

April 30, 2014

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 30, 2014, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Ron Downey, Commissioner Mike Cole, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Tony Berget is at a Forest Plan meeting.

1:30 PM: Commissioner Downey **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1:30 PM: **Public Hearing on Regulations governing Buildings for Lease/Rent:** Kristin Smith, Planning Director, reviewed the proposed regulations. The law (MCA 7-1-2121 or 7-1-4127) allows local governments to establish regulations that guide the application and review of the creation of four or more buildings for rent or lease on a single tract of land. Lincoln County should have adopted this by September 1, 2013. There was a public hearing held in Eureka on April 16, 2014. Commissioner Downey said that Senator Chas Vincent stated that he was on the committee that wrote the legislation and it is for the good of the people. Jim Johnson and Ron Brown both from the Yaak area requested that there be a meeting in Troy for people in that district to comment. Jim said he is representing the Lincoln County Heritage Council and part of their mission is to "hold down regulations." He read a statement saying that he is against the additional regulations. He brought the law and stated that the law only requires a health review. Jim went through the resolution and had suggestions about revisions. His ideas would completely re-write section 5 and have an addition to 3.a. Commissioner Cole asked Kristin what her take was on the suggestions. Kristin stated that the law is not as comprehensive as the new regulations and cannot cover all situations. There was a discussion on who wrote the new law and whether it is different from other laws. He did not like the wording of 5.E. because of all the authorities listed. Kristin said she would agree and would strike part of that paragraph. Kristin showed the change of 2 sentences in 5.E. Jim disagrees with 6.h. but Kristin quoted the MCA that it came from and he withdrew that objection. Ron Brown said that he feels that more and more the county is passing regulations. Commissioner Downey called for a motion. Commissioner Cole said he sees no reason not to move on so he moved to adopt the Application and Review of Buildings for Lease or Rent. Commissioner Downey seconded and it carried. The commissioners signed Resolution #915 Adopting Regulations for the application and review of Buildings for Lease or Rent.

2:05 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the April 16, 2014, meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

2:10 PM: The Montana Department of Health and Human Services sent the **Designation of County earmarked Alcohol Tax Money** for Lincoln County. Lincoln County will designate Flathead Valley Chemical Dependency as it has in the past. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the designation and it carried.

2:15 PM: The commissioner received a letter from the Election Department requesting a **pay increase for Election Judges** due to the increase in minimum wage. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the wage increase and it carried.

2:20 PM: The commissioners read the grant approvals for the **Eureka, Troy and Libby airports**. The project on the Troy Airport has a grant of \$38,400. The project on the Libby Airport has a grant of \$6,485. The project on the Eureka Airport has a grant of \$12,713. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the three airport grants and it carried.

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

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ron Downey, Acting Chairman

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