

OCTOBER 5, 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 (afternoon only), and Clerk & Recorder Coral M. Cummings.

9:00 A.M. U.S.F.S. KIRSTEN KAISER RE: FOREST ISSUES: Also present was Noel Williams.

Kaiser explained to the Board primary concerns from a wildlife security standpoint pertaining to the draft plan map that will be released to the public on Friday, October 14th. Some wildlife mentioned was bears, goats, wolverine, and lynx. Commissioner Windom asked Kaiser who specifically "they" were, that had these wildlife concerns. Kaiser said local biologist Jerry Brown and regional biologist Jim Williams. Windom asked what the F.S. recommendations were pertaining to the wildlife issues and Kaiser said there were no recommendations at this time. Kaiser said the draft plan map will be set in place with no changes from October 14 till February. A 90-day public comment period will commence in February. Windom asked if the majority of the Commissioner's ideas were put into the final plan and Kaiser responded that she did not know the answer to this question. A tentative meeting with Bob Castenada and the Commissioners has been scheduled for October 13, at 8:00 a.m. to further discuss this issue. Kaiser explained that any forest project using a categorical exclusion (CE) must now have a formal public notice, be available for public comment and give the public the option of appealing the decision. The order applies to all decisions made with a CE after July 7, 2005. This order will impact 10 to 20 projects on the Kootenai National Forest including the Capitol Holiday Tree Program, a proud tradition for nearly 40 years. Other projects to be impacted are fuels reduction, firewood permits, and Christmas tree permits. Commercial tree cutters activities are currently suspended at this time.

Kaiser presented the Board with a chart displaying the K.N.F. budget for the past ten years. Total budgets and selected program areas (timber, fire/fuels, and recreation) are shown. The chart indicates a reduction in total budget (in constant dollars) from 1996 to 2005 of 34%. Over this period, the timber program budget decreased 58%, recreation decreased 37%, and fire/fuels increased 138%.

On June 14, 2005, Forest Supervisor Bob Castenada signed the Northeast Yaak Record of Decision (ROD). This project area is 35 miles northeast of Troy, MT, in the Yaak River Valley. Kaiser presented the Board documentation showing what the ROD authorizes.

10:00 A.M. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project Grant Agreement/Lincoln County Fires No. MDA 2002-609A: MOTION by Commissioner Windom to approve and sign. Second by Chairman Roose, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Vehicle for Extension Service: A brief discussion took place about Chairman Roose purchasing a new vehicle and using her present car for availability in

Eureka. Chairman Roose suggested discussing this issue further when Commissioner Konzen is present.

Board Appointments: MOTION by Commissioner Windom to reappoint Peg Fleming and Sheila Etienne, and appoint Timory Peel to replace Floyd Bain to serve on the Troy Park District Board. Second by Chairman Roose and so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Resolution No. 718: A resolution that designates Lincoln County, Montana to be a second (2nd) class county for fiscal year 2005-2006. **MOTION** by Commissioner Windom to approve and sign Resolution No. 718, indicating Lincoln County to be a second (2nd) class county for fiscal year 2005-2006. Second by Chairman Roose, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

The Board discussed a letter submitted from DEQ Richard Opper and KNF Bob Castenada. **MOTION** by Commissioner Windom to send a letter to Bobbie Lacklen of KNF to indicate that Lincoln County would participate as a cooperating agency in the review of the applications and/or preliminary draft environmental impact statements. Second by Chairman Roose so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

EPA GRANT AGREEMENT FOR WOODSTOVE CHANGE OUT STUDY:
The Board approved and signed agreement for the EPA Grant monies for the Woodstove Change Out Study.

11:30 A.M. COUNTY TREASURER GERI MILLER RE: TREASURER'S REPORT:
Miller reviewed the reports with the Board for June, July, and August 2005. Miller was asked by the Board to check the cash balance in 2141 Fund.

1:30 P.M. COUNTY PLANNER KEN PETERSON:

**Subdivisions presented for review:
Troy, MT**

Public Hearings: October 11 in

Rancho Via Arroyo Subdivision
Lots) – 10:00 a.m.

Kootenai Valley Estates (9

Warland Subdivision
Lots) – 10:30 a.m.

Porcupine Subdivision (9

Lago Vista Subdivision
Amended Camp View) – 11:00 a.m.

Fairway Terrace (Lot 4

The Hills Subdivision

Lupine Ridge Subdivision
19 in Eureka, MT

Public Hearings: October

Rich-Knight Subdivision
p.m.

Lot 3 Glen Creek Lots – 1:30

Mirror Lake Subdivision
p.m.

Fatt Boy Subdivision – 2:00

Meadow Springs

Pinkham Hallow Estates
26 in Libby, MT

Public Hearings: October

Airport Estates East
1:30 p.m.

Woodland Heights (Lot 11) –

Anglers Rest Amended

Gopher Inn
9 in Troy, MT

Public Hearings: November

Lot 1A Susan's Retreat
Whitetail Terrace) – 1:30 p.m.

Stanley View (Lot 1E,

Tam's View
Subdivision – 2:00 p.m.

Lot 2 Crowell Creek

Cool Creek
p.m.

Curley Creek (Lot 4) – 2:30

Treasure Mountain View

Cold Comfort Farm
16 in Eureka, MT

Public Hearings: November

LARRY SVERDRUP: RE: COURT ORDER SPLIT: Sverdrup presented for approval a court order split for Marie Vredenberg and Robert Beasley. The Board will review this for a decision during next week's Commissioner meetings.

COURT ORDER SPLIT FROM CONNIE SCHREIER: The Board unanimously agreed to deny the court order split request from Connie Schreier. This was the 2nd request submitted by Schreier.

KEN DAVIS: RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION ON SAPPHIRE HILLS SUBDIVISION: MOTION by Commissioner Windom to approve request from Davis. Extension will be for one year. Second by Chairman Roose, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

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KOOTENAI SURVEYORS, INC. RE: REQUEST FOR VARIANCE: Brett McCully submitted a letter requesting a waiver of the 3x length to width ratio on Rich-Knight Subdivision. Decision will be deferred to next week's Commissioner meetings.

JOINT APPLICATION REQUEST FROM AMY GUTH FOR DONALD YOUNG: The Board reviewed the Joint Application for Proposed Work in Montana's Streams Wetlands, Floodplains and other Water Bodies submitted to the Board from Amy Guth on behalf of Donald Young. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to deny Amy Guth's request. Second by Commissioner Windom, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

CONTRACT WITH ANDREW BELSKI: MOTION by Commissioner Windom to approve contract with Andrew Belski for Examining Land Surveyor. Second by Commissioner Konzen, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

BOARD APPROVED CERTIFICATES OF SURVEY & PLATS FOR RECORDING:

C. of S. in Sec. 18, T35N, R27W for McMahon IV.

C. of S. in Sec. 32, T36N, R26W for Miller/Johnson.

Final Plat of Krinklehorn View in Sec. 12, T35N, R26W for Fleming.

Amended Plat of Lot 16 Whispering Pines Koocanusa Subdivision No. 3 in Sec.6, T34N, R26W for Carvey.

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 & Recorder