

April 24, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 24, 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.

9:10 AM: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:10 AM: Joan Bowsher, Director, and Chris Fogelman, Breastfeeding Coordinator, from the **State office of WIC** are in town and offered to speak to the commissioners about the WIC program in Lincoln County. The commissioners have had some questions about the WIC programs and the cuts made to the program over the past few years. This meeting was not on the day's agenda, but the ladies happened to be in town, so the meeting was added to the day. Joan talked about program funding and how the funds are allocated. Commissioner Berget spoke about the county subsidizing WIC due to the cuts.

10:00 AM: **Nancy Higgins, County Treasurer:** Nancy went over the Cash Report, stated her concerns and talked about the investments for Lincoln County. The commissioners asked Nancy if she sees any trends toward a better return on investments she said there seems to be a slight increase. Nancy brought the list of Mobile Home taxes that are for Mobiles that are gone or over 5 years delinquent. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the deletion of those taxes and it carried. She also had a list of Personal Property Taxes that are 5 years delinquent for businesses. Some of these businesses still exist but refuse to pay their taxes so the Commissioners would like to pursue the collection of these taxes through the sheriff's department. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the deletion of the personal property taxes for the equipment burned and deactivated only and it carried. Nancy showed a list of Real Property Taxes that are 10 years delinquent or deleted. Most of these have been deleted by the Department of Revenue due to deaths or change in ownership. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the deletion of the Real property taxes and it carried. Nancy had a Tax Abatement form for the Fortine Cemetery property which accidentally was put on the tax rolls. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the tax abatement and it carried.

11:00 AM: **Revett Mine Update:** Doug Miller stated that the petition for modification has been approved by MSHA. They are working on two options to begin production. They are still monitoring the seismic activities and are very cautious when anything shows up. They are only working day shift to be extra cautious. Doug talked about 15 workers leaving to work elsewhere, but he is hopeful that once the mine gets working in full production they will come back. The Commissioners, representing over 60 Libby and Troy businesses, presented the Revett mine management with two plaques, one for the corporate office and one for the Troy mine, stating a heartfelt thanks for their continuing support of the workforce at Revett and the communities. The fact that they have "kept their employees working during this time shows that the company is more than just about profit", the letter states.

11:25 AM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the April 17, 2013 meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

11:30 AM: Morrison and Maierle, Inc have requested a change on the request for the project on the **Libby Airport FAA grant**. They need a signature from the commissioners requesting that the project be changed from an Airport Runway Extension Assessment to a Airport Master Plan Study. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the change and it carried.

1:30 PM: **Stoeckley Court Division:** This is a parcel owned by several individuals and wanting to divide the property and assign parcels to each owner. The county finds the proposed division to be an attempt to evade the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act based on the findings as presented. The commissioners would request that the court not grant the order and require the owners to have their division reviewed through the appropriate review process for subdivisions. Commissioner Cole moved to request denial of the order per planning staff recommendations and it carried.

1:40 PM: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, told the commissioners that the **Lincoln County Wildfire Prevention Plan** has been adopted and there is a workshop this weekend for Fire Wise education.

2:00 PM: **DIS Technologies-Computer network review:** Ric Kesling, Lincoln County Network Administration, brought Garrett Johnson, IT Services Manager for DIS Technologies to speak to the commissioners. DIS has audited Lincoln County's network and have found some corrective actions that need to be done. Garrett talked about the software and hardware that needs to be updated and has suggestions about a backup plan that he and Ric have perfected. Ric talked to the commissioners about the price of the updates.

2:30 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tony Berget, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tammy D Lauer, Clerk of the Board