

July 9, 2014

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on July 9, 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.

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

10:01 AM: **Review of County Commissioner District 2 Letters of Interest:** There are 8 people interested in the position. Jerry Bennett, Matt Bowser, Tony Brown, Rhoda Cargill, Robert L. Cody, Lawrence A. Dolezal, Gregory L. Larson, and Craig L. Martin are the candidates asking to be appointed to the Commissioner of District 2. The commissioners agreed to interview each candidate for approximately 30 minutes on July 22nd. There will be follow-up interviews on the 23rd. Commissioner Cole stated that he is very impressed with the quality of the applicants.

10:11 AM: There was a **Joint Public Hearing of the Cities of Libby and Troy and Lincoln County for Community Development Block Grant** – Economic Development on June 25, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Today the commissioners are signing the minutes of that meeting.

10:15 AM: The commissioners wrote a letter to **James Pena who is the Reviewing Officer for the Chief of the US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service**. In the letter the commissioner are expressing their concern over the apparent disenfranchise of the citizens and local governments in the process of the forest plan objections process.

10:20 AM: The Montana Department of Commerce Contract Amendment #MT-BSTF-1-10-01D is amending the period of the contract to July 6, 2015 for the **CDBG grant**. Commissioner Berget signed the amendment.

10:29 AM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the July 2, 2014 meeting and the July 7, 2014 special meeting**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as amended and it carried.

11:00 AM: **FWP/USFW Update:** Wayne Kasworm, Kim Annis, Tonya Chilton-Randandt, Philip Kilbreath and Tamie Laverdure are present today to speak with the commissioners. Wayne talked about sightings of some grizzly bears with cubs that he has experienced recently. He talked about the collars on the bears and told that some of the cubs were collared as well. The game wardens talked about some of the violations they have encountered in the past couple of months and the fines associated with those. There was a discussion of dead animals found and the speculation of what natural enemy had killed them. Tonya said that she had found two sheep that had appeared to have been killed by a bear. Kim talked about electric fencing that has been used to keep the wildlife out of community gardens. She talked about the power in the fences and what they are designed to do. Philip talked to Commissioner Downey about the new Milnor Lake dock.

1:00 PM: The commissioners had a **conference call with an attorney** for legal advice.

1:30 PM: The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services submitted a Task Order/Contract #15-07-611-030-0 for the **Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant**. This will be for the fiscal year 2014/2015. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the contract and it carried. Commissioner Berget signed the contract.

1:35 PM: The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services submitted a Task Order/Contract #15-07-5-01-027-0 for the **Maternal and Child Health Block Grant**. This will be for the fiscal year 2014/2015. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the contract and it carried. Commissioner Berget signed the contract.

1:37 PM: **Resolution #920** is a resolution to correct the **Fire Co-op and Airport Construction Budgets** for the 13/14 fiscal year due to grant funds received that were not anticipated. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the resolution and it carried.

1:45 PM: The commissioners had previously decided to use the **Hard Rock Mines Trust funds** as per the MCA after the mine has closed for a period of time. After a discussion of the possibilities of the split, Commissioner Downey moved to put \$100,000 plus accrued interest in the countywide fund, 45% to Troy, 35% to Libby and 20% to Eureka.

2:09 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Anthony Berget, Chairman

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