

July 28, 2021

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

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

10:15 AM **Administrative Issues:** Present were Marcia Boris, Brent Teske, Kathi Hooper, Tara McFadden, Derrick Perkins and Ray Stout.

- Robin submitted the minutes for July 21, 2021 regular meeting for approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.
- Kathi commented that a job description for the Congregate Living Coordinator position that is funded by a state grant (amendment to the PHEP grant) was submitted to the commissioners for review. Kathi is requesting permission to advertise for this position. Tabled until next week.
- Tara said she has visited some of Lincoln County's frontier rural schools. Tara informed the commission that the Yaak School is currently lifted on scaffolds, and they are redoing the foundation. Tara commended the school board for their efforts to attain several grants for the funding needed for the construction to save the building. Tara gave an overview of the grant processes and bids that have been received and provided pictures of the school project. Tara expressed that she was excited to see the progress and the efforts attaining funds for this project to move forward.

10:30 AM **Public Comment Time:** Present were Brent Teske, Kathi Hooper, Tara McFadden, Gary Armstrong, Derrick Perkins and Ray Stout.

Gary expressed frustration regarding issues with Ziplly Fiber, saying he has been without internet service and is having difficulty with contacting and receiving service.

Commissioner Letcher commented the commissioners do not regulate private business. Brent provided Gary contact information for Ziplly Fiber for our area.

10:45 AM **Resolution to Appoint Special Deputy County Attorney / Resolution to join interveners, Lynx and Wolverine Cases:** Present were Marcia Boris, Brent Teske, Marc Liechti, Tamara Tanberg, Derrick Perkins and Ray Stout.

Marcia submitted Resolution 2021-23 and explained the purpose of appointing special deputy county attorneys for the purpose of prosecuting violations of Title 33, Chapter 1 MCA. **Motion** by Commissioner Letcher to approve Resolution 2021-23 as submitted. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

Commissioner Letcher read a portion of Resolution 2021-24, a resolution to join other counties and groups in protecting and defending the decisions of the US Fish and Wildlife Service being challenged in the lynx and wolverine cases.

Motion by Commissioner Letcher to approve Resolution 2021-24 as submitted. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

11:00 AM **Planning / Montana Lakes 2 Subdivision Public Hearing:** Present were County Planner Jake Mertes, Brett McCully, Brent Teske, Marc Liechti, Tamara Tanberg, and Derrick Perkins. Present via phone was Pamela Munro, Eureka and Ray Stout.

Jake reviewed the application timeline and project proposal. The proposed Montana Lakes 2 Subdivision is located approximately 40.3 miles southeast of Libby on Highway 2. The project will convert 175 acres of timber land to rural residential parcels; 14 lots. Jake gave an overview of the Findings of Fact and recommended 13 conditions. The Planning Board's recommended motion is to grant preliminary approval to Montana Lakes 2 Subdivision subject to conditions and based on the findings in the staff report.

There was a brief conversation pertaining to road maintenance, dust control, enforcement and having those responsibilities clearly defined.

Jake read comments received from Tony Petruscha regarding dust, and other impacts to the area. Jake said he did receive a comment about potentially reducing the speed limit. Commissioner Bennett said he has talked to the state to conduct a speed study for safety concerns due to increased traffic.

Motion by Commissioner Letcher to approve preliminary plat for Montana Lakes 2 Subdivision based on planning staff recommendation and subject to conditions. Second by Commissioner Bennett, motion carried.

11:30 PM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Bennett, Chairman

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