

**October 8, 2013**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a **special session** on October 8, 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: **Judge Jay Sheffield:** Judge Sheffield was asked to come before the commissioners to discuss the possibility of Lincoln County reducing the number of Justice of the Peace to one from two. Judge Sheffield voiced his opinion on the change and his thoughts for how it would work. He believes the work could be done solely in Libby, by statue at the county seat, and by one judge.

11:00 AM: **Ron Higgins, Superintendent of Schools:** The commissioners have discussed combining the position of Superintendent of Schools with another elected position for a few years. Ron has stated that he no longer intends to run for that office so this appears to be a good time to take that action. Ron gave his opinion on the change and his thoughts for the future of the department. The group discussed the things that are working in other counties doing the same thing.

11:30 AM: **Nancy Higgins, Treasurer:** Nancy would be a likely person to absorb the position of the Superintendent of Schools, partly because she worked in that office prior to being elected Treasurer. The commissioners wanted to talk to her about the possibilities.

1:30 PM: **Nick Smith, Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities:** The commissioners attended a presentation by Nick Smith at the Ponderosa Room.

3:30 PM: The Commissioners attended the **City-County Health Board Meeting**.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

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