

**June 4, 2014**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on June 4, 2014, in 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 today.

9:00 AM: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 AM: **USFS/KNF**: Chris Savage is the new Forest Supervisor for the Kootenai National Forest. The group discussed his thoughts on the issues in Lincoln County. Chris arrived a few days ago, so he hasn't had a chance to catch up on all of the issues facing Lincoln County. Chris talked about the Secured Rural Schools funding.

10:00 AM: **EMA**: Vic White and Lisa Oedewaldt have come from the EMA to discuss radios. They spoke about the recent vote to retain the Troy Dispatch and what that means to the radio communications. Vic praised Lisa for her grant writing skills and stated that she is the best grant writer he has ever worked with. At this time, Lisa is working on a grant to build new radio repeater towers. The EMA is looking at 3 more repeater sites to ensure better coverage all over the county. Kirk Kraft joined them to talk about the dispatch difficulties. The proposed towers are on Mount Henry, Black Butte and Marston Mountain.

10:30 AM: **Kootenai Stakeholders Executive Board**: Robin King, Ed Levert, Tim Dougherty, Matt Bowser and Paul McKenzie are here from the Board. The stakeholders group is excited about the collaboration with the Forest Service and the county. Tim spoke about the phone call from Mason, Bruce & Girard Inc. about the scenarios of the Forest Plan. They stressed that the budget is what is driving the plan. The group discussed the Forest and what some possibilities are for the future. Budget, Watershed and Wildlife are the three concerns that are priority for the forest plan.

11:30 AM: **Tim Orthmeyer, Morrison Maierle Inc.**: Tim has the paperwork for the airport grants for the current year. The commissioners have already approved these projects and grants at previous meetings so Tim needs signatures. Last month the commissioners opened the bids for the Eureka Airport project. Stumvoll Electric, Inc. of Libby is the low bidder. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the lowest bid and it carried. Eureka will need to use some of the allowed grant money due to Libby in order to complete the project so the commissioners need to sign an agreement to move the money to the Eureka project. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the transfer of Libby funds to Eureka and it carried.

1:30 PM: The commissioners received a recommendation from the **Elected Officials Salary Committee** to have no increase in pay and no longevity for elected officials. Commissioner Cole moved to accept the committee's recommendation and it carried. It was noted that the sheriff's department will not receive their longevity due to this decision. The commissioners discussed the pay of the regular employees. Commissioner Cole moved to have no increase in pay for non-elected employees and it carried.

2:00 PM: The **County Extension** office received a contract to continue the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the SNAP program for an additional year and it carried.

2:05 PM: The commissioners received a **letter of resignation from Ron Downey, Commissioner of District 2**. Ron intends to retire on August 1, 2014. The commissioners reluctantly accepted the letter with great sadness.

2:10 PM: **Kathi Hooper, County Sanitarian**, came to the commissioners with some personnel issues and budget suggestions.

2:40 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

#### **LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board