

**MARCH 16, 2005**

The Board of County Commissioners met for a regular session in Eureka with all members present: Chairman Marianne B. Roose, Members John Konzen, and Rita R. Windom, and Clerk of the Board Coral M. Cummings.

**RE: FORMATION OF F.S.A. IN WEST KOOTENAI AREA:**

Present were Barbara Morgan, James W. Treweek, and Greg Belisle. The group does have a truck and a tank donated. It was suggested that perhaps the Amish would want to participate but not as firefighters. Morgan said that Tom Wood has suggested that a fire company is needed to begin. There are approximately 300 to 400 people in the area. The group will continue to look at options on this issue.

**RE: PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN:**

Present were Health Officer Dr. Brad Black, County Nurse Karol Spas-Otte, County Sanitarian Ron Anderson, and Sandy Jackson. The group says they need help from the Board on this project. Jackson identified the issues to be addressed and that she has the deliverables up till now she has been able to provide. Jackson presented the ten essentials that need to be addressed, and said she has till the end of June, 2005 for the Board to sit down and review and address the essentials as a group (six hours in one sitting or separate times to address the issues to be in compliance with the grant). Anderson suggested a volunteer board be appointed by the Board of Commissioners to report and work with the County Health Board. Commissioner Konzen asked if the current Health Board could be expanded. Anderson suggested a minimum of five people could be appointed on a separate board and serve at the convenience of the Board of Commissioners. The current health board consists of the Board of Commissioners, Dr. Black, Ron Anderson, and Karol Spas-Otte. Commissioner Windom questioned how many people would be needed to create this board, and Chairman Roose commented that she would like to see a diverse membership here. Dr. Black said he has had many interested people who would be willing to work together on this to identify health policy in the county. Dr. Black feels that it should start with the government leaders to appoint a broader health board. Anderson said that he is looking at the Board of Commissioners to approve moving forward with this project. Dr. Black thinks a private health care system needs to be involved to make this work. Hospital, Doctors, Mental Health, etc...should all be involved, as well as ties in Troy and Eureka. Consensus of the Board to move forward with two or three sessions to accomplish the requirements.

The Board approved and signed Task Order for Grant approval of \$14,000 extra money: # T.O. 04-07-4-61-028-0.

**COUNTY SANITARIAN RON ANDERSON: RE: AIR QUALITY ISSUE:**

Anderson conducted a phone call with his partners on the air quality project and he has the plan on paper for the stove replacement program. Anderson said there needs to be a representative in town by the end of the month and that his "partner" wants an on-site manager for the project.

Anderson is currently looking at a person from the college. Anderson said the HPBA (Hearth, Patio & Barbecue) Association will solicit product and about \$500,000 in cash. Technical assistance will come from the HPBA Association and they will train and certify installers, acknowledging this to be a two year project. There plans to be a demo of products in May or June. Anderson feels we need to work on air quality changes and have mandatory changes in place. Funding and grant writing are still issues, and the HPBA Association will be providing money for a project manager. Anderson said there are state funds to supplement a grant writer in order to supplement the monetary needs.

**RE: GLEN LAKE IRRIGATION:**

Present were County Planner Ken Peterson, Leonard Peterson and Maggie Butts. Need to track property with tax I.D. to show if there is an assessment on the property, and possibly put tax I. D. on plats when they are recorded. County Planner Ken Peterson told them it would not be done until GIS is completed.

**RE: MUNSON CONSULTING: CONTRACT RENEWAL**

Present were Robert and Vicki Munson. Vicki Munson feels they just got started on the grant project. Munson received ten grants last year (some county, about \$441,000), several are still pending (about \$4,000,000) not all county, but are relative to Libby, including the Libby Research Center, Pulmonary Rehab Center, and the Bio-Mass project. Vicki said she would like to renew the contract with the option that if their home sells, they will give 30 days notice to the county. The contract will stay the same (price and terms) at \$41,600 per year or \$1600 every two weeks, with travel included. Incomplete projects at this time are: Enhanced 9-1-1, CDBG Planning Grant (long term health care), updated income survey (South Lincoln County), and the Port Authority is looking for grants also at this time. **MOTION** by Commissioner Windom to renew the contract with Munson Consulting for one more year starting March 16, 2005 at the same rates. Second by Commissioner Konzen and so ordered upon consensus of the Board by Chairman Marianne B. Roose.

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING:**

**LOT 1 CULLEN SUBDIVISION:**

A six lot major in Lot 1 Cullen Subdivision, Sec. 11 & 14, T33N, R26W. Total area: 24.439 +/- acres. Peterson said the question here is of access width to Lot 1E and 1F. Peterson will address this and the degree of approach to the Fortine Creek Road. No further discussion took place until these issues are clarified. No one from the public was in attendance. Hearing was closed.

**COOKS RUN III SUBDIVISION:**

A seven lot major in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ , Sec. 19 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 20, T35N, R27W. Total area: 140.752 +/- acres. There is a short area in the road that has an 11% grade. The Board needs to review this before any further decisions. Hearing was closed.

**RE: TITLE III FUNDS:**

Present were Betty Holder and Ron Hvizdak. The Board of Commissioners was requested to consider funding for two YCC Crews and leader. Five local high school youths (ages 16-18) in the Rexford Ranger District and Fortine Ranger District.

Fortine Proposal – 1 month, 2 pay periods: 7,788.40                      Rexford Proposal – 1 month,  
2 pay periods: 6,820.00

2 months, 4 pay periods: 15,576.80    2 months, 4 pay periods: 13,640.00

Total cost for 2½ months, 5 pay periods: 19,471.00 Total cost for 2½ months, 5 pay periods:  
17,050.00

No overhead costs are involved. The F.S. will absorb this. The Board will review these requests.

**BOARD APPROVED CERTIFICATES OF SURVEY & PLATS FOR RECORDING:**

C. of S. in Sec. 3, T30N, R31W for Vandine.

C. of S. in Sec. 6, T31N, R33W for Stimson, Equity Trust Company, Jones.

Plat of Young Creek Meadows: Sec. 15, T37N, R28W for Miller.

Routine Business completed the day and the Board adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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**Chairman of the Board**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coral M. Cummings, Clerk of the Board**

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**Marianne B. Roose,**