

July 29, 2014

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on July 29, 2014, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Berget and Commissioner Cole.

Also present today are: Bill Bischoff, Ron Downey, Jay Sheffield, Peggy Williams, D C Orr, Jim Johnson, Chris Nelson, Susie Farmer, Pattie Noble, Nancy Higgins, Gwyneth Hyndman and Brad Jones.

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

9:30 AM: This special session is to make a decision on the appointment of a replacement for the Troy commissioner due to the pending resignation of Ron Downey. According to MCA the two remaining commissioners are to appoint a Troy commissioner to fulfill the remainder of Commissioner Downey's term which is two years and 5 months. The meeting began with Commissioner Berget saying that there were nine candidates that all interviewed very well and it was hard to narrow it down to four. He also stated that the four follow-up interviews were very good. Commissioner Cole agreed and said that it might be a good start to go over the pros and cons. Commissioner Cole stated that the responses from the public that he has received have been all over the place and he has seen no hands down favorite. Commissioner Berget agreed and said that he feels that Commissioner Cole's opinion should weigh very heavy on this choice since he will be the one that will work with the person the longest. Commissioner Cole stated that he has some telephone calls out to individuals that he felt would have an opinion that he would like to hear and he has not heard back on those yet, so he is not ready to make a decision today. He asked if anyone in the room today had anything to say. Jim Johnson said he read the state law and feels that the commissioners could still put this decision before the people in an election. DC Orr agreed. Nancy Higgins asked if the commissioners could narrow the choice down any further than the four. The commissioners said they didn't think they could at this point. Jim Johnson said that of the four he felt that Rhoda Cargill was the best choice and gave reasons for his opinion. DC agreed that there are four great candidates and he wished Mr. Downey would change his mind about the date of his resignation and those candidates could go to the voters. Commissioner Berget explained that if Commissioner Downey were to change his date the whole process would have to start over and anyone could run.

The commissioners decided to postpone the decision to Wednesday, July 30, at 3:00.

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners _____
Anthony Berget, Chairman

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