

**August 14, 2013**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 14, 2013, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Deputy Clerk and Recorder Wendy Drake.

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

9:00 AM: **Paul Bradford, Kootenai National Forest:** Paul talked about the current Forest Plan Revision and updated the commissioners on current litigation for the Young Dodge project and the Pilgrim Creek project. The Office of General Counsel and the Department of Justice have filed documents with the Missoula District Court on the Grizzly Project asking for dissolution of the Courts' Injunction for the Miller West Fisher Project. Paul talked about the current Vegetation Management Projects and discussed the Pilgrim Creek project. Paul talked about the current progress on the Montanore Mine as well as the Rock Creek Mine. Dan Rose acting Forest Management Officer gave an update on current fires in Kootenai National Forest

10:00 AM: **Emily Durham:** Emily is here to discuss the denial of her Girl Scout Gold award. Emily is requesting the Commissioners sign a letter and send to the Girl Scouts Montana Wyoming Council stating that the project she did for her leadership was an emergency safety repair for Lincoln County Fair and she did not have time to get it approved by the Girls Scouts Montana Wyoming Council. Commissioner Cole made a motion to send a letter to the Girls Scouts, and it carried.

10:15 AM: The Commissioners were presented with the **WIC contract** for the FY 2014. There is still some interest in transferring that program to the Community Health Center, however, for the time being the commissioners will sign the contract. Commissioner Cole moved to sign the contract and it carried.

11:00 AM: **Dave Bennetts, Park Management's specialist FWP/USFW:** Dave talked about the chain of lakes. The chain of Lakes includes 18 lakes 3000 acres 91 campsites, 8 boat ramps. The chain of lakes will now become a part of the parks management. Paul spoke about going through a public process to ask the public what they would like to see improved, or changed. If any changes were decided, they would be implemented by May 1, 2014.

1:30 PM: **Lake Creek Ranch:** The developer is requesting 90 days to finalize plans. Kristin recommends the 90 day extension. Commissioner Downey made a motion to approve and it carried.

1:35 PM: **North Portal Tracts:** Developer, Tungsten Holdings, is requesting a preliminary plat extension of one year. Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve, and it carried

1:38 PM: **Little Country Road:** Developer, Tungsten Holdings is requesting a preliminary plat extension of one year. Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve and it carried.

1:43 PM: **Blew Family Transfer:** Bill Blew is requesting to transfer to his children, Benjamin and Wendy, each on parcel of land. The Exemption Review Committee found no concerns. Commissioner Downey made a motion to approve, and it carried.

1:45 PM: Kristen Smith requested the commissioners sign **Resolution #896** to adopt the **Lincoln County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**. Commissioner Cole made motion to approve and it carried

**Administrative Issues:**

1:47 PM: **Bull Lake Rural Fire District** has a vacancy on their Fire District Board. The commissioners received a letter on June 28, 2013, recommending the reappointment of Sylvia Maffit. The letter had to be referred to the county's attorneys due to the Bull Lake Rural Fire District Board suing the county. As a result of the attorney's opinion, the commissioners discussed a more diverse board due to the current board in litigation with the county and many emergency services in the county. This litigation has come as a great cost to the taxpayers. Doug Chapel has expressed a desire and willingness to be involved. Mr. Chapel is a long time resident of the Bull Lake area and a former fireman. Commissioner Cole made a motion to appoint Doug Chapel to Bull Lake Rural Fire District Board, and it carried. The Commissioners acknowledged the years of service from Silva Maffit and will thank her by letter.

1:50 PM: The commissioners had a request from Pam at **the Troy Juvenile Detention Center** for \$1,500 to make repairs to the building. Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve the building repairs from PILT and it carried.

2:20 PM: The **meeting was adjourned** in order to allow the commissioners to attend the City-County Health Board meeting.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy Drake, Clerk of the Board