

September 18, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 18, 2013, in the Eureka Annex of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Ron Downey, Commissioner Mike Cole, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Tony Berget is on vacation.

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

10:00 AM: **Ed Levert, County Forester:** Title III funds need to be obligated by September 30, 2013, and Ed has some suggestions for the use of those funds. For Fiscal Year 2013/2014 the budget allows for Planning, Search and Rescue and Fire Wise Projects. Ed proposed the remaining funds for Fire Wise projects in the next fiscal year which would mean that the current fiscal year will be the final year for money available for Planning and Search and Rescue. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the appropriation of funds for the remaining Title III money as discussed to Planning, Search and Rescue and Fire Wise projects over the next 12 to 18 months. The motion carried. The Stakeholders have agreed to come up with some match money for the study that Ed discussed with the commissioners last week. The total is \$30,000, he is asking for \$15,000 from Title III money. Commissioner Cole expressed his appreciation of Ed's efforts for the matching funds.

10:30 AM: **Kathi Hooper, County Sanitarian:** There is a new ordinance to replace the current Community Decay Ordinance concerning litter or garbage on properties. This new Litter Control Ordinance has a penalty and time frames for offences that the old ordinance lacked. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the Litter Ordinance and it carried. This is the first reading and adoption of the ordinance. A second reading and public hearing will be scheduled to take comment.

11:00 AM: **Water Compact discussion:** Representative Jerry Bennett began the meeting by introducing Kate and Terri who have been traveling Montana speaking about the Water Compact. Terri Backs said she represents Concerned Citizens of Western Montana who have dedicated themselves to getting information out about the Water Compact for Flathead Lake. Dr. Kate Vandermore has joined this movement to question the validity of the compact. She said Federal Reserve Water rights should only address the water on a reservation. The off-reservation parts of the compact alarm Dr. Kate the most.

1:30 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

Kristin Smith, Planning Director, is presenting the Planning items by conference phone:

1:50 PM: **Franke Family Transfer:** Bonnie J. Franke is requesting to transfer a portion of her property to her son, Matthew C. Franke. The gift parcel is approximately 20 acres and he already has a house on it. There is no sign of evasion of subdivision. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the family transfer and it carried.

1:55 PM: **Ionescu Family Transfer:** Serban and Raluca Ionescu wish to transfer a portion of their property to each of their daughters, Alexandra, Illinca and Monica. There is no evidence of evasion. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the family transfer and it carried.

1:58 PM: **Home on the Range II Subdivision, final plat:** The developer has met all of the conditions of approval. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the final plat according to planning staff recommendation and it carried.

2:00 PM: **South Doxie Subdivision, extension request:** The developer is requesting a one year extension to complete a road access. Most of the improvements have been completed. Planning staff recommends a one year extension. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the extension of the preliminary plat until 9-15-14 and it carried.

2:04 PM: **Heavenly View Subdivision, extension request:** The developer is requesting a one year extension due to health issues. Most of the improvements have been completed. Planning staff recommends a one year extension. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the extension of the preliminary plat until 10-27-14 and it carried.

2:06 PM: **Hutton Court Ordered Division:** This is on the estate of Kenneth Hutton. The property will be divided into 4 parcels. The planning finds no reason for objection of this court order. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the court ordered division and it carried.

2:07 PM: **Lincoln County Planning Board:** Kristin Smith, Planning Director, has a new person for the position for the Troy representative to the Planning Board. Jody Peterson has applied. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the appointment of Jody Peterson and it carried.

2:15 PM: The commissioners addressed some administrative issues including a conference call from **Representative Daines** this afternoon concerning Secured Rural Schools funds.

2:30 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

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Ron Downey, Acting Chairman

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