

JUNE 8, 2005

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met for a regular session in the courthouse at 10:00 a.m. with members Rita R. Windom and John Konzen, and Deputy Clerk Robin A. Cerny present.

9:00 A.M. JIM CHRISTIANSEN, EPA: RE: MONTHLY UPDATE: Also present was Wendy Thomi.

Christiansen said the work being done on the Central Maintenance Building is going well and is on target. Roof work is currently being done and is about 50% complete. This project should be finished by late fall. Christiansen said that EPA is on target for where it should be for the year. Christiansen said he is currently working on a pamphlet (approx. 8 pages in length) that explains economic development and the role EPA plays. Christiansen will get a completed copy to the Board when he is finished. Christiansen said he plans on doing more community involvement and community education work this year.

10:00 A.M. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

BOARD APPOINTMENT: Eureka Area Dispatch Board: The Board unanimously agreed to reappoint Roger Pitman to serve on the Eureka Area Dispatch Board for a 3 year term. This term will expire on 6-30-2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 709 Amtrak: A resolution urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize funding for Amtrak. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to approve and sign Resolution No. 709 stating that Lincoln County urges the United States Congress to not pass the Passenger Rail Investment Reform Act, which calls for a "phased reduction of operating subsidies to Amtrak's 17 long-distance routes", including the Empire Builder. Second by Commissioner Windom and so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

COUNCIL ON AGING: The modifications to the FYY 2005 (10/1/04-9/30/05) CSFP contracts, Senior Food Program were signed by the Commissioners.

11:30 A.M. HEALTH INSURANCE DISCUSSION:

Bill Bischoff presented to the Board the Insurance Committees recommendations pertaining to FY 05-06 county employee insurance. Bischoff said the Insurance Committee met last week for about two hours. Bischoff commented that an increase in the insurance deductible would affect the least amount of employees and that if the deductible is increased it would be a one year decision. Commissioner Konzen stated that he did not like having to make this decision before seeing the revenue report first. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to accept the Insurance Committees decision to increase the insurance deductible from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for all county

employees. Second by Commissioner Windom and so ordered upon consensus of the Board. Commissioner Windom stated that she thinks most of the employees could pay for a small prescription increase out of the flex money for each employee. Commissioner Konzen made a **MOTION** to amend the first motion stated above to increase the insurance deductible from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per employee and to increase the prescription co-pay from a set dollar amount to a percent of the cost and utilizing the budget not spent. Second by Commissioner Windom and so ordered upon consensus of the Board. These changes would make the budget increase to be approximately \$17,000.

1:30 COUNTY PLANNER KEN PETERSON: RE: SUBDIVISION REVIEW:

Presented for review:

Ksanka Foothills: A public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 1:30 p.m., in Eureka.

Subdivision Regulations for 05-06:

Peterson presented the Board with the proposed changes in the Lincoln County Subdivision Regulations for 05-06. A brief discussion took place and Peterson said he would get a finalized copy to the Board before the public hearing. No date has been set for the public hearing at this time.

City of Libby Planning Board:

A letter of support has been written to Mayor Tony Berget in response to the intentions of the City of Libby to create a planning board.

2:30 P.M. PETER GREEN: RE: SUBDIVISION DISCUSSION:

A general discussion took place about the future development of properties purchased by Green from Plum Creek. Properties are in the Libby Creek and Savage Lake Areas. Green thinks that the Libby Creek property would be a logical place to develop and would work well for the community. Green said he may develop the property in the Savage Lake area, but would prefer to sell it. No final decisions have been made at this time.

3:30 P.M. COUNTY SANITARIAN RON ANDERSON: Also present was Calvin Davis.

RE: STOVE CHANGE OUT UPDATE: Anderson submitted fact sheets to the Board which explains particulars on the Wood Stove Change Out Program and submitted the News Release for the Wood Stove Fair scheduled for June 18th. A complete list of speakers is still to be determined.

RE: JUNK TRAILER PICK UP: Anderson submitted to the Board a proposed cost assessment for the Junk Trailer Pickup Campaign. This project would include two employees, and would be approximately a six month program. Total projected cost for this project would be \$293,674.

Commissioner Windom questioned the legal right to go on someone else's property. Bischoff said that County Attorney Bernie Cassidy would be asked to recommend a legal strategy. Commissioner Konzen said that he is 100% in favor of this project if the county can come up with the funding, and that it would be good to clean up the whole area. Commissioner Konzen also stated that he thinks it would be good if junk vehicles are picked up as well as the trailers. Commissioner Windom said that she is in favor of this project but still had questions such as what affect all private enterprise would have on this. Commissioner Konzen asked Anderson what the problems would be to have this work contracted out. Anderson said hiring contractors makes the county lose control and so many other variables come into play. Commissioner Windom said that she does not want to make a decision until this project is presented to Chairman Roose. Commissioner Konzen ended the discussion by saying that more research needs to be done.

BOARD APPROVED CERTIFICATES OF SURVEY & PLATS FOR RECORDING:

- 1) C. of S. in Sec. 30, T32N, R28W for Tungsten Holding, Inc.
- 2) C. of S. in Sec. 10, T30N, R31W for Beasley.
- 3) C. of S. in Sec. 18, T36N, R26W for Tungsten Holding, Inc.
- 4) C. of S. in Sec. 17, T29N, R33W for Cochran, Cote.
- 5) Plat of Chandler's Acres in Sec. 21, T37N, R27W for Miller.
- 6) Plat of Amended Lot 1 of Hidden Balley in Sec. 20, T30N, R33W, for Montana Mountain Valley L.L.C.

Routine business completed the day and the Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LINCOLN COUNTY

Chairman of the Board

Marianne B. Roose,

ATTEST: _____

Coral M. Cummings, Clerk of the Board

