

**May 11, 2011**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on May 11, 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: **Greg Jackson, MACO insurance renewal:** Greg explained the current problem in Gallatin County. He went over the statistics that affect the insurance premiums. Greg showed the figures for Lincoln County over the past 5 years. He talked about any changes for the upcoming year.

10:00 AM: **EPA Update:** EPA personnel present are Victor Kettlepper, Bill Murray, Steve Warden, Mike Cirian and Libby Faulk. Others present are Kathi Hooper, Brent Shrum and Mel Parker. Mike spoke about the crews that started last week. He also gave an update about the landfill and OU1. He spoke about the plan for the upcoming months. Victor talked about the contracts for the current season. Victor talked about the public meeting last week. He asked if the commissioners had heard anything about the meeting. The only comments have been about watering the lawns before mowing. Victor talked about the Rainy Creek road issue with Mr. Parker. Commissioner Berget talked about the county road history. Mr. Parker gave his argument about the Rainy Creek road. Bill said that he took notes and will take the issue back to Denver and they will think about the options.

11:00 AM: **Roby Bowe, Sheriff:** Roby came to talk to the Commissioners about information he has received at meetings he had recently.

1:30 PM: **Osler (Higle)-Dickey Lake Lakeshore application:** The application has been before the planning board. All agencies have given their input on it. The drawing has been revised and the planning board recommends approved with the new drawing. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the lakeshore permit and it carried.

2:15 PM: The commissioners signed a letter to the Montana Department of Transportation that supports the application submitted by the Kootenai National Forest to designate a portion of **Highway 37 adjoining Lake Koocanusa as a Scenic Byway**. Commissioner Downey moved to support the application and it carried.

2:18 PM: The commissioners signed **Resolution No. 855 proclaiming May as Mental Health Month**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the Resolution and it carried.

2:20 PM: The Commissioners signed a letter to the Forest Service concerning the **National Forest System Planning Rule**.

2:23 PM: The **GIS hardware** is becoming a problem so Ric has found a new server to replace it. This will be paid out of the GIS fund. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the expenditure and it carried.

2:25 PM: There was a discussion about the **Title III** monies and the RAC amount of those funds.

2:30 PM: **Dan Williams, Weed Department:** Dan has grant papers for Commissioner Roose to sign on the Tansy Ragwort, Biological Control Project and Skeletonweed Management. Commissioner Roose signed the grant papers. He also has a Participation Agreement with the Forest Service for signature and Commissioner Roose signed it. Dan had a grant application and agreement for a grant to drill at well at the Weed Shop. The Commissioners read Resolution #856 which is a resolution providing for the Re-Organization of the Lincoln County Weed District Board.

2:48 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes and it carried.

2:53 PM: The **Wilderness Plateau Water and Sewer Board** is asking for approval of Don Johnston, Peggy Smith and Brady Selle to the Board. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the appointment and it carried.

3:00 PM: **John Shanahan, CEO for Revett Mine:** John has Tim Lindsey and Al Appleton with him today. He had come before the commissioners on July 28, 2010. Today he has come to update the commissioners on what has happened at the mine since then. They currently employ 192 people at the mine. There was a discussion about the environment vs. the mine and all the things Revett is doing to maintain the beautiful Montana forests. Tim is from Lincoln County; Al is originally from Spokane so the beauty of the area is personal for them.

3:55 PM: **Budget discussion** with Tammy about the upcoming year and getting started on it.

4:20 PM: **Vic White and Marc McCully:** Libby Creek is getting very high and Vic and Marc are concerned about the area off of Dawson Street and Vicks Drive. The road crew used their dozer on the creek to help vend off a flood.

4:30 PM: The Commissioners discussed the **HRSA funds**.

4:35 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

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Marianne Roose, Chairman

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