

APRIL 6, 2005

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met for a regular session in the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Marianne B. Roose, Members Rita R. Windom and John Konzen, and Deputy Clerk & Recorder Robin Cerny.

9:00 A.M. U.S.F.S. SUPERVISOR BOB CASTANEDA: RE: UPDATE ON FOREST ISSUES: Also present: Western News Reporter Steve Kadel and Denise Smith from Senator Conrad Burn's office.

Fire Season: Castaneda presented a clearer picture to the Board for this year's fire season. Castaneda said that the money in the past that was used for helicopter contracts will now come out of a different pool of money. This change will allow approximately \$300,000 for the use of fire suppression and the hiring of fire fighters. Castaneda said the Forest Service is about 80% fully prepared for this year's fire season. The Forest Service is predicting a very busy fire season for MT, WA, OR, and ID. The severity will depend on the amount of moisture throughout the summer and also the amount of lightning. Castaneda said the State is taking the lead on the issue of contracts for big water handling equipment. There will be proposals for vendors to submit bids, and this will be State wide. Commissioner Konzen said that the little guy has less of a chance against larger companies, and that bids becoming State wide may create a business for someone to come in with their own tankers and fire trucks.

Budget: Castaneda says the Forest Service is looking into ways to simplify the process of using money leftover from projects to be used toward picking up new projects. Some projects come in under cost which creates a recovery pool of money. Castaneda said he is looking into how to track this money in a detailed way and use this money to do some additional work.

Firewood for Community: Castaneda says the Forest Service must now put excess wood or salvage out for bid first before it can be made available to the public. This has come from the Regional Office. If no one bids on the excess wood or salvage, then the Forest Service can use it for the community. Commissioner Konzen said that this is being done to see if there is any value before it is given away.

10:30 A.M. EMA DIRECTOR MARC MCGILL: RE: VOLUNTEER DEPUTY / FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM:

Also present: Michelle Harmon.

Volunteer Deputy: McGill introduced Michele Harmon to the Board and gave a brief history of her experience in grant writing and volunteer work she has been doing for EMA. McGill feels he needs a deputy to assist and help cover him when he is unavailable and would like Harmon to fill this volunteer position. Commissioner Windom questioned if the State would be paying for her training. McGill said all funding for training would be paid by the State. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to accept Michele Harmon as a Volunteer Deputy Director for EMA. Motion carried by quorum. Michele Harmon was officially sworn in by Chairman Roose.

2005 Assistance To Firefighters Grant Program Update: McGill presented the Board with a "Narrative Statement" for the Firefighters Grant Program showing a total project budget amount of \$221,400. McGill explained to the Board that this grant requires a cash match of 5% or \$11,070 and asked if the County could make this payment. After a brief discussion Commissioner Konzen made a **MOTION** that Lincoln County would support the Assistance To Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of 10% of the total grant amount, or \$22,140. Second by Commissioner Windom, so ordered upon consensus of the Board by Chairman Roose. The fund that this money is to come from is yet to be identified.

11:00 A.M. FISHER RIVER VALLEY FIRE SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY ALTERATION: Present were Tony Bacon, Tom Wood, Barbara Benson, Ken Peterson, Tiffany Bower, Kirk Kraft, and Winifred Dooley. Chairman of Fisher River Valley FSA Tom Wood presented a letter to the Board requesting approval to set in motion the alteration of the boundaries of the Fisher River Valley FSA. Wood also presented documents showing the border alterations legal description and a list of property owners that will be in the affected area. Kraft presented the Board with a map showing the current boundaries and the new boundary alterations. Commissioner Windom asked if the roads are adequate in all areas. Kraft says that currently the roads are ok but that his biggest concern is future road development. Commissioner Konzen felt it would be very beneficial if a F.S.A. Trustee talked with the property owners in the affected area. Kraft said he would get a letter put together and will go door-to-door. Commissioner Konzen asked if the expansion would increase the current fee structure. Kraft said the current fee is \$50 and it will not change at this time, but may in the future. **MOTION** by Commissioner Windom to accept the documents presented by Tom Wood to expand the boundaries and to move forward with the Resolution of Intent. Second by Commissioner Konzen, so ordered upon consensus of the Board by Chairman Roose. Tom Wood told the Board that he will resign from the Fisher River Valley FSA Board effective April 15.

11:30 A.M. RE: SILVER CABLE ROAD: Present were Attorney Charles Evans, U.S.F.S. Malcolm R. Edwards and Tom Grabinski. The purpose for this meeting is to review the history of Silver Cable Road and determine its ownership. After a brief discussion Commissioner Windom made a **MOTION** to move forward on affirming that Silver Cable Road as being a county road based on a legal opinion from County Attorney Bernard Cassidy. Second by Commissioner Konzen. Motion carried by quorum.

1:30 P.M. COUNTY PLANNER KEN PETERSON: RE: PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION REVIEW:

Subdivisions presented for approval:

- 1) Rainbow Lakes Subdivision: Eight single family residential lots in a portion of Sec. 30, T27N, R27W. **MOTION** by Commissioner Windom to approve subject to planning staff recommendations. Second by Commissioner Konzen. Motion carried by quorum.
- 2) Timber Lake Subdivision: A 4 lot minor in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, & NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 26, T36N, R26W. **MOTION** by Commissioner Windom to approve subject to planning staff recommendations. Second by Commissioner Konzen. Motion carried by quorum.
- 3) McGinnis Hiss Subdivision: A 4 lot minor in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 17, T26N, R28W. **MOTION** by Commissioner Windom to approve subject to planning staff recommendations. Second by Commissioner Konzen. Motion carried by quorum.

2:00 P.M. RE: JUVENILE PROBATION TITLE III PROGRAM: Present were Juvenile Probation Officers Joe McElmurry & Carl Leggins. McElmurry presented a letter to the Board pertaining to the Title III grant money, and using this money toward a community service/restitution work program. The letter states that the program will be in cooperation with both Troy and Libby geared toward the reimbursement of community service, fines and/or restitutions owed by kids. McElmurry said this program teaches responsibility and accountability to kids as they pay off their restitution back to the community. McElmurry also presented a draft budget that he is requesting in order to provide this program. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to move forward with the proposal presented. McElmurry will present a final proposal to the Board in the Fall. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Konzen encourages Youth Court Services to develop this program in Eureka.

2:30 P.M. COUNTY SANITARIAN RON ANDERSON: RE: WOOD STOVE PROJECT UPDATE:

Anderson gave a briefing of the current status of the Wood Stove Change Out Program. Anderson said a Program Coordinator is needed and asked the Commissioners to make a decision on this issue. Anderson feels the Program Coordinator will need to start working full time in May, and Lincoln County will be the Program Manager. After further discussion the Board agreed that a Program Coordinator is needed and that this position needs to be advertised to the public in the Western News and Tobacco Valley Newspapers. Commissioner Konzen said he thinks that a grade 14 is a reasonable salary for this position.

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3:00 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

2005 National Crime Victims' Rights Week: The Board reviewed a letter from Carol Ramos stating that the Lincoln County Victim/Witness Program would be honored if the Board would sponsor an official resolution to recognize April 10-15 as Lincoln County's Crime Victims' Rights Week. **MOTION** by Commissioner Windom to create a resolution which designates April 10-16, as 2005 Crime Victims' Rights Week in Lincoln County. Second by Commissioner Konzen. Motion carried by quorum.

Uncollected Delinquent Taxes: Commissioner Windom presented documentation to the Board showing that the amount of delinquent taxes owed in Lincoln County has reached \$803,000+. Commissioner Windom said she would like to send out letters to people notifying them that their taxes are delinquent. The Board decided unanimously that it would begin the legal process of tax deed proceedings and will notify

Treasurer Geri Miller and Clerk & Recorder Coral M. Cummings on this issue.

BOARD APPROVED CERTIFICATES OF SURVEY & PLATS FOR RECORDING:

- 1) C. of S. in Sec. 13, T29N, R31W for Bache.
- 2) C. of S. in Sec. 2, T33N, R26W for Titchbourne.
- 3) C. of S. in Sec. 2, T33N, R26W for Kootenai National Forest District.
- 4) C. of S. in Sec. 17, T36N, R27W for Ingalls.
- 5) Amended Plat of Lot 1 French Creek Subdivision in Sec. 25, T31N, R34W for Bolte.
- 6) A Plat of Hidden Valley Subdivision in Sec. 20, T30N, R33W for MT Mountain Valley, L.L.C.

Routine business completed the day and the Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Coral M. Cummings, Clerk of the Board

LINCOLN COUNTY

John Konzen,