

**April 11, 2012**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 11, 2012, in the Lincoln County courthouse. Present are Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

9:00 AM: Commissioner Roose **called the meeting to order** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 AM: **KNF, Forest Plan:** Cami Winslow and Ellen Frament have come to talk to the Commissioners about concerns they had about the Forest Plan. They addressed each concern and showed the commissioners the maps to clarify the plan. The specific areas they addressed were: Ten Lakes, Scenery Mountain, Old State Highway 2 Corridor, Treasure Mountain, Roderick, Wild and Scenic Rivers and Timber Harvest Levels.

9:45 AM: **Ron Carter and Dave Etienne, Heritage Museum:** Dave talked about the plans to put a train at the museum site. They have approached the Port Authority about running a track on some of the property belonging to the industrial site. Dave said that he has researched other towns where there is a steam engine and they attract tourists. He showed the plan for the 3.5 miles of track that the museum would eventually want. This is an informational meeting to let the commissioners know about the plan.

10:00 AM: **EPA Update:** Present are Victor Kettlepper, Mike Cirian, Christina Proggess, Rebecca Thomas, Libby Faulk and John Poloninsky. Victor began by announcing that the public meeting will be next month. Rebecca Thomas talked about the gardening class they are offering this year. They hope to offer it 4 times this spring and summer. They are also planning demonstration plots in the CDM office area. The cooperative agreement grant that has been awarded to Lincoln County will be discussed later at the City-County Health Board Meeting. The CAG/TAG meeting will be June 12th to have a forum about long term management. Men's Journal magazine ran an article 10 years ago and now is doing a follow up article about Libby's Asbestos. Mike Cirian said he felt that the article will be a positive one for Libby which was not the case 10 years ago. Victor talked about the risk assessment and activity based sampling which will allow for finalizing the projects. Rebecca told that work at the Riverfront Park will begin again next week. The goal is to turn the park back over to the city by the end of June. The Rainy Creek Road will be a continuing project this summer. Christina said that the mine site will have a lot of sampling this summer. They will be doing sampling of the creeks and rivers. Christina will be putting out display ads every other week in the newspapers to let the public know what is being done at the mine site and Rainy Creek. Mike talked about the clean up in the Libby properties. The first neighborhood approach will be a mobile home park and will begin next week. The school district has decided to go ahead and demolish a portion of Asa Wood this fall. EPA will be aiding them in that process. Commissioner Berget asked about the local contractors being turned down for work with their dump trucks. Mike explained that if he uses local trucks then the driver of a company truck loses his job, so either way local workers are affected. The Cumulative Risk assessment work is being done on the Kootenai River and some of the smaller creeks as well as duff sampling in the forests. They are also sampling tissue of fish and game animals. The EPA has entered into negotiations with the BNSF for the rail corridor. John talked about Troy. He will be involved in the public meeting next month as well. They are continuing on their removal activities soon. The ambient air samples in Troy have come up high in areas so that is being studied further.

11:00 AM: **Eric Klepfor, Montanore Mine:** Eric has Jessica Conrad with him today. Eric talked about the current status of the applications for the mine. The Compaq meeting was with the tribe about their issues with water rights. The responses they received made Eric feel that the tribal concerns will not affect the mine projects.

2:15 PM: The commissioners discussed the increased costs of the ongoing work for the Secured Rural Schools funds. Commissioner Downey moved to approve \$25,000 from the PILT fund to be paid to the **National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition/PRA campaign for the Secured Rural Schools** and it carried.

2:25 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the April 4, 2012, meeting**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

2:30 PM: **Weed Board:** The commissioners have requested that the Weed Board meet with them to discuss the budget for 2011/2012 and the budget outlook for the coming fiscal year. The commissioners are asking that the weed department find a way in the next 2 months to live within the means of the budget dollars that are left. Dan Williams, weed supervisor, stated that part of the deficit in his budget is due to him not being aware that he had been cut until late August. Rocky talked about the grant monies that have come in. He is wondering why they would need to use grant monies to get to the end of the year. He feels that using those funds is not fair to the weed department. The group discussed the use of weed funds and the practices of the weed department.

3:15 PM: **Resolution 874 is a resolution adopting the Lincoln County Animal Ordinance.** The ordinance has not been revised for several years. A lack of a restructured ordinance could affect the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the citizens of Lincoln County. Kathi Hooper and the animal control staff have amended the ordinance. Commissioner Downey moved to approve resolution #874 first reading on this date and it carried. A public meeting will follow.

3:30 PM: The meeting was adjourned for a **City-County Health Board meeting**.

4:15 PM: The meeting resumed for administrative issues. The Department of Revenue has requested **tax abatement for NTC & Co. Virginia B. Henke, IRA** for a parcel that has been accruing penalties and interest for 3 years due to a computer error. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the abatement and it carried.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Marianne B. Roose, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board