

September 4, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 4, 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.

9:50 AM: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:52 AM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the August 28, 2013 meeting**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

10:00 AM: **Port Authority**: Paul Rumelhart and Brigid Burke have come to speak to the commissioners about a loan for improvements on the building that the LiV Golf Cars business will be using. These improvements will be paid for by a Big Sky Trust Fund Grant but will be paid back according to the number of employees. Paul feels that the loan will be paid by October, 2015. These funds will be used solely for infrastructure improvements at the Port Authority site. Commissioner Downey moved to approve a loan to the Port Authority for a period of 2 years from the PILT fund with no interest and it carried. A loan contract will be drawn up and signed this week and the funds will be disbursed to them at that time. Brigid presented the commissioners with Budgetary Authority Resolution #898 for the appropriation of the \$400,000 CDBG Grant disbursement. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the Resolution and it carried.

11:00 AM: **Kootenai Stakeholder Coalition Proposal**: Lincoln County Forester Ed Levert, Senator Chas Vincent, Tim Dougherty, Idaho Forest Group and Paul McKenzie, Stoltz Lumber have come to speak to the commissioner on behalf of the Kootenai Stakeholders. The group presented the commissioners with a Coalition Proposal. The proposal is to use Title III funds to hire a consulting firm, Mason-Bruce-Girard to analyze the data used in the model used by the KNF to determine if the allowable sale quota of 70MMBF could be realized and even better is 90 MMBF could be reached. Paul stated that this study is very important. He had hoped the USFS would do the study but it is apparent that it will not happen. Commissioner Berget wondered if other organizations could contribute to the \$30,000 for the proposal. Ed talked about others they could ask. It was agreed that they would get together

11:30 AM: **Denning, Downey & Associates, P.C.** have been the county external auditor for years. The commissioners discussed the value of the relationship with Denning and Downey and their satisfaction with their service. The commissioners were presented with a new three year contract for Denning Downey & Associates. Commissioner Downey moved to renew the contract for three years and it carried.

11:35 AM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Anthony Berget, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
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