

October 22, 2014

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on October 22, 2014 in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Greg Larson, 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: **Ed Levert, County Forester:** Ed updated the commissioners on some of the projects he is working on at this time. He is studying some of the county properties, such as parklands in subdivisions and evaluating them for fire wise susceptibility. He feels like some of them are close to homes and not marked as county property and need to be addressed. He said that frequently adjacent owners infringe on the county properties either accidentally or on purpose. He provided a list of the properties he is most concerned about. He would like to see the county mark the properties as county owned. Ed suggests that the county set up a \$5,000 fund that could be used to hire a surveying company to find the boundaries on a case by case basis. Ed would be willing to mark and post the boundaries. The neighboring properties would be informed of the county ownership and there would be less concern when the properties are thinned for fire wise safety. Edgewater 10 acre project has been completed. Ed talked about some grants that he has received for some of the work. Ed had a printout of the Title III money that he has earmarked for projects and a list of the current status of Fire Wise Projects.

10:40 AM: **Revett Mine Update:** Doug Miller, Vice President of Mining Operations, Monique Hays, Director of Investor Relations, Austin Wilson, Safety Manager are here today. They brought a PowerPoint Presentation. The first slide shows the Safety Update which shows that as of September 30, 2014 there have been 736 days worked without a lost time or reportable incident. The mine won two awards this year for their great safety record. The company bought 75 home/gun safes for the employees to mark this accomplishment. Doug showed some section drawings of the mining project and pictures of the work happening now. He gave an update of the Rock Creek project. The Preliminary Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is at the Forest Service for review at this time. Doug and Monique stated that they would like to meet quarterly for the updates as the information doesn't warrant a monthly meeting.

1:40 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

1:40 PM: The commissioners have put the **Superintendent of Schools** contract up for bid. Brady Selle is the only bidder. The commissioners have drawn up an agreement between Mr. Selle and Lincoln County. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the contract and it carried.

1:45 PM: **Upper Yaak Fire Service Area board** has received a letter of resignation from Sharon Sullivan who is the Secretary/Treasurer. The board would like to appoint John Huber as the new board member and the Secretary/Treasurer. John is the Assistant Fire Chief and the bi-laws of the board read that it would take permission of the County Commissioners to allow the fire chief or assistant fire chief to be on the Board of Trustees. It was noted that John's position on the board will expire in 2 ½ years and the commissioners will be able to evaluate the decision at that time, due to problems with this exception in the past with other departments. Commissioner Larson moved to accept the appointment of John Huber to the board and it carried.

1:50 PM: The commissioners wrote a **letter to Chris Savage**, Kootenai National Forest Supervisor. This is a 5 page letter in response to his letter on the Forest Plan objections from the commissioners. Commissioner Larson moved to approve the letter, it carried and the three commissioners signed it. The letter will also be sent to Faye Krueger, Regional Forester.

2:00 PM: **Tim Orthmayer, Morrison and Maierle:** Tim brought some papers to sign on the Eureka Airport project which is almost done. He also has two invoices for the end of the project, one for Stumbolt Electric and a final one from Morrison and Maierle. Commissioner Cole moved to accept the invoices and sign the paperwork and it carried. The group discussed future projects at the Libby Airport to extend the runway.

2:20 PM: **Resolution #925** is a resolution opposing the expansion of Federal Control under the clean water act. Additional regulations have been proposed by the EPA to re-define the current definition as well as implement additional enforcement with respect to the **Clean Water Act of the United States**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve Resolution #925 and it carried.

2:30 PM: **MACO:** MACO Health Care Trust marketing coordinators Shelley Murphy and Pam Walling have asked to come today to speak to the commissioners. They were here in December and the commissioners had expressed an interest in looking at the Vision and Dental plan to be able to offer it to the employees. The commissioners said that they would like a flyer for each employee to see if there would be an interest. Pam will get Lincoln County 150 flyers. They would like to see Lincoln County's current plan and do a comparison analysis. It appears that nothing new can be done until next summer, so MACO will contact Lincoln County again in April.

3:35 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Anthony Berget, Chairman

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