

August 1, 2012

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 1, 2012, 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 **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 AM: **Forest Service Update:** Paul Bradford, Kootenai National Forest Supervisor, talked about the Forest Plan Revision and he updated the commissioners on the Grizzly Bear Access Amendment. They are through the appeal process however; a 60 day notice of intent to sue has been filed. Paul also gave an update on Vegetation Management Proposals and current litigation. He talked about progress on the Mining proposals. Paul gave the commissioners printouts on the 2012 fire season thus far.

10:00 AM: **Montana Department of Transportation:** The MDOT has done a speed study on the Yaak Highway. At one time the speed limit had been changed in the Sylvanite School area; however it is no longer a school. Therefore, the MDOT recommends the county remove the current 45 MPH sign and have the speed limit returned to 70 MPH. The commissioners agreed the reduced speed is no longer necessary.

10:30 AM: **Ed Levert County Forester Update:** Ed told the commissioners about three grants the Libby area is receiving for Wildfire Protection. He can use the work he is doing through the Title III program as the in-kind match for these grants. He talked about a few of the projects currently being done for Fire Wise Safety. There will be a presentation of a revised Community Wildlife Protection Plan proposed at the County Planning Meeting on August 21, 2012.

11:00 AM: **Bernie Cassidy, County Attorney:** Bernie wishes to discuss his budget and some increases he wants to see in his department. The commissioners will take the requests into consideration.

11:30 AM: **Tim Orthmayer, Morrison Maierle:** Tim has paperwork for the Libby Airport project that needs to be signed by the commissioners. Commissioner Roose signed the papers. There was a discussion about the Forest Service speaking to the commissioners about a possibility of lengthening the runway to allow for larger firefighting equipment landing there.

1:30 PM: **Kathi Hooper, Landfill:** Kathi has some concerns about her personnel in the Landfill departments. She discussed these concerns with the commissioners and presented three possible solutions.

1:45 PM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the July 25, 2012, meeting**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

1:50 PM: The **Western Montana Area 6 Agency on Aging** sent a contract modification to the 2012 CSFP contract which increases the monthly reimbursement. Commissioner Roose signed the modification.

2:00 PM: **Resolution #882** is a resolution which amends the FY 11-12 **budget to correct** negative funds in the nurse's department budget. This resolution requires a transfer from PILT of \$14,600. Commissioner Downey moved to approve Resolution 882 and the transfer from PILT and it carried.

2:15 PM: There was a discussion about the **Grizzly Bear Study** and funding. Commissioner Berget is working on writing some letters to organizations that have promised to donate funds. At this time there is an invoice for \$320,000 and only \$111,000 in the fund. The commissioners talked about some options for loaning the funds from PILT.

2:30 PM: **Trihydro Corporation** has compiled a Land Use Restrictions Report from the Asbestos Resource Program for Libby Amphibole for the City/County Health Board. Each commissioner received a copy.

2:40 PM: The **Boyd Hill Cemetery Advisory Board** has appointed an entirely new board. The new board consists of Charles Leidigh, Chairman, Mark Lawson, Jane Sosa, Camille Leidigh and Amy Lawson. The commissioners tabled the appointments to give them time to talk to a couple of the members.

3:30 PM: The commissioners and the clerk and recorder had a discussion about the **budgets for FY 12/13**.

3:40 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Marianne Roose, Chairman

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