

MARCH 9, 2005

The Board of County Commissioners met for a regular session in the Lincoln County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with Members John Konzen, Chairman Marianne B. Roose, and Clerk of the Board Coral M. Cummings present.

9:00 A.M. RE: COMMUNITY RESOURCE SPECIALIST: RE: EPA UPDATE:

Present were: County Sanitarian Ron Anderson, Meg Babits and Catherine LeCours, DEQ; Abe Troyer, TAG; and Wendy Thomi, EPA. Anderson shared with the Board his ideas on the need for hiring a Community Resource Specialist. This position would be a contact person to assist the public relating to asbestos issues and public awareness. Anderson said this person would help take the pressure off EPA and contractors. Due to liability, Anderson feels this position should be filled by a county person. Chairman Roose asked how this person is to be paid. Anderson said that some feel W.R. Grace should fund this job, possibly EPA, but these issues still need to be resolved. Anderson said that this is only a concept at this time and that he will research it further to create a job description with qualifications that would be needed for this position.

Catherine Lecours, DEQ said that she has been in Troy interviewing residents and plans to continue with other preliminary community work. LeCours said that she is looking into large source areas, and areas that have the greatest need. If funding becomes available she hopes to start clean-up next year. The Troy High School is slated for clean-up this summer.

Wendy Thomi, EPA commented on the procedures that are being utilized for clean-up. Commissioner Konzen feels that local workers are leaving because there is not enough work to support them and that clean-up projects should go out to bid. He feels this procedure needs to be revisited. Thomi said the Board should discuss this issue further with Jim Christiansen.

RE: COUNTY SANITARIAN RON ANDERSON: RE: STOVE CHANGE OUT UPDATE:

Anderson reported on the trip to Atlanta for EXPO on Air Quality, and his discussion with Hearth and Home Association, as well as other Stove Industry Leaders. Hearth and Home leaders felt that Libby would be an outstanding opportunity to attain scientific data on what wood stove impact is on air quality, and have committed to financial assistance for a program in Libby. Anderson suggested this would be a two year project and that manufacturers will provide product and money. Other funding is being researched at this time. Anderson expressed concern for the impact this would have on local stove retailers and suggested training installation teams of local people.

10:00 A.M. BOB CASTANEDA, KNF SUPERVISOR: RE: UPDATE ON FOREST ISSUES:

Castaneda discussed the favorable testimony of Mark Rey, Secretary of Natural Resources & Environment, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture on S267 and S179.

RE: AUTHORIZATION OF P.L. 106-393 THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000. These monies will need to be re-allocated to the counties and schools.

RE: FOREST SERVICE BUDGET UPDATE:

Castaneda reported that the F.S. has received about \$1 million extra than budgeted, so perhaps the F.S. will be able to offer more timber, and that the F.S. may possibly get more money. Castaneda reported a reduction in road maintenance and said that the F.S. will not be able to hire more employees for this. Pre-suppression fire crews did not get an increase, so if the fire season becomes severe the F.S. can ask for more money since there is a special account to pay for this. Castaneda said the F.S. is proposing to do more aggressive weed control with some aerial application spraying.

Castaneda informed the Board that the F.S. has not made a decision on the Planning "New Rule" but said he should have an answer in about one month. Castaneda reported on the Rock Creek mining project saying the F.S. should start evaluation in September, but the Mining Co. has to provide about 150 acres of mitigation land requested to fund two positions through U.S. Fish, Wildlife & Parks. Castaneda said the F.S. is working with DEQ to have one EIS study done and that the time frame is difficult to define but is hopeful to be within twelve months. Castaneda said the F.S., State, and Fish Wildlife & Parks are the three agencies with district responsibilities.

11:00 A.M. RE: PUBLIC HEARING: RE: ROAD ABANDONMENT: Present: Debbie & Eugene Zappaterreno.

A public hearing was held by the Lincoln County Commissioners in their office at 11:00 a.m., March 9, 2005 for the purpose of hearing the question of the road abandonment described as follows: A portion of road shown on Plat No. 40 of Swanson Montana Homesteads in Sec. 34, T31N, R33W P.M.M., adjoining lots 13, 22, and 23. The Board evaluated the request and maps of the subdivision. Abandonment would require a private easement to the lot owners. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to approve abandonment of above said road. Second by Chairman Roose, so ordered upon consensus of the Board. Bill Bischoff will be sending letters to the property owners affected by the abandonment.

11:30 A.M. RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

MOTION by Commissioner Konzen to approve \$5,000 for fire assessments from county portion of Title III funds. Second by Chairman Roose, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Bill Bischoff notified the Board that Workman's Compensation rates will increase, effective July 1, 2005.

Chairman Roose signed the Amendment to the Lincoln County Flex Plan.

Chairman Roose gave an update on the Council on Aging Fund stating the changes as follows: Libby 47%, Troy 27%, and Eureka 26%. The change was voted and approved at the Council on Aging meeting.

RESOLUTION 693: A resolution to increase the Montana Arts Council Grant Fund #2894-278-460000-300 in the amount of \$1000 per monies received from the Montana Cultural Trust and receipt of revenue to 2894-334140. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to approve the budget increase in the fund numbers above. Second by Chairman Roose and so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

The Board approved the letter from Paul Rumelhart requesting support for a grant application from USDA.

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

Subdivisions presented for approval:

- 1) Cedar Cays Subdivision in a portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 17, T29N, R33W. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen. Second by Chairman Roose, and so ordered upon consensus of the Board.
- 2) Amended Lot 2C, Blade Trap Subdivision #2, in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 6, T35N, R27W. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen. Second by Chairman Roose, and so ordered upon consensus of the Board.
- 3) Amended Lot 2 Whitetail Terrace Subdivision in a portion of Section 5 & 6, T29N, R33W. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen. Second by Chairman Roose, and so ordered upon consensus of the Board.
- 4) Hidden Valley Subdivision in portions of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec.20, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 29, T30N, R33W. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen on the condition that the abandonment request is finalized. Second by Chairman Roose, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Subdivisions presented for review:

Curly Creek Suddivision

Subdivisions set for public hearing:

Wild River Estates Subdivision, March 15 in Troy.

Cooks Run III Subdivision, March 16, in Eureka.

Lot 1 Cullen Subdivision, March 16, in Eureka.

Rainbow Acres Subdivision, March 23, at Happy's Inn.

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2:00 P.M. RE: ASBESTOS MASSIVE SCREENING PROGRAM: Present: Dr. Brad Black, Dr. Whitehouse, and Bob Munson. Dr. Black asked the Board for their support to approach Governor Schweitzer about the issue of Asbestos Massive Screening. HSDR-DPPHHS contracts with the state and the state contracted out of state. Dr. Black and the group would like to see this contract transferred to the local Card Clinic, with the support from the Governor.

2:30 P.M. COUNTY TREASURER GERI MILLER RE: MONTHLY REPORT: Also present was Tanya Gehrke, Chief Deputy. Miller presented to the Board the monthly report for January 2005.

3:30 P.M. JEFF HOYER RE: COUNTY INVESTMENTS: Also present was County Treasurer, Geri Miller.

Hoyer says he can do a better job for less money regarding the County Investments. Roger Cox charges approximately \$11,000 per year to manage the County Investment Portfolio. Hoyer feels charges for handling the county investments are too costly and with no turnovers the advisory fee should be less. Hoyer says Cox is investing in longer than five year investments and that some bonds purchased in the last few years are maturing beyond the five year limitation. Hoyer says he would like to check the Treasurer's printouts on this. Miller and the Board felt the decision to have an advisor was for more than management, but for advisory issues as well.

BOARD APPROVED CERTIFICATES OF SURVEY & PLATS FOR RECORDING:

C. of S. in Sec. 21, T36N, R26W for Null.

C. of S. in Sec. 29, T29N, R33W for West/Bresnan.

C. of S. in Sec. 14, T36N, R28W for Neer.

Plat of Kootenai Rio Vida: Sec. 32, T31N, R31W for Burley.

Plat of Olson's Place: Sec. 32, T35N, R26W for Olson.

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

Chairman of the Board

Marianne B. Roose,

ATTEST: _____

Coral M. Cummings, Clerk of the Board

