

March 2, 2011

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on March 2, 2011 in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

9:00 AM: Commissioner Roose **called the meeting to order** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 AM: **KNF, Paul Stantus and Janice Bouma**: Paul opened with the projects that are currently under way through ARRA. A large majority of them will continue this summer, the largest of which is the McGillivray campground which was nearly 1 million dollars. Many other projects are ready to begin again this spring. Commissioner Berget asked for an update for the mines. EPA is not making it easy for the projects. There are many different organizations involved and part of the problem is the scheduling of all groups together. Janice talked about some litigation going on and contracts in process.

10:00 AM: **Bob Caldwell**: Bob is the president of the Lincoln County Tourism Coalition. He has some information on an offer he received from KXLY in Spokane. He is meeting with businesses to find out how much support he can get from local owners. There were a lot of questions about the program and the offer. Bob will get more information.

10:35 AM: **Administrative Issues**: The Commissioners talked with Bill about some letters that needed to be written.

11:15 AM: The Commissioners went to a closed session to discuss **personnel issues**.

11:25 AM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the February 23, 2011 meeting**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

11:30 AM: The Commissioners signed the agreement for the annual **contract for the Extension Services** with the state.

11:35 AM: The commissioners talked about the **Grizzly Bear study**. They have received one donation so far. Lincoln County would like to commit to a donation of up to \$50,000.00. Commissioner Berget moved to approve a donation of up to \$50,000 and it carried. This will be paid out of PILT.

1:30 PM: The Commissioners had a phone conversation with **Joe Maurier, the State Director of the Fish Wildlife and Parks**. He will be meeting with Commissioner Berget and Commissioner Downey on Monday the 7th in Helena concerning the Grizzly Bear Study.

1:36 PM: The Commissioners had a phone conference about the **landfill and sheriff's department unions** with Dan Johns, Attorney. Dan talked about the issues that are holding up the contracts.

2:00 PM: The Commissioners signed a letter of termination for the contract of the **Employee Assistant program with APS Healthcare**.

2:05 PM: **Lincoln County Fair Board** has requested that Betty Mack, Shelly Fisher, Mike Cole and Sandra Fulgham be reappointed to the board and that Leslie Graves be appointed to replace Valerie Hogan who resigned in December. Joe Chupp has resigned from the Board as he has moved to North Dakota. Commissioner Berget moved to accept the appointment and reappointments to the County Fair Board and it carried.

2:30 PM: **Lynette Starling and Mike Cole, Fair Board**: Mike began by saying that they are going over their budget figures for the year and have some issues. Their budget is short of what they need to maintain last year's programs. Lynette made a spread sheet of the cash balances and the budget balances. Commissioner Berget mentioned that the budgets may get very tight and cuts were made last year and will be made again this next fiscal year.

3:30 PM: **Roby Bowe** came to tell the Commissioners about Winnie Orr that gave the leadership seminar last summer is coming back in March.

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Marianne Roose, Chairman

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