

MAY 4, 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, Rita R. Windom, Chairman Marianne B. Roose, and Clerk of the Board Coral M. Cummings present.

9:00 A.M. U.S.F.S. BOB CASTENADA: RE: FOREST ISSUES UPDATE: Also present were Noel Williams and Ed Levert. Castenada briefed the Board about future budget in overhead costs for Region 1. The current projection is to reduce pool costs for Region 1 by 50% in 2007. Castenada said the F.S. is phasing into this each year, and that recommendations will be made for plans on how to reach this goal. This downsize in costs will affect all facets of the F.S. structure, including timber salvage funding, personnel, local ground work, among others. The changes are all budget oriented and are also due to inflation. Castenada said the F.S. is calling this a Forest Reorganization Study. Castenda asked the Commissioners what their idea is of a "community presence" from a Ranger Station. Castenada said he thinks this needs to be more clearly defined. Chairman Roose feels that accessibility to F.S. employees by the public and contractors to have questions answered by the appropriate F.S. employee instead of phone and a recording system is important. Commissioner Windom questioned Castenada about how would the public even know what they should expect as a "presence" from a Ranger Station. Castenada said there will still be ground work, but this change will have an affect, and the F.S. cannot guarantee there will be the same amount of work available with fewer employees. Commissioner Windom asked Castenada about how the money is handled if Lincoln County underspends on a RAC project and who will keep the money. Castenada said that all budget tracking will be coming out of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Commssioner Konzen asked Castenada to keep the Board informed of current and future changes.

The Board presented a letter to Castenada pertaining to its ideas about Title II projects, and asked Castenada to set an appointment with the Board at a later time to discuss these issues.

RE: COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN: Ed Levert presented the Board with a revised draft copy of the *Community Wildfire Protection Plan* which has been developed to better prepare fire protection agencies, county leaders, rural communities, residents, forestland owners, and mangers to protect Lincoln County residents and its natural resources from the potentially devastating impacts of wildfire. Castenada commented that mutual aid agreements need to be defined to clarify who responds to fires called from private land property owners and the billing procedures that would follow. The Board will review the revised draft of the Lincoln County Community Wildfire protection Plan.

11:00 A.M. LIBBY REVITALIZATION, INC. (LRI): RE: OVERVIEW OF CONCEPTUAL PLAN: Present were Betty Jo Wood, Eric Wilson, Tom Wood, and Bobby Whitefield. Betty Jo Wood presented a conceptual plan and designs for the Libby Revitalization Project. The Board commended the group on their efforts and asked LRI to keep the Board posted of their progress.

11:30 P.M. COUNTY PLANNER KEN PETERSON: RE: PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION REVIEW:

Presented for approval:

Bull Lake Estates Proposed Lakeshore Construction. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to approve Bull Lake Estates Lakeshore Construction proposal for James & Cindy Low to construct a dock on their property, subject to the dock extending no longer than 50' from the low water mark with a 26' split in the middle to create a "T" shaped dock. Second by Commissioner Windom, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Angel Island Proposed Lakeshore Construction. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to approve Angel Island Lakeshore Construction proposal for James P. Tomlin. Second by Commissioner Windom, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

RE: Changes to subdivision laws:

Peterson briefed the Board about SB116, pertaining to subdivision laws. Peterson feels our current policy is very close to the changes outlined. A meeting scheduled by MACO to further discuss subdivision changes has been scheduled for June 3rd.

RE: AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTION COVENANTS: MOTION by Commissioner Windom to approve Agricultural Exemption Covenants by Debbie & Roland Stapley. Second by Chairman Roose, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

2:00 P.M. BID OPENING: RE: DISPATCH REMODEL: Present were Terry Kramer and Jim Page. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to open bid and take under advisement to look at sources of funding with a bid of \$100,500 and an alternate bid of \$2500. Second by Commissioner Windom, so ordered upon consensus of the Board. Commissioner Windom will look into Enhanced 911 funds and other possible sources for funding. Bid Bond included, license # 146745.

2.30 P.M. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

Federal Equitable sharing Agreement: MOTION by Commissioner Windom to approve and sign the federal Equitable Agreement valid through September 30, 2008. Second by Commissioner Konzen, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project Grant Agreements: 2005-2006 Lincoln County Cooperative Tansy Ragwort Management Number MDA 2005-047 and Lincoln County Cooperative Rush Skeletonweed Management Project Number MDA 2005-048. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to approve and sign Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project Grant Agreements Number MDA 2005-047 & 2005-048. Second by Commissioner Windom, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Contract Amendment for Lincoln County Health Department: MOTION by Commissioner Windom to approve and sign contract amendment #04-07-4-61-028-0. Second by Chairman Roose, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Quitclaim Deed Lincoln County/Waldron: MOTION by Commissioner Windom to approve and sign Quitclaim Deed given to release easement records in Book 198 Page 211, records of Lincoln County, Montana. Second by Chairman Roose, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Marc McGill: RE: Northwest Montana Zone (NRCG) Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Operating Guide. MOTION by Commissioner Konzen to approve and sign NRCG Operating Guide dated 03-08-2005. Second by Commissioner Windom, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Board Appointments: Troy Rural Fire Board:

MOTION by Commissioner Windom to appoint Ron Downey to serve on the Troy Rural Fire Board of Trustees. Second by Chairman Konzen, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Intent to request allocated Federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG) funds for State Fiscal Year 2006. Clerk & Recorder Coral M. Cummings will draw up a resolution and present it to the Board.

Audit Reports: The Board held a brief discussion about the Audit Reports. Commissioner Windom said the commissioners should see draft audit reports before they are signed and sent out.

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BOARD APPROVED CERTIFICATES OF SURVEY & PLATS FOR RECORDING:

- 1) C. of S. in Sec. 14, T36N, R27W for Watins Development Company.
- 2) C. of S. in Sec. 5, T33N, R26W for for Scott/Gold.
- 3) C. of S. in Sec. 4, T36N, R27W for Pluid.
- 4) C. of S. in Sec. 25, T37N, R28W for Smith.
- 5) C. of S. in Sec. 11, T35N, R26W for Hirsch Korn.
- 6) C. of S. in Sec. 8, T35N, R26W for Bailey.
- 7) C. of S. in Sec. 3, T36N, R27W for Vredenburg/Stoken.
- 8) Plat of Mt. Vernon Views in Sec. 17, T30N, R33W for Montana Mountain Valley L.L.C.
- 9) Plat of Amended Lot 1 of Whitetail Terrace in Sec. 5, T29N, R33W for Montana Mountain Valley L.L.C.
- 10) Plat of Amended Lot 2 of Whitetail Terrace in Sec. 5, T29N, R33W for Montana Mountain Valley L.L.C.
- 11) Final Plat of Cielo Lindo Estates in Sec. 18, T36N, R26W for Santiago.

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

