

**August 27, 2014**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioner met for a regular session on August 27, 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.

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

9:30 AM: **Budget Discussions:** The commissioners were scheduled to pass the 2014/2015 Budget today however they feel that they need more time since the numbers from the Department of Revenue have changed this week due to the new hospital filing for tax exempt status. The commissioners discussed the budget in more detail. Commissioner Larson moved to adopt the budget on September 10, 2014, and it carried. There will be a public hearing on the final budget on September 9, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

10:30 AM: **Kathi Hooper, Sanitarian:** Kathi is here today with Ray Miller, Libby Landfill Manager and Jennifer Nelson, Sanitation. Kathi brought the annual contract for Air Quality for the commissioners to sign. Commissioner Larson moved to sign the contract and it carried.

Kathi explained that she advertised a hauling contract for bid. She received one bid only and that was from Kootenai Disposal in Libby. She presented a budget overview showing the budget with the hauling contracted and without. Kathi estimates that she will save over \$36,000 by contracting plus a large amount by not having to replace equipment. Kathi stated that she put the bid out there without knowing if it would save money, however now it has become obvious that using the private contractor would save a substantial amount of money and she recommends adoption of this method. The commissioners will review the information and a contract will need to be drawn up by the county attorney. Jerry Snell, of Kootenai Disposal, answered some questions about the bid he submitted. He talked about the need for a long term contract to make it worth the purchase of more equipment. The commissioners stated that they would like to see this proposal move forward.

Jennifer Nelson of the Sanitation department wanted to discuss the e-waste recycling for Lincoln County. E-waste is defined as electronic products in most households for example: computers, cell phones, batteries, toner, televisions, etc. E-waste represents only 2% of the waste but 70% of the toxins at the landfill. People don't have a good resource for disposing of the e-waste. Jennifer gave an information sheet to the commissioners describing the hazards of the e-waste. There will be a free collection of e-waste products on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Eureka, Troy, and Libby and this year there is no charge. The group discussed the recycling of all the waste products such as cardboard, paper, aluminum and plastic.

11:30 AM: The commissioners addressed a **personnel issue**.

1:30 PM: **RV Park Standards:** Kristin Smith, Planning Director has presented new RV Park standards that the Planning Board initiated as a result of new laws and the large interest of RV Parks in the county recently. There was a public hearing in Libby on August 6, 2014 and a public hearing in Eureka on August 20, 2014. Kristin addressed the public comments from those meetings at the time. The public hearing in Eureka had no negative comments and several positive comments. Commissioner Cole stated that in order to make more standards the county needs to follow up on those standards because he knows that some developers of subdivisions and RV Parks do not follow the conditions of final plat approval when they build their subdivisions. The group discussed the time and manpower involved in inspecting every subdivision. Commissioner Cole moved to table the vote for a short time to allow more time for research and it carried.

2:05 PM: The commissioners met with **Ric Kesling, IT Director**, to talk about Video Conferencing possibilities for the meetings in the future. Ric received quotes from VisionNet and others but VisionNet is by far the best price. The plan would be to put commissioner meetings on the video conferencing so people from Eureka could watch the Libby meetings and the Libby people could watch Eureka meetings. This would cut down on traveling for several county boards. The group discussed the many benefits of the system. The system would cost approximately \$15,034 for Libby and Eureka.

2:30 PM: **Vic White and Lisa Oedewaldt, EMA:** Vic and Lisa are here today to update the commissioners about grants. The group discussed the Fire Co-op and Vic praised the participants of the Fire Co-op. There is a fire tender truck in Somers that the county is considering purchasing for use in the Yaak and McCormick areas. Vic presented the Lincoln County Interagency Fire Management Operating Policy to the commissioners. Commissioner Larson moved to approve and sign the Policy and it carried. Lisa talked about the Department of Defense grants that enable counties to purchase equipment. She has a DOD contract through the DNRC for the commissioners to sign that will guarantee that the proceeds from these grants go through the county only. Commissioner Cole moved to sign the DNRC/DOD contract and it carried. EMA has received another grant benefitting the County's first response agencies. Nine Fire Departments and four ambulance services will receive Panasonic ToughBook Laptops with the Bullberry Insight mapping programs that are used by dispatch in order to aid with responding to incidents. The next grant that Lisa updated for the commissioners is the grant that will repair the repeater towers in the amount of \$154,400. The EMPG grant is the last grant Lisa talked about describing all the things that grant will pay. The biggest benefit of that grant will be paying for a CodeRed system that will call numbers of a specific area to warn people of emergency situations. Commissioner Larson moved to approve the time specifications for Lisa and Vic on the grants and it carried.

3:20 PM: **Tax Abatement:** Thomas Shay of Eureka is requesting a tax abatement of the Eureka Fire Service Area fee that should have been removed when his property was deemed to not be in the City. The \$50 was charged for the past 3 years. Commissioner Cole moved to refund \$150 to Mr. Shay and it carried.

3:25 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the August 13 and August 20, 2014, meetings**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

3:26 PM: The commissioners received an amended Task Order for the **DPHHS grant for Insurance claims through the County Health Nurse's office** that changed the amount from \$12,600 to \$13,900. Commissioner Cole moved to sign the amended Task Order and it carried.

3:30 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

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