

July 31, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on July 31, 2013 in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Commissioner Mike Cole, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

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

10:00 AM: **Nancy Higgins, County Treasurer:** Nancy gave her monthly update of the investments and cash balances for the county.

10:30 AM: **Dr. Larry Alexander:** Dr. Alexander lives on Edgewater Drive in the summers and Virginia in winters. He would like to address the old Haul Bridge for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. He would love to see the bridge and the approach to the bridge repaired to save traffic on the Kootenai Bridge on Highway 37. He called the Haul Bridge a "treasure" to our area. Commissioner Berget promised Dr. Alexander that he will make sure these repairs take place to better the Haul Bridge.

10:40 AM: **Jim Muskovich, MACO Loss Control Specialist:** Jim introduced himself as the newest Loss Control Specialist for MACO. He said one of his first tasks has been jail claims. Jim said this winter he would like to revise the Loss Control Manual that has not been updated since 1992.

11:05 AM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes with an amendment and it carried.

11:10 AM: The commissioners signed a **letter to United States Entity Treaty Reviewers** concerning the Columbia River Treaty with Canada.

11:15 AM: The commissioners were presented with a list of funds that received income that was not anticipated in the original budget. Commissioner Cole moved to accept **Resolution #894** which provides for revision of budgets for adjustment to the expenditures for revenue received and it carried.

1:30 PM: **Kimball Subdivision**, 2 lots, COS 1019, Sec 2, T26N R29W, Commissioner review: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, presented the subdivision which is a minor subdivision near Happy's Inn. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the preliminary plat as per planning staff recommendation and it carried.

1:40 PM: **Combs Family Transfer:** Travis and Cynthia Combs of Rexford are requesting that they transfer a 3.7 acres parcel to his father Gary Combs. There is no apparent evasion of subdivision. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the family transfer and it carried.

1:45 PM: **Launius Family Transfer:** Brian Launius is requesting to transfer a 1 acres parcel to his mother Ruby Watkins. There is no evidence of subdivision evasion. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the family transfer according to planning staff recommendation and it carried.

1:50 PM: **Nieuwsman Family Transfer:** Robert and Cynthia Nieuwsman are requesting to transfer a 6.35 acre portion of their property to their son Zachary Nieuwsman. There is no apparent evasion of subdivision. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the family transfer per planning staff recommendation and it carried.

2:10 PM: **Vic White, EMA:** Vic brought Martha Smith, District Representative for Montana Department of Emergency Services, to meet the commissioners and talk about Wildfire issues for Lincoln County. Martha told the commissioners what is expected of them and what their duties are if a wildfire occurs in Lincoln County. Martha praised Vic and Lisa for their proactive work in the Emergency Management department.

2:55 PM: The commissioners discussed the **contract with Noel Williams**. Noel has been contracted by the commissioners for several years to go to Forest meetings and represent the county and to write letters for the commissioners. Due to budget cuts it has become hard to keep this contract active. Commissioner Downey moved to discontinue the contract with Noel Williams and it carried. Commissioner Berget will contact Noel and let him know.

3:05 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Anthony Berget, Chairman

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