

**December 13, 2013**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on December 13, 2013, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Commissioner Mike Cole and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

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

10:00 AM: Senator Jennifer Fielder brought Utah Representative Ken Ivory today to speak to the Commissioners and a small audience about taking back federal lands and putting them in the control of the individual states. Senator Fielder gave a speech about her involvement in the study and why she wrote the bill. She and Ken made this presentation in Mineral County yesterday. She introduced Ken who began his speech by showing a speech by Montana State Governor Steve Bullock. Representative Ivory preached "Knowledge and Courage" of taking back the land for the State's control and not federal. He cited history of the land becoming federal lands and why the states should have control. He talked about what has been done and ongoing in Utah. The model of the study is the state of Hawaii in 2009 when they took back their lands. He talked about the debt and what it will take to get it back where we want it. He pointed out the maps of states difficulty funding education and the map of severe wildfire risk is almost identical to the map he has of US lands owned by the federal government. He encouraged the commissioners to join and get involved in the American Lands Council. Commissioner Berget asked for a copy of the Resolution the counties are passing in other counties. Rep. Ivory talked about the dues that the American Lands Council gets from counties that join. He said the bulk of the counties donate \$5,000 but some can't afford that and donate \$1 per person in their county. Commissioner Cole asked where the line is drawn as far as for and against in the movement. Senator Fielder said that it has been mixed depending on the audience. She said the environmental extremists are the only ones that are adamantly against it.

The **meeting was adjourned** at 12:05 PM.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

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