

October 2, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on October 2, 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: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:00 AM: **Cabinet View Fire District Petitions:** Members of the Cabinet View area have come to submit a petition to form a Fire District. John Rios, Patty Rambo, John Freidan and Mike Agesta represent some of the residents. John talked about the next steps after they submit the petitions. Bill Bischoff will be doing the verification of the signatures. They have also brought maps of new boundaries for the district they are proposing. Doug DeShazer asked how the building got to belong to the Fire Company. John said that all the questions can be asked at the public hearing.

12:00 PM: **Libby School Board:** Superintendent of Schools Kirby Maki, Board members Les Nelson, Lori Benson, Amy Fantozzi, Ellen Johnston, Bruce Sickler and Melissa LaGoy are before the commissioners. Kirby began by telling the plan of an exchange of property with the county for 30 acres by Plummer school that belongs to the county for approximately the same amount of property out by McGrade School. The school board feels it would be a win/win situation because they would have more property close to the Middle/High School for science projects and walking paths and such. They county could make the property out on Libby Creek a park so people can have access to Libby Creek for fishing. Both boards told that they would consult the public before making a decision in a public hearing. Several residents expressed that they are upset about the motorized vehicles that go through that property on Libby Creek. Both boards agreed to meet soon with the public to take this process further.

12:55 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the September 18, 2013 meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

1:05 PM: Commissioner Cole talked about **the Galton Project** being nearly complete. The Forest Service has stopped funding the project and Commissioner Cole would like to see Lincoln County fund up to \$2,000 to finish. The commissioners talked about paying the money from the Title III Fund. It was agreed that Lincoln County will pay \$2,000 to complete the Galton Project out of Title III.

1:10 PM: The **Neighbor Works Montana project** needs a letter of support from the commissioners to continue working in Lincoln County. Commissioner Berget signed the letter of support.

1:30 PM: **Gullingsrud Subdivision**, 2 lots, Lot 3 Libby Creek Estates, preliminary approval: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, presented the subdivision plan. Kristin said it is a very simple subdivision. There is a requirement to annex into the Lincoln County Rural Fire District. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the preliminary plat according to planning staff recommendations and it carried.

1:36 PM: **Beal Lakeshore Permit Extension:** Merriam Beal is requesting a one year extension for her lakeshore permit due to health issues. Commissioner Downey moved to approve a one year extension and it carried.

1:38 PM: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, presented the commissioners with recommended changes to the **Lakeshore Protection Regulations** from the Lincoln County Planning Board. These changes have come about from issues that have come up since the 2010 adoption of the Lakeshore Regulations. The changes will be presented at a public hearing before being adopted. Kristin explained the changes to the commissioners and the reasoning behind them.

2:20 PM: **Kathi Hooper, County Sanitarian:** The commissioners had some comments and questions about the new litter ordinance that they wanted to address with Kathi. There will be a public hearing in Eureka on the 16th and on the 23rd in Libby.

2:30 PM: **WIC Contract:** Linda Wagner and Peggy Smith are here from the WIC department. The commissioners had spoken to the Community Health Center about contracting with WIC. CHC is interested but wants to have full control of WIC. The commissioners spoke to the State about doing an amended contract to allow the current WIC employees time to adjust to the change. As a result, the state has agreed to a 5 month contract, to the end of February, for Lincoln County. At that time, the state will decide who will get the contract; CHC will bid for it but won't necessarily receive the bid. Commissioner Downey moved to continue WIC with Lincoln County on an amended 5 month contract and it carried.

3:00 PM: **Administrative Issues:**

A Resolution Stating **Future Acquisitions of Federal Land is Not in the Best Interest of Lincoln County Residents, Resolution #900**, was signed by the commissioners. Of the 2,312,320 acres in Lincoln County, 1,747,997 is Federal Property. The commissioners feel it is not in the best interest of county residents to increase federal land. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the resolution and it carried.

The Commissioners are adopting a policy for Mileage allowance for travel for county employees. The county has a sufficient number of vehicles to allow for employees to use for travel for county business. Therefore, if an employee

chooses to take a personal vehicle when a county vehicle is available, they will be paid at 48.15% of the mileage rate. For example, if the current IRS travel rate is 56.5 cents the employee will be paid at 27.2 cents per mile. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the policy and it carried.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Anthony Berget, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board