

October 30, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on October 30, 2013, 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.

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

9:00 AM: **Lisa Oedewaldt, EMA:** Lisa has grant papers to present to the commissioners for signatures on grants for communication towers that the county purchased and equipment for the county. She talked about some of the improvements that are already being made. Lisa mentioned some flooding precautions that are in process around the county.

10:00 AM: **Nancy Higgins, County Treasurer:** Nancy presented her monthly report on her investments and cash. Nancy is sending out the tax notices tomorrow. She showed that there are 17,582 notices being sent, 830 of which are out of the United States. Nancy showed the new taxes and explained the increases and decreases and showed an example of tax notices that will increase. The group discussed the districts raising taxes and how that is done. The largest increase was the Troy Dispatch District, which increased over 12 mills.

10:50 AM: The commissioners read **the minutes of the October 23, 2013, meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as amended and it carried.

10:55 AM: The DEQ has approved the new budget for **the Junk Vehicle program** and the commissioners signed it for the new fiscal year.

11:05 AM: **Justice of the Peace Jay Sheffield** spoke to the commissioners about statements that were made in Eureka about him and his office. He assured the commissioners that the ladies from the Justice of the Peace office in Eureka have no idea how many hours a week he works nor do they have any way of knowing what work is done in the Libby office and by whom. He showed that he has Jury trials almost every Friday, which is the day the Eureka staff stated he "never" works. He also explained that he handles people who are jailed and processing of them even though they may never enter his court. Jay told about his position and some of his duties which include Saturdays and Sundays for warrants. He did not say anything negative about the Eureka staff, but wanted to defend himself against the accusations made about him and his office.

11:15 AM: **Board Appointments:** The commissioners were made aware of several boards in the county that are either inactive or possibly disbanded. Letters have been written to these boards concerning the inactivity. Lincoln County Service Board has not responded for at least 2 years and the terms expired in 2009 so it is assumed that board has disbanded. Tobacco Valley Community Development Council is similar. A few districts are known to be active but need to update their board information.

11:35 AM: The **Fortine/Trego Cemetery Board** has requested that John Linn replace Darris Flanagan on the board. Commissioner Cole moved to approve John Linn and it carried.

1:30 PM: **Kristin Smith, Planning Director:** Kristin has some suggestions to make amendments to the Lakeshore Regulations. She would like to have a public hearing on the 20<sup>th</sup> in Eureka and again on the 21<sup>st</sup> in Libby. The commissioners will adopt or reject the changes at that time.

2:00 PM: The commissioners went over some calendar details with Bill Bischoff.

2:30 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