

**February 27, 2013**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on February 27, 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.

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

9:00 AM: **Paul Bradford, KNF:** Paul spoke to the commissioners about the Forest Plan Revision. US Fish and Wildlife Service needs to complete the biological assessment before it can move forward. Paul updated the commissioners on litigation concerns and the Grizzly Bear Access Amendment. Paul addressed the mining proposals in the county, with no significant changes from the past months report.

10:00 AM: **Nancy Higgins, County Treasurer:** Nancy showed the current status of investments and balanced accounts. Nancy discussed the mobile home taxes that are not going to be collected due to the mobile homes being gone or junk. Nancy would like to delete these taxes. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the deleting of mobile home taxes on mobile homes that are no longer in the county and it carried. Nancy had a list of tax bills for deletion as requested by the Department of Revenue due to errors. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the deletion of the tax bills and it carried. Nancy showed a list of Personal Property deleted or gone per DOR with taxes owing. Commissioner Cole moved to approve deleting the personal property taxes and it carried. There are uncollected taxes on real property, personal property and mobile homes for years 1989 through 2000 that will not be collected. Nancy would like to come next month with a report of those taxes in the hopes that the commissioners will allow her to delete the oldest taxes in order to make the county records more realistic. The Commissioners agreed to address this next month when Nancy brings the report.

11:00 AM: **Revett Mine Update:** John Shanahan, the President and CEO, Doug Miller, Vice President of Operations and Monique Hayes, Corporate Secretary are optimistic about the mine's future. John said that he feels that in the next two weeks they will know when the mine will be able to get back working in full swing. Doug said that there has been a lot of training going on while the mine has been down. He said that the MSHA has been monitoring every stage of this process and he is hopeful that the end of this closure is near. The group discussed the plan for getting started and Doug stated that the "plan" can change at any moment. John talked about the value of copper and the potential for the Rock Creek Mine.

1:30 PM: **McShea's Meadow Subdivision**, final plat review: A portion of the roads need to be completed however, the developers, Kootenai Echo Land Company, are offering cash to post as a guarantee for the remainder of the improvements. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the final plat per planning staff recommendation and it carried.

1:35 PM: **Cato Subdivision**, final plat review: This subdivision has improvements yet to be completed however, the developers, Kootenai Echo Land Company, are offering cash to post as a guarantee for the remainder of the improvements. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the final plat according to planning staff recommendation and it carried.

2:00 PM: **Litigation meeting:** Vic White and Lisa Oedewaldt have a flood plain issue that is being litigated. It involves neighbors in the Fisher River/Silver Butte area. Bernie Cassidy came to listen to the presentation.

2:15 PM: **Vic White, EMA:** Vic spoke to the commissioners about the radio towers that were recently purchased. He has a lease from the Forest Service for the Pinkham Mountain tower that needs to be signed by the commissioners. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the lease and it carried.

2:25 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the February 6, and February 20<sup>th</sup> meetings**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

3:30 PM: The commissioners signed **Resolution #885** which is the **Airport Loan** that was approved last month. Commissioner Downey moved to approve resolution #885 and it carried.

3:35 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

#### **LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Tony Berget, Chairman

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