

JANUARY 4, 2006

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met for a regular session in the courthouse at 10:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Marianne B. Roose, Members John Konzen, Rita R. Windom, and Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Personnel Assistant Keeli Anderson.

The mileage reimbursement rate for county employees will be amended to the following, retroactive to January 1, 2006: IRS standard mileage rate is 44.5 cents per mile up to 1,000 miles and 41.5 over 1,000 miles in one month. Meal reimbursements will remain the same. **MOTION** by Commissioner Windom that Lincoln County reimbursement rate be amended. Second by Commissioner Konzen and so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

Commissioner Windom discussed leak detection violation at the Libby Airport. A letter was sent to the Lincoln County Commissioners by the Department of Environmental Quality. Rita is working closely on this matter.

**10:00 A.M. DOUG MILLER RE: DEQ RULE:** met with Commissioners to discuss the water quality issues of the Troy Mine. There is a proposed rule will make it much more difficult, if not impossible, for new mines to open in Montana. It will also have a devastating effect on existing mines if they expand their operations. Commissioner Konzen will attend an upcoming meeting to voice the Board's opposition to this proposed rule.

**11:00 A.M. LEE DISNEY RE: TRAINING FOR CERTIFICATION ON STOVE INSTALLATION:** Mr. Lee expressed his frustration with the certification process to install heating sources and lack of being informed of the free training put on by NFI. Some other dealers in the area were sent letters offering the certification, but many dealers were left off of the list. Established dealers who weren't part of the certification process that took place in Libby were told that they were going to have to take the class in Salt Lake City, Utah for a \$500.00 fee. Also, other dealers who were present were against any additional required certification by NFI or HPBA. They feel adequate in the certifications that they have presently. They concur that if the Commissioners would waive the NFI certification requirement that individual dealer insurance and bonding would cover any liability of installing heat source to the manufacturer instructions; however, if the Board would not waive the requirement the dealers would ask that free NFI certification training and testing be made available in Libby. NFI does not currently have training or testing for oil, electric, etc. heat sources. The Board has set up a meeting with John Crouch today at 3:00 P.M. and will discuss further options and opinions with him. Attendees are invited back at that time.

**11:00 A.M. ANDREA WANDLER RE: LCC GRANT PROPOSAL:** Ms. Wandler discussed the recent proposal that L.C.C. had made to the County to provide community leadership training as provided on an awarded grant the County has. Munson consulting had been arranging the training but had recently resigned their contract with the County. L.C.C. was asked to provide an alternate plan to comply with the conditions of the grant. The Board reviewed the plan with Ms. Wandler. Commissioner Konzen brought up that involving school aged kids would be beneficial. The priority should be on Leadership and Technology as the first phase and develop community social capital, with classes being offered at the North and South of the County. Commissioner

Konzen brought up the AG opinion of on open meeting law and running of a board, role of a chairman, etc. in developing good leadership in the community. MOTION by Commissioner Konzen to move forward with the college to serve both ends of the County and move forward with the grant. Seconded by Commissioner Windom and so ordered by consensus of the Board. There would be stringent reporting of the grant funds. Administration fees of the grant would include a \$6,000.00. Other details of the grant would be worked out in the future.

**1:30 P.M. County Planner Ken Peterson and Asst. Planner Mary Klinkam:** Lloyd Bridges, a developer from Eureka, discussed his proposed Eagle Run Subdivision. Mr. Bridges requested a variance from the County bridge standards for his subdivision access. He doesn't believe that the increased traffic flow from his development warrants an increased width for the bridge. The Board has viewed this bridge at a previous meeting in Eureka. At that time, the Board stated that any further development in the area would require a bridge with additional width. The Board is concerned about their responsibility to protect the public's safety and a precedence they may be setting by granting another variance on this bridge. Mr. Peterson suggested that they consider developing a capital improvement plan for the bridge replacement after a certain number of lots within the subdivision are sold. The Board asked Mr. Peterson to develop a plan for their's and Mr. Bridges review.

Glen Klipple representing Kootenai Valley Estates met with the Board concerning his development. The County had requested that access to the river be provided to offer better fire protection for the area. An existing road will be used and an easement granted for this use. The State will also be contacted for clarification on using their existing right-of-way for this purpose.

**3:00 P.M. Wood Stove Program continued:** Lee Disney, County Sanitarian Ron Anderson, Jerry Marquez, and John Crouch continued the morning discussion on the certification program for the wood stove installations. Mr. Disney felt that local experience dealers should be exempt from the certification process. Mr. Crouch and Mr. Anderson explained why this requirement should be necessary. Mr. Crouch also told the Board that he has arranged for an additional certification class to be held in Libby on February 13<sup>th</sup>. This class will be free of charge for those that wish the certification. A discussion about the upcoming stove fair on Jan. 21 concluded the discussion.

The Board reappointed Don Longgood, Rocky Schaurer, and Mark Peterson to the Weed Board.

Routine business completed the day.