

October 12, 2011

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting on October 12, 2011, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Marianne Roose is on vacation.

10:00 AM: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:00 AM: **EPA Update:** Present are John Podolinsky, Steve Wardman, Mike Cirian, Libby Faulk, David Berry and Kathi Hooper. Mike Cirian talked about Ambient Air Tests. He spoke about the testing on the wood chips at the Port Authority. Mike is excited about the Riverfront Park area being cleaned. It is going very well and very timely because of all the open space. OU4, Libby city properties, is nearly completed for the year. There have been 28 ERS calls this year which have turned into an immediate response situation. The EPA is doing their first trailer park this year. Next year there will be 5 or 6 more trailer parks. John spoke about the work in Troy this year. He is pleased with the progress. Mike talked about U-dig activity and he is pleased with the results. Commissioner Berget asked questions about the ambient air testing guidelines. David Berry said that they have been speaking to DEQ about that.

11:00 AM: **Kathi Hooper, Environmental Health:** Kathi is here with her staff to discuss air quality. Libby has been consistently staying below the EPA standard. Kathi is still expecting the EPA to revise the standards by the end of the year. The Libby area is still considered "non-attainment" even though the numbers have been good for many years now. Kathi will keep the commissioners updated as new numbers become available. Kathi has a resolution for the Commissioners which will renew a resolution that was passed last year concerning residents who use wood as their sole heating source. This resolution allows these people to burn even in a "no burn" timeframe. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the resolution and it carried. Eric Leigh talked about the notification process on the website. He is using health effect categories to explain the air quality.

11:50 AM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the September 14, 2011 and the October 5, 2011 meetings**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

1:30 PM: **Guinard's Corner subdivision**, final plat approval: The planning department states that all conditions have been met. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the final plat and it carried.

1:50 PM: The Commissioners were presented with a letter from **Denning, Downey & Associates** clarifying the GASB 34 duties of the auditor. Commissioner Berget signed the letter to be returned to DDA.

2:30 PM: **Vic White, EMA:** Vic spoke about the Flower Creek early warning system that is being purchased by the state and will be functional by November. He would like to purchase a weather station for Flower Creek as well. The system will track the data of air temperature, water temperature and precipitation which are the 3 factors that determine the risk factors for ice jams and flood risks. The data will be sent to the website and would be assessable to Forest Service and the Weather service, both of whom are interested in this data for studies. The total cost is \$10,000. The city of Libby has agreed to pay half on the weather station and Vic has \$5,000 in his budget to pay for the rest. Commissioner Berget said he wasn't sure the station would provide the data Vic is looking for but he has no objection of him purchasing it with his budget.

2:45 PM: **Clarence Johnson:** Libby Video club is asking for some help on the transmitting antenna system for the TV in Libby. Last year they received \$1,000 and they are hoping for the same. Commissioner Berget stated that he will help them with funds from his economic development money as he did last year.

3:00 PM: **Becky Stovall, Mental Health:** Becky is the new Mental Health Director at the Mental Health Clinic in Libby. She has worked in that office for 20 years. She has taken the place of Dr. Amy Paris. She introduced herself and said she looks forward to working with the commissioners on any concerns they have.

3:20 PM: **Paul Rumelhart, Economic Development:** Paul is hiring a Deputy Administrator and would like to provide that person with medical insurance. In the current state statute it states that the county can add a port authority employee to the county insurance however the port authority must pay the premium. The commissioners agreed that Paul can add his new deputy to the county insurance plan.

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