

October 9, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on October 9, 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: **EPA Update:** Mike Cirian and Liz Fagan are here from the EPA. Mike talked about several meetings and presentations that have been postponed due to the government shut down. He talked about the ERS/UDIG status. The EPA is responding with the ARP personnel from the county to the calls for ERS and UDig so that the ARP can take over the calls after January 1, 2014. Mike then updated the commissioners on the construction for the year. They completed 93 removals this year and have 12 in process so they will be over 100 by year end. Mike stated that 1890 properties have been cleaned to date. The total man hours for this year are 97,000 and 201,000 over the last 3 years without a lost time accident. Liz spoke about the studies done at the mine site. The Pulaski sampling has been delayed from the recent rain and the logging sampling results will be available by summer 2014.

11:00 AM: **Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks:** Tanya Chilton and Ryan Sylvester are here from the MFWP. This has been a very slow bear season for them. This is probably due to a very good year for berries. There is also a slow season for wolves with only one wolf taken this summer. Tanya spoke with both game wardens yesterday and they stated that it was a slow year for all animal reports. Tanya explained more clearly about why the buck in Libby was dispatched rather than tranquilized and relocated. The buck had caused a few more problems than what was told to the papers and they had tried a couple of things to get him to move out of town, to no avail. To safely tranquilize him would have taken a vet from Helena and would not have been cost effective. Ryan spoke about the fish in the area. He spoke about the populations going up and down for years. He spoke about the Bull Trout regulations for the area and where the Bull Trout are located.

1:30 PM: **Roby Bowe, Sheriff:** Roby came to talk about some personnel issues he has in his department.

1:50 PM: The Commissioners wrote a letter to Paul Bradford, USFS, concerning the **Galton Collaborative in Eureka.**

2:13 PM: The commissioners signed a contract between the county and the City of **Troy for animal control.** Commissioner Downey made the motion to approve the contract and it carried.

2:30 PM: The commissioner read the **minutes of the October 2, 2013, meeting.** Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

2:40 PM: The City-County Health Board met yesterday and discussed **the DNRC Grant Support Agreement.** The Health Board recommends that the county support the agreement. Commissioner Cole moved to sign the support agreement and it carried.

2:45 PM: **The Eureka Dispatch Board** is requesting to appoint Joyce Hudson to represent Town of Eureka on the Board. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the appointment of Joyce Hudson to the Eureka Dispatch Board and it carried.

2:48 PM: The **Town of Eureka** has appointed Rita Aduato to replace Rita Collins who resigned. They wrote a letter to inform the commissioners of the change.

2:53 PM: The **Eureka Road Department** had helped the Eureka Riverwalk Foundation with some materials on the Riverwalk. The Foundation reimbursed the Road Fund \$6,000 which needs to be added back to the Eureka Road Budget. Commissioner Cole moved to approve Resolution #901 which is the budget resolution to add \$6,000 to Eureka Road and it carried.

2:55 PM: **Bill Bischoff, Executive Assistant,** updated the commissioners about the petition from Cabinet View Fire District and talked about the public hearing. The Public hearing will be November 12, 2013 in the Ponderosa Room.

3:00 PM: The commissioners discussed the meetings they had yesterday with **Superintendent of Schools and the Justice of the Peace.**

3:10 PM: The **meeting was adjourned.**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Anthony Berget, Chairman

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