

**June 12, 2013**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on June 12, 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.

9:30 AM: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:30 AM: **Tim Orthmeyer, Morrison Maierle**: Tim updated the commissioners about the airport grant he is working on for the Libby Airport. The environmental study has been put on hold while they do a Master Plan Study instead. The studies are to determine the validity of extending the runway at the Libby Airport. Tim told that \$265,200 is the total cost of the studies. The county would be responsible for a match of 10% which would be \$26,520. The county match is not an additional cost because there are funds in the Airport Construction account to pay it. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the new study and the additional cost and it carried.

10:00 AM: **EPA Update**: Rebecca Thomas, EPA, on the conference phone, spoke about the Troy Landfill Wood Waste issue. All tests have come back non-detect, they have reported that to the DEQ and now are waiting for an answer from them and then will suggest a best management process of how to deal with the waste. Rebecca was told that the commissioners would like to be a part of the discussion of how to dispose of the waste. Commissioner Downey stated that he had seen three fires burning in the canyon between Troy and Libby this morning. These are Forest Service fires that are burning the same materials that are in the burn pile at the landfill. Commissioner Downey questioned why this is different from the wood waste but he did not receive an answer. The Asbestos Resource Program negotiations are getting much closer to being resolved. Liz Prograss talked about the studies from last year that are continuing this summer. Mike Cirian talked about the construction season this year. They are on line for the 85 clean ups they are intending to do this year. John Podolinsky, DEQ, talked about the Troy site and that they have 15 removals scheduled this year. The Director of Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Tracy Stone Madden is in attendance today.

10:55 AM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the June 5, 2013 meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

11:00 AM: **FWP/USFW**: The Fish Wildlife and Parks representatives were unable to attend today.

1:30 PM: **Dan Dinning, Commissioner Boundary County, Idaho**: Secured Rural Schools funding was only funded for one year last time so it may not be funded again. In July 2011, "Communities Forest Trust" was formed as a pilot project to compliment SRS and community Self Determination Act Reauthorization. It was proposed by Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Shoshone and Valley Counties in Idaho. Dan brought this project to show the commissioners. The Lincoln County Commissioners asked what they can do to help this effort. Dan said that education of public figures would be very helpful. Jim Riley, Riley and Associates, has been involved in the legislative part of it. The Idaho State legislature passed a resolution supporting this trust and the Idaho Governor has signed on as well. The group called Sanders County Commissioners to tell them of the project and arrange for a meeting with all of them. They named July 11<sup>th</sup> as a tentative date for the meeting.

2:30 PM: **Weed Department grant** for Tangsy Ragwort named Bill Chalgren as the Contractor. Commissioner Cole moved to approve Bill as the contractor and it carried.

2:35 PM: The commissioners signed a **letter to the Cabinet View Fire Service Area** concerning the debts and assets of the dissolved FSA.

2:45 PM: The commissioners had a **phone conference** with attorneys concerning litigation against the county.

4:15 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

#### **LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board