

November 9, 2011

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on November 9, 2011, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

9:30 AM: Commissioner Roose **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:30 AM: **Tim Orthmeyer, Morrison Maierle**: Tim is here to discuss airport grants. It is time to apply for new grants. He has several applications for signatures. The group discussed the progress on the airports and the future of grant opportunities.

10:00 AM: **EPA Update**: Present are Libby Faulk, Liz, Christine, Allen Payne, Attorney, Kathi Hooper, Lincoln County Sanitarian, Rebecca Thomas, John Pololinsky, and Victor Kettlepper on the telephone. Rebecca Thomas began by talking about the Riverfront park project. They have stopped the project for this year due to weather, but the contamination has been removed and covered so there is no danger. The rainy creek road work is done. The Stimson site has a risk assessment that is pending. OU6, the rail corridor, is in negotiations with BNR to decide who will provide clean up for that site. The EPA has met with Allen Payne and the City/County Health Board to talk about the budget which is the next hurdle. Liz talked about OU4. They have done a close out meeting and everything is on track. Christina talked about OU3, which is the mine site. She talked about the water sampling taken this summer; the results should be in soon. They will be doing a surface water plan on Rainy Creek in the future. Libby handed out a summary of the study of the water. They have stopped hauling asbestos to the site for the year. She talked about the meeting that was held yesterday about fires in the area of the mine site and what the dangers would be. Allen Payne pointed at the map and showed the mine site and the proximity to Whitefish if a fire were to spread asbestos into the air. John talked about the Troy progress. He is also very interested in ambient air sampling. Victor reminded the Commissioners that the EPA will not be meeting in December due to several people on vacation leave.

11:00 AM: **Allen Payne and Kathi Hooper** stayed to talk to the Commissioners. Allen spoke about the forest fire at the mine site scenario that is being discussed at recent meetings.

11:10 AM: **Leigh Riggelman, Assistant Election Administrator, Election Canvass**: Leigh presented the election results from the municipal elections on the 8th of November, and the commissioners went through them one by one. Commissioner Berget moved to adopt the canvass and it carried.

1:30 PM: **Commissioner Redistricting Plans**: The Commissioners discussed the six plans for redistricting the commissioner's districts. They agreed that plan number one is the preferred plan.

1:40 PM: The commissioners read **the minutes of the November 2, 2011 meeting**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

1:45 PM: The Commissioners agreed to give **\$10,000 for the Partnership for Rural America** campaign out of road funds. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the funds and it carried.

1:46 PM: **Bob Denning, Denning Downey & Associates**: Bob said that the county's Cost Allocation Plan is out of date. The current plan was written in 1996. He would like to see the county move costs from the general fund to other funds. New plan should maximize the expenses from the general fund and we may even go back 3 years. "Full costing" will eliminate a lot of expense on payroll for the general fund. Bob needs 3 days to complete his suggestions for this task. Bob is concerned about the Port Authority funds. There are too many accounts to report responsibly. For reporting purposes, he will combine the 8 accounts. The audit for last year received an unqualified opinion, which is the highest level the auditors can give. The negative findings were all related to the HRSA grant. The retirement GASB is a pain and Bob is thinking the county can still just get written up with a finding rather than pay over \$6000 for an actuary. Bob presented a letter of agreement for the audits of the fire departments. Commissioner Roose signed the agreement and Bob was instructed to begin with Cabinet View Fire Service Area and Bull Lake Fire Department.

2:30 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONS

Marianne Roose, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board