

January 29, 2014

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on January 29, 2014, 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.

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

9:30 AM: **Susie Rice, Kootenai Cross Country Ski Club:** There are 205 members of the ski club now. Susie said the ski trails are used a lot. The trail she is concerned with is the Flower Creek Trail. She would like the county to help with mowing down a mile long section of that trail to get the Alder down and make it easier to manage during ski season. Commissioner Berget said that if the Forest Service will allow it, the county will help with that.

9:40 AM: **The Lincoln County Fair Board** received a letter from Sandy Fulgham resigning from the board after many years of service. The commissioners were sorry to see her leave that board and wish her the best in the future. The Board is looking for a replacement from the Libby area.

10:00 AM: **Nancy Higgins, County Treasurer:** Nancy gave her monthly update on the cash reconciliation report and investments. Nancy talked about the delinquent taxes on the Mobile Homes. She spoke about a company that has recently paid delinquent taxes on real property. They paid over \$300,000 in taxes in Lincoln County. This has caused the Treasurer's office a lot of extra work but they are caught up. Nancy spoke to the commissioners about the consolidation of her position and the County Superintendent of Schools. She wondered if there was a plan in place. Commissioner Berget told her that there will be a lot of discussion in the near future on this and told Nancy that she will be in on those discussions. Commissioner Cole said that it is an ongoing process that they will address it more next month.

10:35 AM: **James Freyholtz, Montana Department of Transportation:** James is here today with the study that had been requested about a year ago on MT Highway 37 in the Rexford area. The area is from milepost 57 to milepost 64. This is a very curvy section of road and the traffic is increasing due to the Mariners Haven development. There was a safety review of this area as well as a travel speed study. The recommendation today is for a 60 mph area for 7.75 miles in that area. The group discussed the highways in Lincoln County.

1:30 PM: **Coffee Subdivision**, extension of preliminary plat: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, told the commissioners that the developer, Tungsten Holdings, is requesting a 6 months extension in order to fulfill the fuels reduction condition. Commissioner Cole moved to approve a 6 month extension to June 30, 2014, according to planning staff recommendation and it carried.

2:30 PM: **Colleen Wood and Tom Wood, County Property Insurance Agents:** Colleen told the commissioners that it is time to renew the policy. Tom Wood talked to the commissioners about the buildings and coverage of those.

3:00 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Anthony Berget, Chairman

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