

**July 30, 2014**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on July 30, 2014, 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 report on the cash balances and investments for the county. She spoke about the interest rates that the investments are currently earning. Nancy also brought the Mobile Home taxes 5 years delinquent or deactivated. There are 3 in Eureka that have not been collected. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the deletion of those taxes and it carried. Nancy spoke about the transition of the Superintendent of Schools into her office later this year. She is encouraged by the plan to advertise for the contracted position.

10:30 AM: **Floodplain Program for Lincoln County:** Lisa Oedewaldt is here today with Marijo Brady, FEMA Natural Hazards Program Specialist, Region VIII, Mitigation Division. Marijo praised Lisa's participation in the program and her dedication to the program. Marijo explained the program in Montana. Marijo talked about a routine to regularly monitor the floodplains in Lincoln County. There is a need to discover any man-made changes in the floodplain. The group discussed what can be found if regular monitors are performed. Marijo talked more about the benefits of finding the floodplain offenses and correcting them. Commissioner Berget said he agrees that Lisa and Vic White, EMA do a wonderful job but he doesn't feel like they get a great deal of backing from FEMA on local issues. He spoke of a particular case that has been ongoing for at least three years. Marijo said that she hears from property owners that are not happy with local floodplain management however, it is up to the locals to enforce the rules. She said FEMA cannot force communities to enforce the rules however there are consequences for not joining such as potentially not qualifying for home loans and not able to qualify for flood insurance. The group discussed the options for LOMARs and LOMAs to help property owners avoid floodplains and floodplain insurance. These reports can be very expensive. Lisa said she will develop a plan to monitor the floodplain soon.

11:00 AM: **Lincoln County Senior Citizen' Council:** Ron Higgins, John Knudson and Bonny Peterson are here to meet with the commissioners about a mill levy increase for the Senior Citizens. They currently receive 1.25 mills as a result of a vote in 2000 however that amount is not sufficient to meet the needs of the three centers. They have a petition that has been signed by more than 150 people that is requesting that the commissioners allow a levy on the ballot in November for an increase of 1.25 mills for a total of 2.5 mills. In addition, the council met with the Lincoln County Transportation representative and they no longer require part of the Senior Citizen's mills. Therefore, the Senior Centers will receive the entire 2.5 mills. Ron Higgins presented the commissioners with a Resolution to sign today to allow the issue to be on the ballot. Commissioner Cole moved to approve **Resolution #921** which allows the Senior Citizens mill levy to be put on the November, 2014 ballot and it carried. The wording to be presented to the County Attorney for approval is as follows:

SHALL THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE A LEVY OF 2 ½ MILLS TAXED ANNUALLY RATHER THAN THE 1 ¼ MILLS CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATION OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTERS.

FOR ADDITIONAL LEVY OF 1.25 MILLS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS  
AGAINST ADDITIONAL LEVY OF 1.25 MILLS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

11:30 AM: The **Bull Lake Fire Department** is asking to annex five properties owned by The Briskin Family Trust and one owned by Douglas Watson into their area. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the annexation of the properties and it carried.

11:35 AM: The State of Montana, **Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division**, has issued the lease agreement for the building across the street from the courthouse. The commissioners had voted to accept the lease at an earlier date and now are signing the final document.

11:40 AM: **The Troy Dispatch Board** is requesting that Clint Taylor be appointed to fill a vacancy on that board. Clint has been on the board before. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the appointment of Clint Taylor to the Troy Dispatch Board and it carried.

11:45 AM: The commissioners signed a statement of ownership for the Montana Department of Administration, State Information Technology Services Division verification of **Motorola trunking equipment on King Mountain, Blue Mountain and Pinkham Mountain and the dispatch console that is located in the Sheriff's Dispatch Center in Libby.** Vic White, EMA Director will send the statement to the state.

11:46 AM: 11:46 AM: The commissioners are presented with **Resolution #922** which is a resolution reaffirming the intent of the county as to ownership of the cranes that were purchased for infrastructure development at the Kootenai Business Park and installation in the former Stinger Welding building for rental to Stinger Welding under the Community Development Block Grant No. MT0CDBG-ED09-03 and Big Sky Trust Fund Grant No. MT-BSTF-1-10-01. This resolution is stating that Lincoln County intended that LCPA would own the cranes, and assigns the right to pursue any and all such

interest or claims in the court action to resolve the ownership of the cranes to LCPA. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the Resolution and it carried.

11:48 AM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the July 23, 2014 meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried. The commissioners also read the **minutes of the meeting of July 29, 2014** on the appointment of the Troy. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes and it carried.

1:30 PM: **Cowell Creek Subdivision**, 2 lots, Parcel A COS #4107 Sec 32, T29N R30W, Commissioner Review: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, presented the subdivision and recommended approval subject to conditions. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the subdivision according to planning staff recommendation and it carried.

1:34 PM: **Sorensen's Kokanee Terrace II Subdivision**, final plat: The conditions of this subdivision have been met. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the final plat and it carried.

1:40 PM: The **Lincoln County Library Board** is requesting that Russ Barnes be appointed to the board. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the appointment and it carried.

1:42 PM: The **Western Montana Area VI Council on Aging** sent the new contracts for the current fiscal year. The amount per meal has changed from \$1.50 to \$1.88. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the contract this year and it carried.

1:50 PM: The commissioners discussed the **budget and the mill values**.

3:00 PM: Commissioner Berget and Commissioner Cole stated in yesterday's meeting that they would be choosing the replacement for Commissioner Downey today at this time. There are 15 people in attendance today. Commissioner Berget reiterated that all nine candidates were very impressive. Commissioner Cole agreed and thanked all the candidates for the participation. Commissioner Cole stated that they have given this a great deal of thought and he considers this to be the biggest decision he has made as a commissioner. Commissioner Cole moved to **appoint Greg Larson as the replacement for Commissioner Downey** and Commissioner Berget seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Cole said that it is a two year appointment and then any candidate can run for that position.

3:10 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