

February 22, 2006

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session in the Courthouse at 10:00 o'clock a.m. with all members present: Chairman Marianne B. Roose, Members Rita R. Windom and John C. Konzen, and Clerk of the Board Coral M. Cummings.

ROGER COX, INVESTMENT COUNSELOR: Cox reviewed the County Investment Portfolio with the Board, and after a thorough discussion, it was calculated there would be 4 million dollars to invest. The Board preferred mostly short term investments until the forest revenue is decided at the federal level. **MOTION** by Commissioner Windom to invest \$4,000,000 from the money invested in the banks, with \$2,000,000 in short term investments (6 to 9 month), and \$2,000,000 invested in longer terms (out 5 years). Second by Commissioner Konzen and so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Cox will return in May to give the Board an update on revenue for budgeting purposes.

CLERK OF COURT NADINE PIVAL: Re: Request for temporary help through the State program through June, 2006.

Pival explained to the Board that with illness and vacations in her office, she is often down to two persons, and with one person required in the courtroom, this leaves only one person in the office, and she told the Board this is an impossible situation. She told the Board the number of documents that pass through the office daily, and said one employee cannot keep up with the workload. She has investigated the State program, and requested hiring a temporary employee through the State program (which pays a portion of the wages) through June 2006 to relieve this situation. **MOTION** by Commissioner Windom to allow Ms. Pival to hire a temporary person through the State program through June, 2006. Second by Commissioner Konzen, and so ordered by Chairman Roose upon consensus of the Board. Pival said she would see if she can qualify for the state program, which will pay at least half of the wage.

PAUL RUMELHART: Industrial District Board Master Plan:

Also present were: Jim Mayo, Julie Barcomb, Russ Barnes for the Kootenai Business Park.

Rumelhart told the Board that Stan Kargol had divided the property into 3 categories, with:

1st Category: Subdivision property

2nd Category: Industrial Manufacturing Use

3rd Category: Recreation Use

Rumelhart said the governing body has to approve the plan, and the question is who is the approving body in this instance. He said there were no changes to the document since it was originally presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Konzen to give County approval of the plan. Second by Commissioner Windom. Discussion was called by Chairman Roose. Commissioner Windom asked for the last page to be defined, and asked about the expenses for KRDC and where those expenses fit in. Russ Barnes said probably under operating expenses. Rumelhart said an administrator is needed and wants to get in the minutes what is under "operating expenses": Insurance, Power, and Administration, Rummelhart said, are what is classified under "operating expenses", and they are trying to augment this with other revenues, such as grants and appropriations. Commissioner Konzen said the plan does not specifically address Commissioner Windom's question, and the county is looking at contributing to the Port Authority who in turn will be helping fund these projects. On the call for a vote, all were in favor of the motion, and the Motion carried, and was so ordered by Chairman Roose.

OWEN VOIGT: MACO Health Trust:

A NEW Health Care Pool has recently been put together at MACo, with a number of plans offered. The county selects the policy and the personnel can choose the plan. This is not EBMS, Voigt said, but does work with the Joint Powers Trust.

FISHER RIVER VALLEY FIRE SERVICE AREA: The Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Fisher River Valley Fire Service Area requesting an increase in fees in the 06-07 fiscal year budget. The Board will take this under review and proceed according to the Montana Codes.

Commissioner Konzen had to leave the meeting.

TAX ABATEMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

Parcel 13839 for the USA: State Fire Fee was downloaded to a government parcel, and should not have been charged.

Parcel 7440 for Frederick W. & Dorothy M. Darras, claiming there has never been any improvements on the property.

MOTION by Commissioner Windom to approve both tax abatements. Second by Commissioner Roose and so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

MOTION by Commissioner Windom to approve the letter to W. R. Grace as written on Health Board letterhead, pending review and approval by Commissioner Konzen.

Second by Commissioner Roose and so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

SUBDIVISIONS & CERTIFICATES OF SURVEY APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE BOARD:

1) #3499 in Sec. 6, T34N, R25W for Jack Nelson.

2) #3500 in Sec. 29, T36N, R26W for Jacques P. Berten.

3) #6680 Final Plat of Stone Fox Hill in S23, T36N, R27W for Brandon Morgan & Joshua Pluid.

Routine business concluded the day and the Board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF

Marianne B. Roose, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Coral M. Cummings, Clerk of the Board