

**August 29, 2012**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 29, 2012, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Tony Berget is on vacation.

9:00 AM: Commissioner Roose **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:10 AM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the August 8, August 15, and August 22, 2012, meetings**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes of the three meetings and it carried.

9:25 AM: The commissioners received a request from the **Eureka Area Dispatch Board** to replace Gary Dedina as the ex-officio member with Rita Collins. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the appointment of Rita Collins and it carried.

9:30 AM: **Ed Levert**: Ed would like to discuss the Flathead Economic Policy Center that is receiving a grant soon. The grant is approved but not received as of today. Ed has projects ready for the grant money but cannot begin until the money is received. Meanwhile the time to do the projects is running out. Ed would like to take \$5,000 out of Title III to begin the projects. The money could be considered in-kind money for the grant. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the claim of \$5000 out of Title III to Flathead Economic Policy Center and it carried. Ed talked about the Edgewater Estates 10 acre strip that is supposed to be a buffer between the subdivision and the highway. The area needs to be thinned and has some trees that are dead from the pine beetle. He is planning to contact the property owners and the owners of the property in the adjacent subdivision to do a fire wise project that includes the county property as well as private property. Commissioner Roose and Commissioner Downey agreed that they would support him in that effort. The group had a discussion about the Stakeholders meeting that will take place soon.

10:00 AM: **Budget Discussion**: The media and two members of the public ask some questions about the budget for 2012-2013.

10:30 AM: **Adoption of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget**: Commissioner Berget called in on the conference phone to vote on the budget. The commissioners have reviewed the proposed budget and find no changes necessary. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the budget as proposed for the present fiscal year, Commissioner Berget seconded and it carried.

11:00 AM: **Vic White, EMA Director**: Vic spoke to the commissioners about the radio frequencies for the county. The county has to go from wide band to narrow band as the federal government is requiring it in order to free up more frequencies. The EMA department has been actively searching for grants for this project. Lincoln County partnered with Flathead County and obtained a grant that will allow for radios for most of Lincoln County emergency services. The change will take place in late September. Kirk Kraft explained the benefits and the reason for doing this. Kirk said that there have always been problems with the repeater's clarity and it is caused from the power of the repeaters being too high. The lower power reduces the static and the "cross-talking". The road crew, sheriff's department and local government channel will be changed. Vic said that he is here as an informational and planning meeting. Lisa talked about some issues with Flood Plains that she is dealing with in the Libby area.

1:30 PM: **Martin Subdivision**, final plat approval: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, presented the subdivision and stated that all conditions have been met. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the final plat according to planning staff recommendations and it carried.

1:35 PM: The commissioners had a discussion with Kristin about the **Community Economic Development** update that she is helping with. Kristin said she has been working on editing the information she received from the Port Authority and Greg Larsen from Troy. There may be a public meeting at the end of October for the final approval.

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Marianne Roose, Chairman

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