

April 4, 2007

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 4, 2007, in the Lincoln County Courthouse at 9:00 am. Present were Chairman Rita R Windom, Commissioner Marianne B. Roose, Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner John Konzen is on vacation.

9:00 AM: Call to order

9:01 AM: **Paul Bradford, KNF Supervisor:** Present were Alvin Benitz and Brent Shrum.

Commissioner Windom told Paul that we are changing the wording on the subdivision regulations that refers to cul-de-sacs. The wording will now be "according to county standards" not Forest Service Standards because the FS is not being consistent and does not match the county standards. Paul said that was fine.

The Forest Plan is in the final stages. Paul got a 60 page decision from a California judge on March 30th. Basically they are now trying to decide what the decision means. The 1987 Forest Plan is the one in place until the new plan is approved and litigated. Paul expects a strategy in the next couple of weeks. They have been encouraged not to speculate.

Commissioner Roose asked Paul about the Grace Creek Road that was washed out last year. Paul said he is going to get the road open as soon as possible. He stated that the Grace Creek Road is a priority. Commissioner Roose received a letter from citizens thinking that the district ranger is not doing enough. She will answer the letter that the county is not involved in this road and cannot get involved with Forest Service Roads.

Paul commented that the Kootenai Stakeholders meeting was too long and not productive. Paul would like to see the stakeholders concentrate on the restoration strategy. Commissioner Windom gave Paul a copy of the document that they sent to Jon Tester about outsourcing.

10:08 AM: **ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

10:09 AM: The video project that Gale Force Films, George Sibley, is doing for Lincoln County is ready to be started. He would like to have half of the fee now so he can get going. The commissioners agreed to allow him to have half now.

10:30 AM: **West Kootenai Fire CDBG Grant.** Present were Tom Tokas, Jim White, President, and Tracy McIntyre.

The West Kootenai Fire Department needs a building. Tracy suggested a CDBG Grant and is hoping the county commissioners will sponsor it. Their equipment is now scattered around the community at different residences with only two engines available in the winter because everything is frozen. They cannot get help in the winter because Eureka can't get there without their equipment freezing up. The area has approximately 150 structures. The new building would be used to house equipment and could also be an emergency facility to put the community in "shelter in place". They showed the commissioners the plans for the building. Materials for the building will cost about \$90,000. Much of the labor will be done by the community, all volunteer. Commissioner Roose moved that the commissioners back the CDBG grant application for the West Kootenai Fire up to \$100,000. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

Commissioner Windom asked if they had made any headway on the agreement with Canada regarding an evacuation procedure. They are meeting April 21, 2007, with Canadians on this.

11:00 AM: **Montana Television for Lincoln County:** Present were Ed Moe, Jay Goley and Gene Tracy.

They are working to get Montana TV stations on Satellite Networks. Spokane stations are the only ones available in our area on dish networks. Commissioners had read the material on the proposal earlier. Jay explained the reason for the petitions and the progress so far. Commissioner Roose moved to approve a resolution in support of the Montana Television for Lincoln County. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

11:11 AM: Signed **resolution #774** in support of the **Montana Television for Lincoln County.**

11:13 AM: The Commissioners read and approved the **March 28, 2007, minutes** as corrected.

11:30 AM: **Camp Patriot Corp.** Bill Clark, 2006 Report to Commissioners: Present were Peggy Williams, Paul Rumelhart.

Camp Patriot exists to take US disabled veterans to outdoor adventures. It works to create relationships through outdoor adventures that will promote positive life changing experiences. Mr. Clark stated that it takes time for disabled vets to adjust to the attitude that their life will never be the same. Camp Patriot has adaptive equipment to help them achieve that. They receive many donations from companies and individuals willing to "give back to those who have given." Camp Patriot has created a relationship with Wounded Warrior Program to provide combat injured veterans. In the future Camp Patriot may purchase land in the Libby Area and build a lodge that would house 20 veterans at a time for a week of outdoor adventures. They are hoping to own the land in order to not have any federal ties to the land ownership.

1:30 PM: **Mary Klinkam, Subdivision reviews:**

1:31 PM: **Lime Butte Views:** 5 residential lots, N1/2 S29, T30N, R33W: Present were Bonnie Dill, Ken Davis, Brenda Windom, Sam Shupe. The public hearing was last week. DNRC had an issue with the floodplain and it was discussed with them throughout the week. DNRC, the planning department, the developer and the surveyor now have an understanding. The developer will designate/delineate a "no build area" on the final plat map. This delineation shall in effect designate the 100 year floodway. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision as revised by the planning department. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

1:38 PM: **Sheldon Tracts Subdivision,** 10 single family lots, W1/2 S34, T31N, R31W: Present were Bonnie Dill, Ken Davis, Brenda Windom, Sam Shupe. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision as per planning department recommendations. Commissioner Windom seconded it was so moved.

1:40 PM: Mary wanted to discuss the **Planning Board meeting.** They had four options for going forward with the growth policy. They decided to go with the option of having the Planning Department staff prepare the growth policy with the condition that the previously allocated CDBG monies of \$12,650 are reallocated from services from an outside consultant to the Planning Department. County Commissioners signed a letter of request to the State of Montana asking for the reallocation of the CDBG monies.

1:46 PM: Mary shared an email she had received from **Tom Grabinski** about Forest Service roads for secondary access to subdivisions. The Commissioners indicated they would prepare a response to the email and forward it to Paul Bradford of the Forest Service.

1:51 PM: **Lincoln County Planning Board:** Commissioner Roose moved that Chris Fox, Tom Jones and Rick James be reappointed for a 2 year term to the Planning Board. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

2:03 PM: Commissioner Windom received an email from **Flathead Electric** and Earl Messick asking about methane gas coming off the landfill. Flathead Electric wants to purchase it. Flathead County is selling theirs already. Messick feels that the Libby Landfill would have enough Methane gas to run a generator for 20 years. Commissioner Roose will speak to Mike Henry for his opinion.

2:08 PM: A **PERSONNEL ISSUE** was discussed.

2:30 PM: Amy Guth, **Port Authority Board:** Present was Paul Rumelhart. Amy has agreed to be reappointed to the board. Amy is concerned about Dan Larson not being able to serve at this time on the Port Authority and the Industrial Board as well. The next Industrial Board meeting is Monday and Amy will have a short Port Authority Board meeting afterward. Commissioner Roose moved that Amy be reappointed to the Port Authority Board. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved. Port Authority needs to make a recommendation for the Industrial Board and she is willing to be on that board as well until Dan Larson is able to return. There is also another vacancy on the Port Authority Board from Chris Fox leaving. No immediate suggestions for a replacement were available.

2:55 PM: Robin Benson wanted to discuss the changes in the **Postage** that are coming in May. It is called shaped based pricing. Our postage machine needs to be updated because now the postage will be determined by weight but also by size, width, and bulkiness.

3:30 PM: **Meeting adjourned.**