

June 18, 2014

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on June 18, 2014, in the Eureka Annex of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Mike Cole, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Ron Downey is ill.

10:30 AM: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:30 AM: **Title III Projects:** There was a notice of Public Comment in the newspaper requesting comments on the projects for the new Title III money. No members of the public are here today except Krista Tinchler from the Tobacco Valley News. Tom Horelick of Libby submitted a letter of concern about the past expenditures of the Title III funds. Ed Levert, Lincoln County Forester, submitted a proposal for the use of the funds for fire wise purposes. Commissioner Cole moved to accept the recommendation and will look at funding with the budget process and also would request that Ed prioritize the items on the proposal. The motion carried.

10:55 AM: **The Lincoln County Port Authority** has submitted an application for an Intermediary Revolving Loan for USDA RD for \$500,000 for economic development. The Kootenai River Development Council and Lincoln County Port Authority have requested a Big Sky Trust Fund Grant. The commissioners agreed to sign the letters of support for both projects.

10:57 AM: The **Lincoln County Fair Board** is requesting that Marion Eash be appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy they have had for some time. They are still looking for a Libby representative for the board. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the appointment of Marion Eash and it carried.

10:58 AM: **Lincoln County Library Board** member Jennifer Seifert has resigned from her position on the board. The board would like to appoint Marilyn McDougall to replace Jennifer. Commissioner Cole moved to appoint Marilyn McDougall to the Library Board and it carried.

10:59 AM: Douglas Chapel of the **Bull Lake Fire Department Board** is resigning his position due to lack of time. Herb Cargill was an unsuccessful candidate in an election for the board position recently and wrote a letter of interest to fill that vacancy. Commissioner Cole moved to approve Herb Cargill to be appointed to the board of Bull Lake Fire Department and it carried.

11:00 AM: **Aflac Insurance:** Chantel Abel and Shannon Brittenham from Aflac are presenting a Group Experience report for Lincoln County showing the usage of the Aflac program. They stated that Lincoln County has a low participation in the program and they are looking for ways to get those numbers up. Shantel will be in Libby next Tuesday.

1:30 PM: **Indian Springs Ranch RV Park South**, 9 new lots adjacent to the existing RV park, Sec. 2 T36N R27W, Public Hearing: Kristin Smith, Planning Director is participating by phone today. She presented the subdivision. The Planning Board and Planning staff recommend approval of this subdivision. APEC representative Bob Stoffard questioned condition #5 about the common area. He said the owner would like to make an easement rather than a lot and leave the parking area out of the common area. Kristin told the commissioners that there is no regulation against that but she feels the lot is necessary. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the subdivision as approved by the Planning Board and it carried.

1:45 PM: **Lakeshore Permit: Barry Deluca** has property on Glen Lake and would like to put a deck on his property with a gang plank to access the lake. The lake is very shallow in this area and the lot has a small, narrow trail leading to the existing dock. This project was submitted earlier this year with a rock wall. That was denied so they have submitted a new proposal with a suspended dock. The Planning Board stated that this plan is much less invasive and recommends approval. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the lakeshore permit and it carried.

1:50 PM: **Lakeshore Permit: David Halpenney** has property on Glen Lake and wants to stabilize the existing undercutting of the shoreline bank. The Planning Board discussed this plan at length last night at their meeting. They and Planning staff recommend approval of this proposal with a slight change of the design and that the applicants obtain a permit for the dock that they have which was not permitted. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the lakeshore permit and it carried.

2:00 PM: **Lakeshore Permit: David Buffet** owns property on Sophie Lake and wishes to put a dock on it with rock stairs to the dock. The property is encumbered with a common access easement to 3 other lots at the south end for which another dock was recently approved. The application is for a T dock which has never been approved before. This is something that may need to be addressed in the future on Lakeshore permits. Planning staff and Planning Board recommend approval. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the lakeshore permit and it carried.

2:15 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the May 28, June 4, and June 11, meetings**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as amended and it carried.

2:30 PM: **Justice of the Peace Transition Discussion:** Stormy Langston and Jay Sheffield are here today to discuss the changes. Stormy began by saying that she believes she and Jay have completely different ideas of how this should

be done. Commissioner Cole said that he thinks it's important not to have a pre-determined idea of how it should be done. Jay said he is just waiting to hear what the commissioners are going to allow and then he would formulate a plan from that. There was a discussion about the software program and the files in both locations. They also discussed the use of video conferencing for cases. The group agreed that they need to hear from County Attorney Bernie Cassidy and Commissioner Downey would need to be in the discussion so they will meet again on July 2, at 10:00 am.

3:20 PM: **Micki Carvey, Health Nurse** met with the commissioners about some of her grants. The commissioners will look at her concerns.

3:35 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Anthony Berget, Chairman

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