

MAY 10, 2006

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session in the County 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.

RE: Bob Castaneda, U.S.F.S.: Also present: Noel Williams and Steve Newman.

Castaneda presented the Board with the New Forest Plan Revision, and told the Board that public comments will be accepted for 90 days and public hearings will be held in Libby, Troy, Eureka, and Yaak. A formal response will be conducted after the public hearings and comment period, Castaneda said. He said this same process will take place in the Flathead and the Idaho Panhandle at the same time, and his staff will review those comments also and like issues should be fairly easy to resolve.

EPA: Peggy Churchill, EPA, Denver: Also present were: Ron Anderson, County Sanitarian; Gayla Benefield, LATAG; Gerry Henningsen, Technical Adviser to LATAG; Paul Lammers, CDM Federal Programs Corp.; Mike Cirian, EPA; Catherine LeCours, Helena DEQ; Ted Linnert, Denver EPA.

Churchill told the Board the site conceptual model is being prepared, and there will be a review period, with a flow-chart that shows the areas at the site. No commitment was made on a date, only that it would be soon, probably within 2 months. She said there have been 617 total properties cleaned so far, with 38 that have been done this year. Commissioner Konzen had questions on the Troy cleanup. Gayla Benefield and Gerry Henningsen (Technical Advisor to LATAG) came to the table to voice some concerns and point out some responsibilities of the EPA and State agencies in this type of contamination cleanup.

Commissioner Windom had some concerns with the LATAG overlapping membership and leadership. Benefield said the LATAG has an appointed Board and applicants go before an appointed committee, and the committee members are not self-appointed. She pointed out there are about 60 people involved locally on this issue so it does seem like a few people are doing it all. Anyone, she explained, is welcome to apply to be in the LATAG group; however, LATAG does not allow elected or politically affiliated persons on the Board. Commissioner Windom said she is concerned with Henningsen being involved when he lives in Indiana. Henningsen said that with the limits on his responsibilities, he can easily work from there, as he interprets technical advice, and only comes here and participates when needed. He is basically is a scientist for the LATAG, and he is basically here to help make sure there is no more cost to the community. He comes to Libby one week a month.

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

Re: Rural addressing system. Peterson said there are some duplicate addresses, with street, ave., etc. but same first name. The Board advised him to leave it if the names are similar but not identical. He pointed out also that all roads will need to have signs on them.

COUNTY NURSE, KAROLE SPAS-OTTE:

Re: Sandy Jackson’s retirement. Spas-Otte questioned the administration of Jackson’s grant, and told the Board she cannot continue to administrate more grants. Jackson’s grant is very demanding and deals with pandemic flu issues, while Karole’s grant is asbestos related and she plans to be looking at the long range goals. She feels the Co. Nurse’s office does continuing work with transmittable diseases, and she would like to get her office back to a Health Care position and bring ArdNet into her office. Commissioner Konzen would like to see someone hired to continue Jackson’s grant, and another person (part-time) to administer the grant. The Board of Commissioners feel there is a need to continue with the grant, and the job needs to be given a new job description and advertised. This will be reviewed.

TROY T.V. BOARD APPOINTMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Konzen to appoint Ted Dodson to the Troy T.V. Board. Second by Commissioner Windom and so ordered upon consensus of the Board.

RE: Lawsuit in the Rock Creek Intervention Lawsuit. The County Attorney recommended the Board of Commissioners to not be a part of this lawsuit, and the Board were in total agreement on this issue.

RE: SALARY INCREASE FOR NETWORK COORDINATOR:

The Board had reviewed a request from Ric Kessler for a wage increase to be comparable with other network coordinators. **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to approve a salary of \$45,000 per year for the Network Co-ordinator beginning July 1st, 2006, in the new fiscal year budget. Second by Commissioner Windom, and so ordered by Chairman Roose upon consensus of the Board.

Routine business concluded the day and the Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Marianne B. Roose, Chairman of

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Coral M. Cummings, Clerk of the Board