

May 4, 2011

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on May 4, 2011, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Roose, Commissioner Berget, Commissioner Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

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

9:00 AM: **Paul Bradford and Paul Stantus, KNF:** Paul Stantus began by presenting the "Schedule A" proposal for the upcoming year. He talked about the changes from the previous year. The commissioners signed the Schedule A agreement. Commissioner Berget asked about the Silver Butte Road which goes from Lincoln County to Sanders County. Paul said that there is a meeting soon concerning that road but he is unsure what will happen. Paul Bradford talked about the Forest Plan revision. The Forest Service is done with their part of it and it is now in the Fish and Wildlife hands. He gave a name in Spokane of the man that is in charge now and the Commissioners agreed to write him a letter of concern. Paul Bradford talked about the Montana Timber Task Force Group that he is a part of. He brought a chart of the projects going on in different districts around the state and the Kootenai National Forest is doing more projects than most of the state. Paul talked about the issues involving the mining projects that are being proposed. He said we should all work together to get the Montanore mine up and going.

10:10 AM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

10:30 AM: **Nancy Higgins, Lincoln County Treasurer:** Nancy is here to talk about the taxes on Mobile homes and personal property that are deleted or gone per the Department of Revenue. She is asking to take these off the tax records. These taxes are uncollectable so Commissioner Berget moved to approve removing these from the rolls and it carried. Nancy then presented a list of Real Property taxes 10 years or more delinquent that are uncollectable. The final name on the list is a relative of Commissioner Berget so he recuses himself from the vote on this one. Commissioner Downey moved to remove the amount from the tax rolls and it carried. Then Nancy presented the other nine properties on the list. Commissioner Berget moved to approve each of the other nine, Commissioner Downey seconded and they all carried. Nancy presented a few tax records that are under the name of Lincoln County. Somewhere the communication has broken down and the last two years they have been missed. It was decided that Nancy will submit a bill to Tammy's office and the bill will be paid. The property that the college sits on is also delinquent. Nancy has a plan to delete all the old refuse and lighting and sprinkling and then make sure that the college understands that they are responsible for the taxes in the future. It was agreed that the county will speak to the City and the College. The other ones that she is concerned with are Beneficial use fees in the Port Authority property. Nancy discovered that they are all gone so Commissioner Downey moved to delete those taxes and it carried.

Nancy has a current policy of under \$1 for an overpayment and underpayment of taxes to let the department absorb in order to allow taxes to be paid. The \$1 is turning out to be not effective because it costs \$.44 to send the dollar back. Most counties are using a \$5 amount instead. Commissioner Berget moved to approve Nancy setting a policy of a \$5 cap and floor for her taxes overpayment and underpayment. The motion carried.

11:00 AM: **Vic White, EMA:** Vic has a presentation about the snowpack and the flooding danger in the next few weeks. There will be public meetings in all 3 areas to inform people of the risks. Roby Bowe talked about a plan to get High School kids to get started making some sandbags and putting them on pallets to be more prepared for the flooding. The 3 road foremen ask about their role in the flood situation. Commissioner Downey moved to declare a State of Emergency for the county in the current potential flood situation. Commissioner Berget seconded and it carried. There was a discussion about the chain of command in a disaster situation. **Resolution #854** was signed by the Commissioners and Tammy declaring the state of Emergency.

1:30 PM: **Meadowlark Pines Subdivision**, 5 lots, preliminary plat approval: This subdivision was presented on April 27, 2011. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the preliminary plat as per planning staff recommendation and it carried.

2:45 PM: The **Sheriff's department** is asking for a larger phone allowance for two deputies that are paid from a grant due to their different needs. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the two deputies at \$55 per month and it carried. This is rather than the amount paid others of \$40 as of June 1.

3:10 PM: The Commissioners discussed the **Grizzly bear study funding**.

3:30 PM: The **meeting was adjourned** for the City/County Health Board meeting.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Marianne Roose, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board