates now is the continuity with community; the good of the community needs to be a mentality within the forest service. That is what it was about in the past and that sentiment was in the eyes of the forest service. There is a difference now in the operating mode and that sentiment is no longer a forest service priority.

Chad talked about guidance, nationally and regionally and how that has changed over time, but at the end of the day, it is about the community and we cannot forget that, but it will continue to be a challenge.

Commissioner Bennett talked about small projects, whether it be recreationally or timber related, that shows a benefit to the community could go a long way toward relationships.

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present was Derrick Perkins. Present via phone were Nikki Meyer and Ray Stout.

- Robin submitted the minutes for January 27, 2021 for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Peck to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.
- Robin presented the annual Lincoln County Safety Incentive Program for 2021 for commissioner signature. The incentive program was previously approved on January 20, 2021.

10:45 AM **Public Comment:** Present were Jan Ivers and Derrick Perkins. Present via phone were Nikki Meyer and Ray Stout. There were no public comments.

11:00 AM **M2 Security Camera Systems:** Present were M2 Automation representatives Jonathan Bradshaw and Neal Timmerman, Brad Dodson, Jan Ivers, Jake Mertes and Derrick Perkins. Present via phone were Nikki Meyer and Ray Stout.

Neal talked about a security camera system that is being implemented in counties for courthouse and detention facilities. Topics discussed were service, budgets & cost, training, technology & software, and the benefits to counties.

Brad commented about the need for improved security and support for the detention facility.

Patrick asked about failure rates and how often equipment needs to be repaired, county access, car and shoulder cams, employee training and how the software applies to the server.

Patrick will follow-up. No decisions were made at this time.

11:15 AM **Wilderness Club Phase V Bond Request:** Present were County Planner Jake Mertes, Kevin Peck, Jan Ivers, and Derrick Perkins.

Jake said the Wilderness Club Phase V is requesting the final release of the funds deposited August 2019 for the road and sewer improvements. Certification has been provided that the roads and other remaining improvements are completed per the Lincoln County subdivision regulations. Planning staff recommends the final release of Subdivision Improvement Agreement (SIA) funds, check #6010 in the amount of \$47,200.21. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher approve release of SIA funds for Wilderness Club Subdivision Phase V. based on planning department recommendation. Second by Commissioner Peck, motion carried unanimously.

11:30 PM **Unite for Youth Insurance Discussion:** Present were Kevin Peck, Maggie Anderson and Vel Shaver.

Kevin explained there is some confusion regarding the relationship between the county and the Unite for Youth Program and how does that apply to county insurance for events and liability.

Commissioner Peck commented that if the activity or meeting is not tied to or is not approved operations associated with money from the grant that the county manages, it would not be covered.

The group discussed activities and events, work comp, liabilities, volunteers, event coverage, and grant guidelines.

Kevin talked about options for recreational coverage, and how risk factors of events apply to insurance carriers. Kevin mentioned the overall growth in Lincoln County of recreational activities as a whole.

Commissioner Bennett suggested reaching out to Brad Salonen (county work comp agent) to continue this discussion and get more information.

12:00 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Bennett, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board