

September 11, 2013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 11, 2013, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Ron Downey, Commissioner Mike Cole, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Tony Berget is on vacation.

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

9:00 AM: **School Budget Adoption:** Shawneen Davis, County Superintendent's Office, presented the School District Levies prepared by Superintendent Ron Higgins, who was not able to make it today. Shawneen pointed out the changes from last year. There was a discussion about the small schools and the declining enrollment. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the school levies and it carried.

9:45 AM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the September 4, 2013, meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

10:00 AM: **EPA Update:** Mike Cirian and Liz Pluger are here from EPA. Rebecca Thomas and Dania Zinner are on the conference phone. Liz talked about the Removal Action Homeowner Satisfaction Survey that was sent out. They received about 30% of the surveys back and the feedback was mostly positive. They are happy to know that the majority of the residents are satisfied with the cleaning process. Mike said they had 97% of people happy with the timeliness of receiving their per diem checks. Rebecca talked about the transition in Troy. The office in Troy has been closed. Mike spoke about public meetings that have taken place and the plan for more meetings in the spring. He said the Feasibility Studies are going to be presented in public meetings in October. Dania explained the Riverfront Park Risk Assessment progress and the OU2 Screening Plant O & M inspection. Rebecca talked about the removal action at the Mine Site and the data sampling at the site and the surrounding area. The ERS and UDig programs are going well. They are working on Nick Raines and his ARP crew taking over the ERS responses on January 1, 2014. Mike told that 111 properties will be finished this year. Between 13 and 15 properties are being done in Troy. They have a final dig date of October 18, 2013 this year. Liz explained the activity based sampling of OU4 that will be completed this summer. Kathi Hooper said that she is beginning to chip the wood waste pile in the Troy Landfill tomorrow. The chips will be transferred to the Libby landfill for burial. This will be approximately 25% of the pile and the rest will be burned.

11:00 AM: **FWP/USFW Update:** Kim Annis talked about the bears in the area that they are tracking. Jim talked about the Kootenai River population of the fish and the studies he is involved in presently. Mike Hensler was asked about the huge number of Salmon that died in the Kooconusa Reservoir recently. He explained his opinion of what happened to the fish, which is that the fish were sick and unable to dive below the surface water which is too warm for them to survive. He presented a PowerPoint on the Illegal Fish Introductions in Montana. He spoke about this region being the worst in Montana for the introduction of illegal fish. The introduction of illegal fish comes from people putting fish from fish tanks and other bodies of water into the waters that are not native to that fish.

2:30 PM: **Danielle Maiden, Community Action Partnership:** Danielle has the new work plan for the upcoming year. Since she has not met with the commissioners yet this year she explained the program to new Commissioner Mike Cole. She highlighted the functions of her job and the comparison of Lincoln County and Flathead County needs. Danielle needs a letter signed by the commissioners approving the new 2 year plan. Commissioner Cole moved to draft a letter and send supporting the CAP plan and it carried.

3:00 PM: **Tim Orthmeyer, Morrison-Maierle:** Libby Airport Grant is complete for the paving project. Tim needs the commissioners to sign the final invoice. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the final invoice and it carried.

3:10 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ron Downey, Acting Chairman

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