

**August 1, 2007**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 1, 2007, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Rita R. Windom, Commissioner John Konzen, Commissioner Marianne B. Roose, Bill Bischoff and Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk and Recorder.

9:00 AM: Commissioner Windom called the **meeting to order**.

9:30 AM: **Paul Bradford, KNF Supervisor:** Present were Paul Bradford, Charlie Webster, Brent Shrum and Paul Stantus. Charlie Webster gave the Commissioners updates on fires near our area. He said that there have been 157 initial attacks in the last month. The Commissioners asked if Montana has a mandatory evacuation law. Charlie said Montana does not have a mandatory evacuation; we can advise but not force them to leave. There was a discussion about available equipment for the area. Paul Bradford mentioned that anyone can check the status of a fire on [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org). Paul Stantus presented the Schedule A road agreement to the commissioners. The list is the same as last year. The Commissioners read and signed the agreement and returned it to Paul. Paul Bradford spoke about Forest Planning. There are things happening on a national level and next month he will have more information on how it will impact KNF. He mentioned that the Regional Forester will be in Libby next week. He may want to meet with the commissioners. He stated that fires are the main priority of the Forest Service at this time.

10:07 AM: Paul Rumelhart from the **Port Authority** was unable to make it today. He was scheduled to speak to the Commissioners about the CDBG grant. Commissioner Konzen moved that the County become the lead agency sponsoring the CDBG grant. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so ordered.

10:30 AM: **Libby Park District:** Bob DeBorde, Jim Germany, Nancy Trotter Sutton, Peggy Williams and Kyle McClellan. The Libby Park District had asked for Libby Park money to be invested by the county to give them some interest earnings. The former County Treasurer told them that it had been done. Bob assumed that it was taken care of but found out recently that it had not been done. They are requesting that the interest that would have been earned over the 10 months be given to them from the General Fund. Commissioner Konzen moved that they fund the interest for the past 10 months at 5% as was the intention of the County. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

10:47 AM: George Neils came to speak to the commissioners about the **Fisher River Fire Service Area** request for an increase in fees for the area. The Public Hearing was last week. The commissioners read the minutes of the public meeting and asked George for clarification on the comments made. The commissioners told George that they would put it on the agenda for next week.

11:13 AM: The Commissioners received a request by **Troy Rural Fire District** to add Michael G. Phillips property at 5688 Lake Creek Road, Troy, to the Rural Fire District. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the property to the fire district. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

11:15 AM: The Commissioners received a request from the **Bull Lake Rural Fire District** to change the expiration date for Robert Morck's position to 06/10 from 06/09. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the change in term. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

11:25 AM: The Commissioners read the minutes. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the **minutes of the July 18, 2007, and the July 25, 2007** meetings as written. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

11:30 AM: **Administrative issues.**

1:36 PM: **Mary Klinkam** came to discuss a Bull Lake property issue and the address changes. Mary also wanted to discuss personnel issues from her department.

2:00 PM: Cookie Haidle and Barb Guthneck of **Crisis Solutions** came to talk to the board about the **Crisis Solutions** grants. The Board of Crime Control said that the grant was denied to Crisis Solutions. They would like to get a letter from the Commissioners in support of Crisis Solutions. Commissioner Windom asked for a roundtable discussion with the County Attorney's office, the Victim/Witness Advocate and Crisis Solutions. The roundtable discussion will take place next Wednesday at 11:00 am.

3:01 PM: **Ron Anderson and Kathi Hooper:** Ron and Kathi presented a proposal to contract with Ron to complete the wood stove change out program. Ron will run a modified program to keep the wood stove change out going until the money is used up. Commissioner Roose stated that the subject should be put on the agenda for next week so they can vote on it.

3:16 PM: The Commissioners discussed **Personnel issues** with Bill Bischoff.

3:50 PM: The Commissioners discussed some **legal issues** that they are facing in the next week.

3:56 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Rita R. Windom, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board