

March 12, 2014

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on March 12, 2014. Present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Mike Cole, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Ron Downey is out on personal business.

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

9:30 AM: **Port Authority:** Commissioner Downey is on the conference phone for this meeting. Kevin Peck from Lincoln County Port Authority presented a letter of commitment to purchase the Finger Jointer machinery and equipment from Lincoln County for an amount of \$127,000. The purchase is contingent upon the proposed finger jointer project moving forward. The payment to the county will be mutually agreed upon and finalized at a later date. Commissioner Downey made a motion to sell the Finger Jointer to Lincoln County Port Authority. Commissioner Cole seconded and it carried.

10:00 AM: **EPA Update:** Present today are Mike Cirian, Christiana Proggess, Dania Zinner and Jennifer Lane. Rebecca Thomas, Liz Fagen, Jennie Chambers and Lisa McLain Vanderpool attended by conference phone. Rebecca Thomas gave an update on the Libby Amphibole toxicity value and EPA is trying to finalize the draft by June 2014. Liz gave an update on the Site wide FS and Alternative screening. They are still moving forward with progress. Dania Zinner gave an update on a five year review of OU1 and 2 and they are currently asking the public about any effects and concerns they have with the sites. She disused the current Institutional Control Plans for OU1 and 2. Rebecca Thomas gave an update on the O&M transition meetings with MDEQ in Helena. The next meeting is March 18th. Mike Cirian gave an update on construction and the updated rules and criteria for removal. The truck removal will be down this year due to less soil to haul so they will be evaluating the owner/operator policy with the trucks. Mike also talked about how EPA is working to train ARP for ERS.

11:00 AM: **FWP/USFW:** Mike Hensler and Jim Dunnigan are here today to update the commissioners on Fish and Game activities. The group discussed the flooding in the area this week. Mike brought pictures of 2 lakes in the Eureka area to ask the men about the fish in the lakes. There was a discussion about the lakeshore being washed away from boat wake and weather. Jim talked about the flood plain work that the county requires. He thinks that the county has increased the amount of rigger for flood plains which is good in some cases and very expensive in others for maybe no reason. He would welcome a discussion in the future with Lisa Oedewaldt to talk about the requirements and costs.

1:30 PM: **Creekside Woods Subdivision**, 2 lots, Lot 1B, Amended lot 1 of Whitetail Terrace Plat #6608, preliminary plat review: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, presented the subdivision via conference phone. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the preliminary plat as recommended by the planning staff and it carried.

1:35 PM: **Townhouse Subdivision**, final plat: All conditions have been met on this subdivision. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the final plat per planning staff recommendations and it carried.

1:40 PM: **Planning Board:** There is a vacancy on the Lincoln County Planning Board for the Libby area and Michael Hobbs has applied for the position. Michael is present today to answer questions from the commissioners. He is very qualified. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the appointment and it carried.

1:50 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the March 5, 2014 meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as amended and it carried.

1:55 PM: The **Lincoln County Tax Appeal Board** is requesting that Henry LaSala be reappointed to the board. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the reappointment and it carried.

2:00 PM: On Sunday, March 9, 2014, the commissioners approved by phone, an emergency declaration due to flooding and ice jams. Commissioner Cole moved to sign resolution **#913 County Emergency Declaration Resolution** and it carried.

2:10 PM: The commissioners **discussed the budget** for the current and upcoming year.

3:30 PM: The commissioners, County Attorney, Clerk and Recorder and Executive Assistant had a conference call with the attorney representing them on **a lawsuit**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Anthony Berget, Chairman

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Tammy D Lauer, Clerk of the Board