

August 8, 2012

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 8, 2012, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Deputy Clerk and Recorder Leigh Riggleman.

9:25 AM: Commissioner Roose **called meeting to order** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:30 AM: **Stephen FRACUL:** Steve wants to promote a finer art show in Libby and Troy. Fracul suggested that he might set up at the Troy Museum or establish local artists paying a fee to set up there and he has been working with Commissioner Downey on that. Commissioner Berget said he would talk to Christie Ellwood to put local artists in touch to organize some type of fine arts show with high quality product. Fracul is willing to be instrumental in organizing some event and wants to have it in place by very early spring.

10:00 AM: **EPA UPDATE** – Present are Mike Cerian, Rebecca Thomas John Poloninsky and Christina Proggess. Victor Kettlepper and Libby Faulk are on conference phone. Rebecca began by speaking about Site wide issues. She spoke about comparative exposure studies, collecting samples on federal/forest service land, collecting 5 gallon buckets of soil and samples of ambient air samples in Lincoln County and other parts of the country. Commissioner Berget said the grass is not doing well on the soccer fields. EPA tests soil to make sure soil is good for grass. Christina spoke about fish studies along Rainy Creek which is the collection of fish to evaluate lesions from exposure. Human health risk assessment is also underway for surface water sampling during high flow and low flow water and sediment sampling. She also spoke about sampling for logging areas. Mike talked about the J Neils Park water source. It's not quite in place, but will have an 11,000 gallon tank and a concrete pad to be poured so that the tank will only have to be set once. It should benefit fire departments and other entities as well as EPA. The Neighborhood approach is going well and additional investigation teams needed to be brought in to keep construction crews busy. Two mobile home parks were cleaned this year. This year the 1 millionth yard of soil moved will be hit by the end of the week. They are performing ambient air samplings for structure fires by giving monitors the Fire Department and training them to use equipment. They need at least 3 structure fires to get good sampling so it may take a while. John gave an update on the Troy project.

11:00 AM: The Commissioners went into a closed session to discuss **personnel matters**.

1:30 PM: **Elk Haven Hideaway**, Condition Amendment and Final Plat Approval: There is one minor change in the buffer of the riverbank. Commissioner Berget motioned to amend and approve and it carried.

1:45 PM: **Planning Board Appointment:** – Kirsten Holland and Josh Letcher submitted applications for appointment to replace Frank Dierman on the Planning Board in the Eureka area. Kristen said that Frank's presence will be missed on the board. Commissioner Downey moved to appoint **Kirsten Holland to the Planning Board** and it carried.

1:50 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the August 1, 2012 meeting**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes with a correction in wording and it carried.

2:00 PM: **Eric Kleptor, Montanore Update:** There has been letter submitted from Natural Resource Committee (House in DC) asking questions and wanting to be included. He gave the letter from Commissioners to the Committee. He is keeping in touch with all congressional delegation. Baucus has sent a letter to Interior office and Forest Service indicating the need to expedite it. He indicated that he was happy with the response the trip to DC generated. He is disappointed in mitigation and response to the cooperative program efforts.

2:10 PM: The commissioners received a request from the **Libby Park Board** to reappoint Coral Cummings and Jim Germany and to appoint Lee Brundin to the board. Commissioner Berget moved on appointment of Libby Park Board members and it carried.

2:20 PM: Commissioners accepted and approved a letter of **resignation** from **Michael and Bette Conte of the McCormick Rural Volunteer Fire Board**.

2:30 PM: **Roger Cox, County Investments:** Roger talked about the current market and how to maximize interest earnings with consideration to losses. Rita Windom has suggested that Commissioners should start a discussion at MACO meetings in September to change portfolio investment laws with legislators.

3:25 PM: The **meeting was adjourned** to allow for a City-County Health Board Meeting.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Marianne Roose, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Leigh Riggleman, Clerk of the Board