

February 29, 2012

The Lincoln County Commissioners met for a regular session on February 29, 2012, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Berget is out of town on business.

10:00 AM: Commissioner Roose **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:00 AM: **Kathi Hooper, Sanitarian:** Kathi has been working on revising the Lincoln County Dog Ordinance. Specifically today they would like to have an emergency ordinance to allow a penalty for operating dog kennels, as they have a serious problem right now that is endangering the lives of several dogs. Commissioner Downey moved to approve Resolution #869 for an emergency ordinance that allows a fine for violations of the ordinance and it carried. Kathi presented a Truck Wreck Local Protocol for Commissioner Roose to sign. This is a protocol for distressed foods and other consumer products resulting from a transportation accident or other emergency.

10:20 AM: **Troy Rural Fire District Board** is requesting that Herb Gregory and Harold Etienne be reappointed to the board for another term. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the reappointment and it carried.

10:30 AM: **Vic White, EMA Director:** Vic is here to review the Pre-disaster mitigation plan for approval. The plan is for any disaster that may threaten Lincoln County. This plan has been a collaborative effort with many agencies. Vic outlined the plan. Commissioner Downey moved to accept the plan and it carried. Vic talked about the odor testing at the Eureka Annex. The tests revealed that the smell was coming from carbon dioxide due to the fresh air vents being inadequate for the heating system. The threat is over, however, they will continue to look for answers to add more fresh air. Vic is looking at a pre-warming system for the fresh air to allow for less stress on the heating system. Commissioner Downey moved to approve up to \$5000 for a system if Vic finds one he feels is practical and it carried.

10:55 AM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the February 22, 2012, meeting**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

11:00 AM: **Nancy Trotter Higgins, County Treasurer:** Nancy has been researching the different options for the county to begin accepting credit card payments for taxes. She is recommending one company over the others. Other departments in the county can use this service as well. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the recommended company of Montana Interactive and allow Nancy to pursue a contract with them and it carried. Nancy also discussed Mobile Homes that have taxes due but are no longer in the county. The department of revenue has verified this. The total taxes that are not collectable are \$3,767.53. Commissioner Downey moved to allow Nancy to delete these from the tax rolls and it carried. Nancy cited MCA 7-6-612, 2a, saying that "the Treasurer shall make a detailed monthly report to the governing body of the county of all receipts, disbursements, debt, and other proceedings". Nancy presented the cash and balancing reports she does each month for the commissioners to review. They agreed that she could bring this report quarterly rather than monthly.

Bill brought a quote from Ken Boyd, Maintenance Supervisor, about the remodeling project for the Treasurer's department. Commissioner Downey moved to give Ken permission to go forward with the remodeling process and it carried.

1:30 PM: **Steve Lauer, Fire Marshal Libby Rural Fire District:** Tom Wood and Ed Levert are also present. Steve is working on fire wise evaluations in the district. The area he is currently concerned with is the property behind the Libby Middle School which is Forest Service property. This property is heavily wooded and there are structures all around it. Steve and Tom have met with many of the property owners around the area to inform them about the fire wise concerns. The reason they have come today is because the County has property that adjoins that Forest Service property as well. Commissioner Downey moved to support the fire wise movement of the LRFD by the Ski Dale Park and it carried. The Commissioners signed a letter of support.

1:40 PM: **Title III Funds:** The distribution on Title III funds had been decided earlier this year however, less money was received than anticipated so the county will need to adjust the amount that will be given to the entities. These amounts are based on prioritized recommendations by the Fire Co-op. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the adjustments as recommended and it carried.

1:50 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Marianne B. Roose, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board