

August 28, 2013

The Lincoln County Commissioners met for a regular session on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Commissioner Mike Cole, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

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

9:30 AM: **Vic White, EMA:** Vic and Lisa Oedewaldt have brought the final EMPG grant papers for signatures. They applied a few months ago and received the amount that they asked for. Vic and Lisa gave an update of other things that are happening in their department.

10:00 AM: **Nancy Higgins, County Treasurer:** Nancy is at the meeting for her monthly update. She began today with a discussion about Mobile Home taxes that have not been paid and have gone to sheriff's sale. Nancy presented her cash reports and investment reports.

10:30 AM: **Sylvia Maffitt:** Sylvia was a member of the Bull Lake Fire District Board. Last month the commissioners appointed Doug Chapel to the board to replace Sylvia. Sylvia read a letter that explained her position on the decision. She is appalled at the decision and is using this decision to accuse the commissioners of trying to shut down the fire department. Commissioner Downey read a letter stating that the commissioners are looking to replace some board members because of the board suing the rest of the county at a horrific cost to the taxpayers. Sylvia said she refused to discuss the litigation because she didn't think it had anything to do with her position on the board.

11:00 AM: **Budget Decision:** The commissioners have held public meetings in Eureka and Libby on the budget for fiscal year 2013/2014. There being no additional amendments to the budget since those public hearings, Commissioner Downey moved to approve the budget for fiscal year 2013/2014 and it carried.

1:45 PM: Darrell Lawson brought some information for the commissioners to review before a meeting on his lake property next week.

2:00 PM: **Administrative Issues:**

The commissioners received a request from Undersheriff Brent Faulkner stating that he has a deputy resigning and wishes to replace that Civil Deputy. Commissioner Downey moved to **approve the replacement of the deputy** and it carried.

The commissioners received a letter from **County Attorney Bernard Cassidy** requesting to appoint Special Assistant Attorney General Joseph Nevin as a Special **Deputy County Attorney** for a fraud case. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the appointment and it carried. The commissioners signed Resolution #897 appointing the deputy.

The commissioner read **the minutes of the August 14, 2013 and August 21, 2013 meetings**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

Last week in Eureka the commissioner met with **Micki Carvey, Health Nurse**, concerning the MIECHV grant money deficit and the length of the contract. The commissioners read the contract and acknowledge that the ID part of the grant will last until September 29, 2013. Tammy Lauer worked with Micki on the budget problem and they came to an agreement on the funds left until the end of September.

The commissioners received the **DEQ contract** with Lincoln County for the purpose of assisting with air pollution control program. Commissioner Downey moved to sign the contract and it carried.

The commissioners received the **CDBG grant #MT-CDBG-ED13-04 for the LiVGolf Cars, Inc.** project. This grant application was approved by the commissioners a few weeks ago. The commissioners signed the grant contract.

2:30 PM: **Libby Groundwater Site Study, Kathryn Hernandez, EPA:** Kathy is here with Lisa DeWitt, Montana DEQ, Tom Richardson, International Paper, and Dave Cosgriff, Arrowhead Engineering, Inc. During the 2012-2013 year International Paper conducted a vapor intrusion assessment to determine if potentially harmful vapors were emanating from the groundwater plume beneath the site. They are updating the commissioners on things that are happening with the groundwater site and want to address a concern about a small piece of land in the Port Authority property that is not included in the protection zone.

4:10 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

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Anthony Berget, Commissioner

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board