

January 23, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on January 23, 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.

8:30 AM: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

8:30 AM: **Sheriff Roby Bowe and Undersheriff Brent Faulkner:** Roby and Brent are working on the new building in Eureka which will house dispatch and Montana Fish and Game, Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's department. The Eureka City Police are in discussions of moving into the building as well. They will charge an annual fee to the city which they would like to discuss with the commissioners. The group discussed what that fee would be. It was suggested that \$100 per month or \$1200 for the year would be fair.

9:00 AM: **Greg Jackson, MACO:** Greg is the county representative for insurance. He has Colleen Wood with him today who is the local representative. Greg gave the commissioners handouts concerning the JPIA insurance. He talked about the reserves that the company has on hand and what they account for. He also spoke about claims and the largest areas for those. He spoke about Lincoln County's policy and the newer aspects of it. Greg talked about the Workers Compensation policy. Colleen presented the renewal application to the commissioners. Commissioner Downey moved to sign the renewal of the insurance policy and it carried.

11:00 AM: **Revett Mine:** Revett representatives today are Larry Erickson, Doug Miller, Paul Lammers, Bruce Vincent and Monique Hayes. Bruce Vincent began by announcing that representatives from Revett Mine will be coming once a month to meet with the commissioners. Doug Miller spoke about the contents of the most recent news release of the situation at the mine. Following the suspension of underground mining activities in mid-December 2012, the Company has been able to re-enter some underground areas for assessment and monitoring purposes. The main mechanical and equipment areas such as the crusher and conveyor system are unaffected by recent ground instability, but there has been some groundfall along the underground main haulage route at a structural cross fault. The Company has recommenced scaling and pumping activities in the North Ore Body and is currently evaluating options for regaining access to the Lower Quartzite and A & C Beds. Remedial measures will be determined after examination of the ore body from the South Adit, which is currently scheduled for the week of January 28th. The company does not as yet have a firm date for the resumption of production activities. The Company must continue to coordinate with MSHA as it re-enters additional underground areas and believes that the operational measures taken by management were the correct decisions and that the long term mining plan at the Troy Mine remains intact. A further update will be issued once full access to all mining areas has been completed. Paul Lammers gave an update on the Rock Creek Project. He talked about the progress in working with the federal agencies on the project. The commissioners thanked them for coming and expressed that they appreciate Revett's willingness to come and keep them informed.

2:25 PM: Paul Rumelhart presented the commissioners with Resolution #884 stating that they are supporting a small **fishing pond at the Port Authority site**. Paul is applying for a grant through the Fish and Game department for creation of this pond. Commissioner Downey moved to sign the resolution for the fishing pond and it carried.

2:30 PM: **Montanore Mine Update:** Jessica Conrad and Eric Klepfer came to update the commissioners about the EIS process and the Biological Assessment and Opinion. The EIS is for completion this year, dependent upon the Biological Assessment. He gave an update on the mitigation concerning the Grizzly Bears and other environmental issues. He spoke about how processes slow at this time due to new people in office at the state level. They asked for letters of support from the commissioners to the newly elected state officials. Bill has the letters ready for signatures today.

3:15 PM: **Ron Denowh, Airport Board:** Mr. Denowh talked to the commissioners about the fuel situation at the Libby Airport. He is ordering fuel now. Commissioner Cole talked about what it would take to get a faster payback on their money. The county will loan the Airport \$20,000 from PILT at a rate of 5.5% for a period of 7 years for the emergency fuel service. Mr. Denowh will need to run this by the Airport Board. Commissioner Downey moved to make the loan to the Airport Board should they chose to accept it and it carried.

4:00 PM: The commissioners read **the minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

4:05 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tony Berget, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board