

October 8, 2014

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on October 8, 2014, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Greg Larson, 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 is the only EPA representative present. We have EPA representatives Rebecca Thomas, Jennifer Lane and Dania Zinner on the conference phone. Carolyn Rutland from DEQ is also in the conference phone. Rebecca began by talking about the CAG/TAG meeting that they attended last week. She felt that there were some good conversations involving the future of the area and the public perception of the area. Rebecca announced that the EMSL Libby Lab has closed. They helped with EPA studies but it has slowed enough that they are no longer needed. Carolyn provided an update about the OU2 Additional ABS for private property. She has spoken to the Parker's and they will allow access to their property in the spring. The study will take place then. Mike talked about the Rail Spur Sampling and was happy to report that there were no significant findings. He provided pictures of the railroad and where the study took place. There is currently no requirement for clean-up in the rail spur. Rebecca said that the Toxicity Value Status is still scheduled to come out toward the end of October. The commercial logging study that took place about 4 miles from the mine sites found 3 very low detections which is very good news. Mike Cirian talked about the 80 properties that were cleaned this year to meet their goal. They are also concentrating on investigations for properties for next construction season. The LA Toxicity Values report will be done by fall 2014, the FS and Proposed Plan is for Winter of 2015 and the Remedy (ROD) Spring is set for Fall 2015.

10:25 PM: **MFWP/USFW Update:** Dave Bennetts and Dave Landstrom of Montana State Parks Department are joining Jim Dunnigan, Ryan Sylvester and Tonya Chilton-Randandt of Montana Fish and Game today. Mr. Bennetts began by talking about fishing derbies that are coming up this winter. The state park is looking at installing some boat slips at middle Thompson Lake at Logan State Park. He talked about how they would work as far as usage and reserving a slip. There are 91 camp sites in the chain of lakes not counting Logan State Park. Mr. Landstrom talked about the fishing in the Thompson Lakes. Tonya spoke about the wolves in the area. She brought an article from the Thompson Falls Ledger which states that the wolf numbers are down because there aren't many packs with pups this year. There isn't a concern about the prey animals as there appear to be increasing numbers in deer population. The group discussed the population of a few species in the Northwest corner of Montana. Jim Dunnigan talked about increased fish as a result of the Twin Rivers hatchery releasing fish.

1:30 PM: **Weasel Creek Estates Subdivision**, extension request: Lisa Oedewaldt, County Planner, presented the information on the subdivision. August 6, 2014, an extension was granted until September 30th with 4 conditions. Those 4 conditions have been met so they qualify for a one year extension. The planning staff recommends approval. The commissioners asked about the difference in the road angle and were told that it is minor. Commissioner Cole moved to approve a one year extension as recommended by planning staff and it carried.

1:36 PM: **Coffee Subdivision**, extension request: The preliminary plat expired in July, 2014, however they are requesting a 5 month extension in order to burn slash piles and make the property more fire wise. There is also work to be done on the road due to erosion and the bank sluffing onto the road. The extension would be to December 31, 2014. The group discussed the chances that the burning may not be available until January or February. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the extension until September 1, 2015 to allow for fire wise protection and clean-up. Commissioner Larson seconded and it carried.

2:10 PM: The commissioners read **the minutes of the October 1, 2014, meeting**. Commissioner Larson moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

2:15 PM: The commissioners were presented with the appointment of **Election Judges for the November 4, 2014 General Election**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the judges for the General Election and it carried. The commissioners signed the approval letters.

2:20 PM: **Correctional Risk Services, Inc.:** It is time to renew the Inmate Excess Medical Insurance and/or Claims Administration Management contract. This policy is through MACO and is insurance for medical costs for prisoners in the jail. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the contract for November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015 and it carried.

2:30 PM: **Jim Hayes:** Jim wants to talk to the commissioners about the speed limit on the Pipe Creek Road near the Red Dog Restaurant. Jim contacted the state and was told that he would need to begin at the County Commissioners. Jim talked about the dangers in the area. He gave examples of situations he had seen where children were nearly hit by vehicles. He also talked about how fast logging trucks come down the hill toward the Red Dog and people park across the street.

2:25 PM: **Superintendent of Schools:** Brady Selle, former Troy Superintendent, has filed a proposal for the contracted job of Lincoln County Superintendent of Schools.

3:00 PM: The commissioners received the **CTEP Project Agreement for the Highway 37 Path-North of Eureka**. The Montana Department of Transportation needs 2 signed copies of the agreement to begin the process. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the CTEP agreement and it carried. Commissioner Berget signed the two agreements.

3:05 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Anthony Berget, Chairman

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