

October 3, 2012

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 12, 2012, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Deputy Clerk and Recorder Wendy Drake.

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

9:00 AM: **Forest Service Update:** Betty Holder talked about the Forest Plan Revision and updated the commissioners on the Grizzly Bear Access Amendment. The 60 day notice time has passed but no word back. Also gave an update of each Ranger District, Vegetation Management Proposals and current litigation. Betty gave a fire season update, and Construction projects update.

10:00 AM: **Kathi Hooper, Landfill:** Kathi requested approval to replace a destroyed cat truck without going to bid because it is within the bid time frame. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the request and it carried. Kathi talked about a personnel issue and a solution to the problem would be to hire a full time person in the summer, and three days a week in the winter. She requested to use past applications to hire for the current person, because it is for the same job. Commissioner Downey moved to approve and it carried approved. She talked about wood waste piles at the Landfill. Kathi sent a letter to EPA about how to move on with the wood waste. EPA replied with ways to rid of the wood waste piles. They can bury the waste at the Libby landfill, but cannot in Troy. Kathi is requesting the commissioners to write a letter to EPA and request that they remove the wood waste piles from Troy.

9:55 AM: Representative Mike Cuff presented a **letter to Richard Opper, Director of Department of Environmental Quality** concerning the Montanore Mine Project. The letter is requesting that the DEQ move promptly in the completion of the permitting process and is signed by Cuffe, Representative Bennett, Senator Vincent, and Senator Brenden.

10:30 AM: **Deb Blystone, Planning Manager** talked about a road name issue. Residents want to change the road back to the original name. Deb requested that the name not change due to E911 issues. Commissioner Downey moved to keep the road name the same and it carried.

10:40 AM: The **Eureka Fire Service Area** wrote a letter to the Commissioners announcing that Don Lundeen and Jack Jesienouski have resigned the Board. Therefore, they are requesting approval for new president Shawn Vandenberg and member Paul Kjensrud. Commissioner Berget motioned for approval and it carried.

10:45 AM: The **Upper Yaak Fire District** had an emergency board meeting to vote in new members of the board. Michael Sanders, Sharon Sullivan, Jay Hovey, William Sullivan, and John Loney were unanimously voted in. Commissioner Berget made a motion to approve and it carried.

10:47 AM: **Ed Levert, County Forester**, is requesting \$300.00 for the Fire wise presentation. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the request and it carried.

10:50 AM: The commissioners received an **Amendment of the MIECHV grant** for the County Health Nurse. The commissioners signed the amendment.

11:00 AM: **Decision on the County Extension Agent Position:** Steve Siegelin, Western Region Department Head from Montana State University proposed that the Extension new position focus on Agriculture and 4-H. He suggested that the County maintain the Extension office and at a full time position. Commissioner Downey made a motion to move the county extension agency position to half time. Commissioner Berget seconded and opened for discussion. Approximately 20 people voiced their concerns about losing a county extension agent. Most were concerned about the loss of the 4H program for the youth. Commissioner Downey stated that he did not want to lose the 4H program and had researched ways to keep the program active. The discussion went on for approximately 2 hours and then went to a vote. The motion carried with Commissioner Downey and Commissioner Berget voting for a part time position and Commissioner Roose voting against.

1:30 PM: **Roman's Run Subdivision**, 1 residential lot, preliminary plat review: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, presented the subdivision, which is technically an aggregation of lots but the parcels were originally created using the agricultural exemption. Kristin recommended preliminary plat approval of Romans run Subdivision. It was decided that a condition would be a 60 foot easement through the subdivision. Commissioner Berget moved to approve and it carried.

1:45 PM: **Lake Creek Ranch**, Phasing Plan, Extension Request: Developer is requesting to extend the preliminary plat approval period and add a phasing plan due to market conditions. Commissioner Berget moved to allow the phasing and extension and it carried.

2:00 PM: The commissioners discussed a county resident requesting the late fee and interest from his back taxes be removed. They agreed that it is the resident's responsibility to make sure the taxes are paid and will deny the request. Motion was made to accept proposal from DEQ in reducing the fine for the Gravel pits across Lincoln County and it carried.

2:15 PM: The **meeting was adjourned.**

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Marianne Roose, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Wendy Drake, Clerk of the Board