

AUGUST 12, 2015

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 12, 2015 in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Greg Larson, Commissioner Mark Peck and Assistant Election Administrator Leigh Riggelman.

Commissioner Cole **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:30 AM – **Public Comment** - None

11:00 AM – **Fish, Wildlife and Parks/US Forest Service Update** – **Wayne Kasworm** discussed the release of a 2 year old male grizzly bear into the Cabinets last week. 2 more bears were captured in the month of July. Discussion about the recent grizzly bear attack in Yellowstone Park ensued, a sighting of a grizzly by Commissioner Cole and habits of grizzly bears in general. Commissioners were interested in putting out Public Information Notices, in conjunction with the FWP's intention to publish notices to the public, informing residents about the possibility of increased bear activity in neighborhood areas in the coming months as the bears food supply starts to diminish in the higher elevations.

1:00 PM – **DEQ – Junk Yard Permit** – **Kathi Hooper** here to answer any questions the Commissioners might have concerning this permit. In 2011, Bob Payne applied to have a 12 acre wrecking yard. DEQ approved a 3.1 piece as a wrecking yard. In an effort to come into compliance, Mr. Payne has requested that the 3.1 acre site change the boundaries to better accommodate the junkyard. Alternatives would be to approve the request today or to hold a public hearing on this issue. The public hearing would only be to approve the change of boundaries while keeping to the approved 3.1 acres. After inspection in October, if he does not comply with any citations that might be issued, his wrecking yard license would not be renewed. Commissioner Peck **moved** to schedule public hearing for August 26, 2015, Commissioner Larson seconded and so ordered by unanimous consent of the Board. Public Hearing to be scheduled for August 26, 2015 from 2:30 – 3:30 PM.

2:30 PM – **Ric Kesling – Lincoln County IT** – here to discuss an increase to IT Credit Card Limit from \$5000 to \$7500. The Commissioners all agreed that the increase was acceptable.

3:00 PM – **Fisher River Valley Fire Service Area Board** – Two letters of interest were received for the open position on the Fisher River Valley Fire Service Area Board. The 2 letters of interest are from Robin Swimley and Cheryl Roediger. A letter from the FRVFSa board Chairman, George Neils was also received with the recommendation that Mr. Swimley be appointed to fill the position. Commissioner Peck **moved** to accept Robin Swimley as a board member for the Fisher River Valley Fire Service Area, Commissioner Larson seconded and so ordered by unanimous consent of the Board.

3:30 PM – **Airport Board** – Two letters of interest were received for the open position on the Airport Board. The 2 letters of interest are from Martha G. Hendrickson and Peter Kitts. Commissioner Peck **moved** to accept Martha G. Hendrickson as a member for the Airport Board, Commissioner Larson seconded and so ordered by unanimous consent of the Board.

4:00 PM – **Troy Dispatch Complaint** - **Hank LaSala and Heather McDougall** were here to discuss Troy Dispatch complaint. Commissioner Peck asked Mr. LaSala exactly where he was coming from. He would like the current board to sit down and look at the entirety of the Troy Dispatch and that it's gotten completely off track of why it was originally formed. He feels that it functions basically for the City of Troy and would like to see dissolution of the Troy Dispatch District. Ms. McDougall is concerned with large amounts of taxpayer money that is being spent on upgrades to the District, especially if the district is dissolved and absorbed into the Lincoln County Sheriff's system. Mr. LaSala said that the way he reads the law for dissolution is that there needs to be a resolution and that, when put on the ballot, it needs the approval of 40% of the taxpayers. Discussion followed talking about if each piece of property is considered an individual vote or if it means 1 taxpayer – 1 vote and. Ms. McDougall asked if the County Attorney gave a definitive answer and the Commissioners said that they do have an opinion from Mr. Cassidy, but are waiting for an answer from MACO. Mr. LaSala feels that the matter should be settled sooner rather than later but agrees with the Commissioners that it is better to make sure that the process is all done by the book and within the law. Mr. LaSala would be satisfied with a determination of the 40 percent rule

but, because it's a combined City of Troy and Troy Rural area there is an inter-local agreement and the agreement needs to be looked at for dissolution purposes.

**Administrative Business –**

10:30 AM - Commissioner Peck **moved** to approve the minutes of August 5, 2015 with recommended changes. Commissioner Larson seconded and so ordered by unanimous consent of the board.

1:30 – An informational letter was read from Peter Leusch from the Headwaters Restoration Partnership Project letting people know that there will be a survey conducted along the Yaak River to assess and help identify susceptibility of bank erosion.

2:15 PM - Wendy Drake discussed **Resolution 945** concerning year end budget authority for the 2014-2015 budget year. Commissioners wanted explanations about the adjustments listed. Commissioner Larson **moved** to approve Resolution NO. 945, Commissioner Peck seconded and so moved by unanimous consent of the Board.

Ms. Drake also told the Commissioners that the Permissive Medical Levy, Airport Construction and Eureka Cemetery need additional funds. Recommended to be taken out of PILT: 2900 272 420110 350. Discussion ensued about how to limit these types of adjustments and how to be more careful about how PILT is spent. The Commissioners agreed to take the money from PILT for the Permissive Medical Levy and Airport construction and to loan the Eureka Cemetery budget the funds to balance. Commissioner Peck **moved** to approve taking \$4,901.46 for the Permissive Medical Levy and \$6,138.09 for the Airport Construction out of: 2900 272 420110 350 and to loan Eureka Cemetery District \$3,339.25. Commissioner Larson seconded, and so moved by unanimous consent of the Board.

4:45 PM – **Meeting Adjourned**