

**May 7, 2014**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on May 7, 2014, 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.

8:30 AM: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

8:30 AM: **John Rios, Cabinet View Fire Company:** John Rios had a lawsuit against the county that was dismissed Monday. John wants to talk to the commissioners however, since he still has the option of going to the Supreme Court, the county attorneys have advised the commissioners that they should not speak with Mr. Rios. Commissioner Downey left the room due to the attorney's advice. Commissioner Cole said he agrees that they are not to talk to him. Alvin Benitz said enough is enough with this fire company and Jeff Koskela agreed.

8:40 AM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the April 30, 2014, meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

9:00 AM: **Pam Gardner, Kootenai National Forest:** Pam is the temporary supervisor for KNF. She began by talking about the KNF budget for the upcoming year. There has been a large reduction over the past few years. The group discussed the Forest Plan meeting last week. There was a discussion about road maintenance in the Schedule A roads that the Forest service shares with the county. Pam talked about the time involved in getting a timber project through the process. Montanore Mine process is going well and she feels that they are on schedule with it. The Colonel from the Corp of Engineers will be here later this month and that will be critical to the project as well. The Rock Creek Mine project is moving forward as well.

10:00 AM: The commissioners met with **Lincoln County department heads** concerning the budgets for 2014/2015.

1:30 PM: **Lakeshore Permit:** Albert and Marcia Fantozzi live on Bull Lake. Their old wooden dock is dilapidated and they would like to replace it with a resin dock with steel posts. The planning staff recommends approval. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the lakeshore permit and it carried.

1:35 PM: **Cato Subdivision**, extension of Subdivision Improvement Agreement: Pamela Flowers, developer, is requesting an extension of the SIA due to health reasons. Lincoln County holds funds for these improvements so there is no risk. Kristin Smith, Planning Director, recommends approval. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the extension to October 16, 2016 and it carried.

1:37 PM: **McShea Subdivision**, extension of Subdivision Improvement Agreement: Pamela Flowers, developer, is requesting an extension of the SIA due to health reasons. Lincoln County holds funds for these improvements so there is no risk. Kristin Smith, Planning Director, recommends approval with an updated cost estimate and an increase in the guaranteed deposit with the county. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the extension to October 16, 2016 and it carried.

1:40 PM: The commissioners received a letter from the **Provider Pals program** requesting that \$45,000 of the Title III money be donated to them for the upcoming year. Requirements for the Title III monies last year made it necessary to have a preset plan for the funds. Therefore, the commissioners are unable to meet this request. The County gave them \$15,000 last year.

1:50 PM: The **Weed Department** has submitted some of the grants for the upcoming year. Commissioner Cole moved to sign the grants and it carried. Tansy Ragwort, Rush Skeltonweed and the High School Biocontrol Project grants were signed. The Modification of Grant or Agreement with the Forest Service and the Weed Department was also signed.

1:52 PM: **Susie Farmer, Clerk of Court:** Susie is losing a part time employee at the end of the month. She has approached the commissioners twice to replace that employee but has been delayed due to budget discussions. Now she is asking to hire a temporary employee to help cover during this busy time. The commissioners agreed to allow Susie to hire a temporary employee for the month of June.

2:30 PM: The commissioners met with **Nancy Higgins, Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools** to discuss the new position and staffing.

3:50 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

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