

**July 13, 2011**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on July 13, 2011, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Roose, Commissioner Berget, Commissioner Downey and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

9:00 AM: Commissioner Roose **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 AM: **Personnel Issue:** Roby Bowe discussed with the Commissioners some issues he has been dealing with.

10:00 AM: **EPA update:** Mike Cirian, Steve, Virginia Sloan, Kirby Campbell-Rierson, Kathi Hooper, Rebecca Thomas, Carolyn Rutland DEQ Jen Barrage, Liz, Victor was on the conference phone. Mike gave a construction update. Ambient air studies have started again. Soil sampling at OU5. OU6 is Amtrak and is going well. Rebecca talked about Riverfront Park. They have had good meetings with the City and are making progress on the plans for the park. She gave a handout for the plans. She talked about the mine site and the concerns about a fire in that area. They are making a response plan for that scenario. Surface water in Rainy Creek is being tested. They talked about wood waste at the landfill. Rebecca spoke about the bark at the Port Authority site and that they had no ambient air hits on that bark.

11:00 AM: **Eric Klepfer, Montanore Mine update:** Eric talked about the biological assessment process. Fish Wildlife has no staff to work on this so it could take a while. The Forest Service is having a similar problem; they have several projects that are waiting for approval from Fish and Game to move forward. They talked about a grizzly bear study done recently.

11:30 AM: **Mel Parker, Asbestos Issues:** Mel wants to clarify the location of the county road and access for him. Commissioner Berget said he will write to Bernie for an opinion and he will speak to the EPA about the access issue.

1:20 PM: **Administrative Issues:** The commissioners read the **minutes of the June 29, 2011, meeting**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

The Commissioners signed the agreement with the **Missoula City-County Health Department regarding the aid to the WIC** department while the nurse is on sick leave.

The Commissioners signed an agreement with the **Montana Department of Environmental Quality**. The contract concerns stormwater systems in subdivisions.

The Commissioners signed the Administrative Services Agreement with the **Employee Health Insurance Management, Inc.** for the prescription claims on the HRSA funds. There was also an EHIM On-line Agreement. The Commissioners voted on the contract last week.

The **CARD clinic** owns a building on Third Street. They are asking that the county waive the penalties and interest that were assessed on the taxes as a result of city water fees not paid. The city waived the fees. Commissioner Downey moved to refund the Penalties and interest on **tax #5165**.

The Commissioners accepted a resignation from Norma DesJardins as Secretary Treasurer of the **Bull Lake Fire District**.

1:30 PM: **Guinard's Corner**, 2 lots, Lot 4 Campbell Subdivision, commissioner review: Kristin presented the subdivision. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat according to planning staff recommendation and it carried.

1:35 PM: **Family Transfer:** Kimberly Smith is transferring to her daughter Linda Courtney. There is no reason to suspect evasion of subdivision. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the family transfer and it carried.

1:39 PM: **Lavon Estates**, Final Plat: All conditions have been met. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the final plat and it carried.

1:41 PM: **Rocky Road Ranch**, Final Plat: All conditions have been met. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the final plat and it carried.

1:44 PM: **Mountain Air Subdivision**, Final Plat: All conditions have been met. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the final plat and it carried.

1:45 PM: **Planning Board Appointment:** Kristin is submitting an application for the Troy Representative on the Planning Board. The applicant is **Matt Bowser** who is a forest Watch Coordinator. There was a discussion about his brief time in the area and his association with Yaak Forest Council. Commissioner Downey moved to approve Matt Bowser as the new Planning Board member.

1:55 PM: There was a discussion about **Road signs** that are being vandalized in the county that are private roads. The commissioners determined that the county Road Department had placed road signs on private roads as part of the enhanced 911 project. From that point on the county is not willing to replace lost or damaged signs at taxpayer's expense.

2:00 PM: The commissioners discussed department heads **taking extended vacation**. They would like to make a policy that department heads must discuss with Commissioners for any vacation time over two weeks.

2:10 PM: The Commissioners had a **phone conference with Leroy Thom about the HRSA funds** and the release of the information. Leroy has consulted an attorney and will tell him to instruct New West to release the information to Leslie Graves of Pintler Services.

2:30 PM: **Bid Openings for the Libby Walkpath:** Pavoco LLC of Kalispell bid \$209,971.01. Thompson Contracting of Libby bid \$222,074.80, Knife River of Kalispell bid \$272,745.88, Kootenai Paving and Construction of Libby bid \$213,563.95, LHC Inc. of Kalispell bid \$210,843.86.

3:00 PM: **Dr. Amy Paris, Mental Health Clinic:** Dr. Paris did not come to the meeting.

3:30 PM: **Tobacco Valley Cemetery:** Barbara Morgan from the Cemetery Board has come to discuss the crematory monument. Schnackenberg Funeral home is asking them to put up the monument. The total cost is \$5,000. The Cemetery would like a loan for \$3,500 to cover their half and the cost of the cement and the labor of putting it in. The owners of the monument would be ½ the cemetery and ½ the Funeral Home. The cost of a compartment is \$1,150. He has offered to collect the funds and give the cemetery their half. Commissioner Roose said she felt that they could lend them the money but the ownership of the monument is an issue.

4:00 PM: **Kathi Hooper, Animal Shelter Contracts:** Kathi said that none of the contracts have changed much. The contracts need to be signed for the new fiscal year. Contracts were signed with City of Troy, Kootenai Pets for Life, Friends of the Shelter/Tobacco Valley Animal Shelter Inc., City of Libby and Town of Eureka.

4:25 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

#### **LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Marianne Roose, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board