

January 30, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on January 30, 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.

10:00 AM: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:00 AM: **Nancy Higgins, County Treasurer:** Nancy will be doing monthly reporting to the commissioners on investments and other information from her department. She presented the Cash Report for the end December. Nancy gave the commissioners reports on the investments for the county. Nancy asked Commissioner Cole about the Eureka Motor Vehicle office. Commissioner Cole said he believes the remodel of the office has been very beneficial to the office. Nancy talked about the Eureka office accepting credit cards.

11:00 AM: **Kathi Hooper, Environmental Health Director:** Kathi began by talking about the wood waste at the Troy landsite. Kathi is asking DEQ to require EPA to deal with the wood waste. This has been an issue for over 2 years. Kathi also wants to discuss releasing the information of restaurant inspections to the public. The results of inspections are public information. Kathi looked at the system Flathead County uses and would like to use the same system in Lincoln County. A grade would be posted in the window of the restaurant. Commissioner Cole said he likes the Flathead program and thinks it works well. Kathi said that she feels that her department has a good working relationship with restaurants in Lincoln County and hopes that they will welcome this change. The commissioners suggested that Kathi consult County Attorney Bernard Cassidy for his opinion before implementing the grading system. Kathi later said that the County Attorney said that the system should be approved by the City/County Health Board.

11:30 AM: The commissioners talked about **building maintenance** that the county is facing. The elevator in the main courthouse is not working a great deal of the time. There is some roof damage that will need to be replaced at the annex which houses the juvenile probation, the county health nurse and WIC.

1:30 PM: **Dream Catcher Estates**, preliminary plat extension: Michael and Deloris Brittan are requesting a one year extension. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the extension to February 17, 2014, and it carried.

1:33 PM: **Coffee Subdivision, preliminary plat extension:** Tungsten Holdings, Inc. is requesting a second extension on this plat. This extension is to the end of the 2013 calendar year. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the extension and it carried.

1:35 PM: **Family conveyance:** Debora D. Bourdeau is transferring a portion of her property to her father, Paul Bourdeau. Their intension is to keep the property in the family but admit that soon the father will transfer some of his property to his son. This does not appear to be an evasion of subdivision. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the family transfer and it carried.

1:40 PM: Commissioner Berget told Kristin Smith that he had been visited by Jerry Croskey and Patti Flowers concerning the **Sleeping Bear Subdivision**.

2:00 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the January 23, 2013, meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

2:05 PM: **Bill Bischoff** had some administrative issues to discuss with the commissioners and updated the commissioners on current lawsuits against the county.

2:10 PM: **Wilderness Plateau Water and Sewer District Board** would like to reappoint Don Johnston, Peggy Smith and Tom Jones to the board for another term. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the reappointments and it carried.

2:30 PM: **Washington State University, Northwest Advanced Renewables Alliance:** Steven Williams and Blake Nelson are seniors at Washington State University in the Civil Engineering program. Craig Rawlings is the President and CEO of Forest Business Network. Professor Michael Wolcott was ill today. The NWAA is a supply chain to Aviation Biofuels and Environmentally preferred Products. A \$40 million dollar grant was awarded for bio-mass study. The study is favoring Libby as a site for the bio-mass production. The biggest draw is the railroad. This study is a 4 year study and the production would more than likely take place in 5 years.

3:30 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tony Berget, Chairman

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