

**December 6, 2013**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on December 6, 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.

10:00 AM: **Discussion on reduction of elected positions of Superintendent of Schools and Justice of the Peace:** The first day to file for the 2014 Elections is January 9, 2014. The decision needs to be made at least 7 days from the first filing day. There needs to be public hearings which need to be advertised, so today is the day that a decision has to be made in order to go forward with this process. The Superintendent of Schools position is a half time position. If this position is combined with another elected official, the county would still be required to contract with a qualified person to do some of the duties of that office. Commissioner Downey questioned if the county would save enough money to make it a logical move. Commissioner Cole talked about the savings of a reduction of staff as well. The Justice of the Peace position has been discussed many times in the past 2 months. Commissioner Cole stated that making a decision today to go forward with a plan of combining the Superintendent of Schools with another elected official and reducing the Justice of the Peace to one full time position for the purpose of proceeding with the public hearings would gain the information and input they are looking for. He clarified that the decision today can be reversed after the public hearings. Therefore, Commissioner Cole moved to combine the Superintendent of Schools with another elected official and reduce the Justice of the Peace positions from one full time and one half time to one full time position. Commissioner Downey seconded by echoing Commissioner Cole's concerns about not having enough information yet to decide and this being a way to obtain that information. The motion carried. The Public Hearings will be December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The first will be in Eureka at 10:30 AM, and the Libby one will be at 2:30PM.

11:15 AM: The commissioner were presented with **Resolution #904** which is a resolution allowing County Attorney Bernard Cassidy to hire a **special Deputy** to assist in the prosecution of a case against a former employee of the county. Commissioner Cole moved to approve Resolution # and it carried.

11:20 AM: The **meeting was adjourned.**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

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