

October 10, 2012

The Lincoln County Commissioners met for a regular session on October 10, 2012, in the Lincoln County courthouse. Present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Marianne Roose is on vacation.

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

10:00 AM: **EPA Update:** Victor Kettlepper, John Poloninsky, Liz Pluger and Christine Progress are present today. Rebecca began by speaking about the site wide update. The background study is ongoing for ambient air and ABS. She spoke about upcoming Libby Legacy Classes. The EPA and Kathi Hooper, Sanitarian, have had a meeting this week about the wood waste at the landfills and may have a solution soon. The Riverfront Park site (OU1) is complete and so is the Screening Plant (OU2). The sampling of the Mine site is complete this winter. The construction season is coming to an end for this year. Christina talked about sampling on water, trees, and wildlife. John talked about the Troy area sampling which will continue this winter. There was a discussion about the 5000% article in the paper and when there would be a public meeting about it. Victor said they talked about it in the public meeting in May. Rebecca said that the 5000 number came from WR Grace not EPA and she is not sure where it came from and the person who wrote the article never contacted EPA for comment.

11:00 AM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the September 19, 2012 and October 3, 2012 meetings**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes from both meetings and it carried.

3:00 PM: **Columbia Basin Water Treaty:** Debra Kozak, Councillor of the city of Nelson, British Columbia, Canada talked about the treaty. She said that the Treaty has been used around the county as an example. Cindy from Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada added that climate change predications make the treaty more prevalent. Both ladies stressed good communication between Canada and Idaho and Montana. Commissioner Berget gave them Senator Chas Vincent's phone number because he has been working on water rights issues with the tribal authorities. Mayor Doug Roll stressed the Libby Dam effects on the rivers in our area.

3:45PM: The commissioners received an agreement for Legal Services from Sean Goicoechea for legal services for the lawsuit where **William G. Clark v Lincoln County**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the agreement and it carried.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tony Berget, Acting Chairman

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