

July 24, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on July 24, 2013, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Deputy Clerk and Recorder Wendy Drake.

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

9:30 AM: The commissioners discussed the **Asbestos Resource Program budget**. The budget was reduced by the EPA this year. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the current ARP budget and it carried.

9:45 AM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the July 17, 2013 meeting**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes of the meeting as written and it carried.

10:30 AM: **Paul Bradford, Kootenai National Forest**: Regional Forester Faye Krueger stopped by with Paul to talk about current events. Paul stated that they have been to multiple project sites and are up to date on current projects. Commissioner Berget talked about Secure Rural Schools and his concern if it is not funded. Faye said that they are facing the same problem. Commissioner Berget is concerned about the Forest service being understaffed and how it is affecting current projects and litigations. Faye reassured the Commissioners that the USFS has a current litigation procedure and it is actively running. Commissioner Berget also questioned the work relation between the US Forest Service and the Montana Fish and Wildlife Service and asked if there was anything the County can do to help speed up the Montana fish and Wildlife Service opinion time. Senator Chas Vincent is concerned that budget issues are causing delays. Vegetation management litigations continue and he requested the USFS help expedite these projects for Lincoln County. Commissioner Downey expressed concerns for road closures, and how it is affecting the residents of the county.

11:00 AM: **Revett Mine Update**: Paul Lammers and Monique Hays are here today from Revett Minerals Inc. to update the commissioners on current conditions on the mine. They are still concentrating on the D drive. Monique stated they are hoping to have more information on D drive by the end of the month. Representative Mike Cuffe questioned Paul Bradford on the timeframe for approval of the Rock creek mine. Paul Bradford said they expect the agency review in the next three to four months.

2:30 PM: **Charles Robison, Congressman Daines office**: Charles is the new State Director from Congressman Daines office and he talked about some forest legislation. Rep. Hastings is working on a Bill called the Healthy Forest Act. It will restrict limit litigations on timber sales. Charles requested an analysis from the Commissioners on the Roderick Forest. Lisa Oedewaldt joined the meeting and discussed a three phase plan to move Lake Creek back to its original stream and fix the flood area.

2:45 PM: **Brent Faulkner, Lincoln County Undersheriff**, requested to re-hire Deputy Brad Dodson to replace an open deputy position. Commissioner Berget made a motion to approve the hiring and it carried.

3:00 PM: **Tax abatement** was requested for Montway Commercial Park Lots 3 and 4. The property was purchased by Lincoln County in 2001, and was not exempted until 2002. Commissioner Berget made a motion to approve and it carried.

3:10 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Anthony Berget, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Wendy Drake, Clerk of the Board