

January 16, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on January 16, 2013, in the Eureka Annex of 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.

10:30 AM: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:30 AM: **Rae Lynn Hays:** Rae Lynn has been contracted to facilitate the MIECHV ID grant. She has a presentation about an amendment to the grant that Micki Carvey, County Health Nurse, had spoken to the commissioners about last week. The grant is a \$15,000 grant to be used for a Best Beginnings Parent Fair and must be spent by June 29, 2013. Rae Lynn explained the fair goals and partners that will be participating in the fair. They are planning to do a fair in Libby, Troy and Eureka. The fair will target parents to help get their children school ready. The grant application is due this Friday. Commissioner Cole moved to sign the application based on the information given today and it carried. Rae Lynn also presented an invitation for a North West Montana Best Beginnings Coalition Regional Round Table in Kalispell next month. The commissioners will attend if possible.

10:55 AM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the January 9, 2013, meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as amended and it carried.

1:00 PM: As a result of the City/County Health Board meeting on January 9, 2013, there is a plan to be presented to the **EPA from the study for the ARP**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the plan on recommendation from the City/County Health Board and it carried. In conjunction with the plan there will be a budget submitted for the costs of the plan. The commissioners reviewed the **proposed budget**. Commissioner Downey moved to support the proposed budget and it carried.

1:15 PM: The commissioners discussed the **fuel at the airport in Libby**. Last week the subject was brought before the commissioners and today they talked about other options that may be available.

1:30 PM: **Jenkins Subdivision**, spaces for 3 residential spaces, Tract 8 COS 2136, S25, T37N, R27W, commissioner review: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, presented the subdivision and explained that this is not a division of land but the state law says that adding a 3rd dwelling on a lot of land must be approved. This tract of land is 18.7 acres. Kristin is recommending approval. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the subdivision and it carried.

1:35 PM: **Turtle Lake Zoning proposal:** This proposal was discussed in a public hearing in December. The commissioners have received a great deal of opinions on this proposal. Kristin went over the proposal quickly to update the public in attendance. Commissioner Downey moved to reject the proposal of Zoning Turtle Lake siting that it would be bad for the county and open the door to a multitude of these proposals and the enforcement would be very difficult. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Commissioner Cole said that his opinion is that there is a need for people to have a say in what is happening in their neighborhood, however, if they have a number of small areas with their own zoning plans, it would be nearly impossible to police these zones. He suggested that there be a more county-wide proposal which would be so much more effective for enforcement. Jen Bertelsen-James asked if there would be different zones for lake properties as opposed to properties not on water. She also said that some lakes are not opposed to RV parks so zoning all lake properties would not be in favor of zoning. Paul Stramer stated that private properties need to have some means to protect their property rights. Commissioner Berget said that he agrees with Commissioner Cole and Commissioner Downey about the ability to enforce many different zones. Commissioner Downey said he would like to thank the Planning Board and Kristin for all the work they did on this project. Commissioner Berget and Commissioner Cole echoed that sentiment. The motion carried unanimously.

1:55 PM: The commissioners discussed the **board positions** that they are required to occupy. The Council on Aging board will now go to Commissioner Cole. Commissioner Berget will stay on the Port Authority and the Western Montana Mental Health Boards. Commissioner Downey will take over the position on the Chemical Dependency board. Commissioner Cole will take the board position on the Community Actions Partnership of Northwest Montana but may utilize Marianne Roose as his representative on that board

2:05 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tony Berget, Chairman

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