

## AUGUST 22, 2007

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 22, 2007, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Commissioner John Konzen, Commissioner Marianne B. Roose, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff, and Assistant Clerk & Recorder Robin A. Benson.

### 9:00 AM: **GeoComm** – Addressing Update

Present were County Planner Mary Klinkam, Greg Murdock, Craig Prisland, Marc McGill, Erika Kirsch, Steve Newman, Brent Shrum and Kate Witt.

Murdock handed out to the group an “Action Plan” and gave a brief summarization of the document. A follow-up on returned notification letters is priority. It has been discovered that some mile markers on are not accurate. Commissioner Roose suggested the Board write a letter to the State asking for support and participation to correct this issue. A public phone hotline and communication portal site has been established.

County Planner Mary Klinkam presented a draft proposed contract between Lincoln County and GeoComm for review. The contract is for Phase IV of this project.

### 10:00 AM: **Board Appointments**

Kate Witt submitted names of 3 perspective appointees to the **Cabinet View Volunteer Fire District**. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Roose to reappoint Robert Mast and appoint Jim Luscher for 3 year terms. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

A letter was received from the **Eureka Dispatch District Board** requesting appointment of Joyce Hudson. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Roose to appoint Joyce Hudson for a 3 year term. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

### 10:15 AM: **Administrative Issues**

The Board approved August 15, 2007 minutes.

The Board signed an **Interlocal Agreement for Northern Tier Interoperable Communication Consortium** submitted by Marc McGill.

The Board approved **Noel Williams** to attend the **National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition** in Washington, DC. The Board suggested Williams contact Sanders County and Mineral County for additional financial support.

### 1:30 PM: **County Planner Mary Klinkam – Subdivision Review**

**Public Hearing for Amended Lot 19 & 21 Woodland Heights:** Mary Klinkam stated that she is an adjacent neighbor to this subdivision and has no opinion positive or negative towards Amended Lot 19 & 21 of Woodland Heights. There were no public comments.

### **Presented for Approval**

- **Ranch View West** in the NW¼, NW¼, Section 4, T36N, R27W. Developer is J.F.L. I. Trust. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Roose to approve Ranch View West subject to planning staff recommendations. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.
- **Ranch View East** in the NW¼, NW¼, Section 4, T36N, R27. Developer is J.F.L.I. Trust. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Roose to approve Ranch View East subject to planning staff recommendations. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

### **Presented for Review**

- **Medlars Five** in the S½, N½, Section 12 and 13, T36N, R28W. Developer is Terry and Kathleen Medlar.

Mary told the Board that a public hearing needs to be held on **Review Fees for Exemptions**. Fees in other counties are anywhere from \$50 to \$200.

Klinkam said the **Assistant Planner** position closes on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Klinkam requested the purchase of a **2005 Chevy Blazer** for the Planning Department since it will be carrying about \$35,000 in equipment. Permission was granted by the Board.

### 1:45 PM: **Patty Crow – Readdressing Issues**

Present were County Planner Mary Klinkam, Sylvia Maffit, Gerald & Margaret Wallace, Frank W. Sighting, Connie Reeder, Mary Purves, Mitchell R. Jackson, Katie Dwello, Bob & Marcia Jacky, John P. Sievers, Monica Anderson, Mike Owens, Conrad Gearhart, Joy Gearhart, Jim Chance, Deborah Fry, Sandra P. Willis, Eleanor S. Balcom, Paul Leimbach, Debbie Shoemaker, J. D. Mayes, Patricia Mayes, Carol Wayland-Smith, Marc McGill, Tom Wood, Gene Chappell, Roby Bowe, Steve Lauer, Char Williamson, and Penny Kyes.

Patty Crow submitted to the Board of Commissioners a packet containing questions and concerns. It was questioned if the City will have the responsibility to change addresses for property annexed into the city. It was agreed this would be the responsibility of the City.

Klinkam gave a brief explanation about the fixed points and how they will not change. Klinkam said 90% of addresses will be changing.

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Commissioner Konzen stated to the group that we are moving forward with readdressing for the benefit of our county to improve Montana's emergency communications. This is already done, and has passed the comment and concern process.

Konzen gave a brief summarization of the past 3 years and stated that contracts are in place to continue.

Crow asked how come the public was not more closely involved and questioned the possibility of identity theft due to computerization. Crow also requested more public meetings and asked if the people have the right to refuse. Commissioner Konzen stated the contract is firewalled and safety protection is as secure as any other information system such as the Phone Companies and Power Companies. Tom Wood stated he hates change as much as anyone and that the public has not attended public meetings that were advertised in Newspapers and KLCB. Wood said that emergency services need this to happen and to keep in mind that Insurance Premiums will go by GPS. Roby Bowe said he felt there have been lives that could have been saved if this system had been in place.

Klinkam stated that 41 counties in Montana have already gone through this process. Dispatcher Char Williamson said that 70% of time during emergency calls is spent trying to establish location and calling for a trace can delay emergency responders further.

Other concerns expressed were: mile markers, signs on private roads, conflicting house numbers, cost impact on residents and businesses, cell phones, and road names.

Mary Klinkam told the group that GeoComm will be back on September 11<sup>th</sup> and to please call if you have a problem.

Klinkam would like to get a list of residents to GeoComm for their return visit.

Volunteer Penny Kyes told the group that these changes are in the best interest to the public. Carol Wayland-Smith stated she has just gone through several months of address changing and that the cost was very minimal; a few stamps and phone calls, but it did take a lot of effort on her part.

Meeting was adjourned.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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John Konzen, Commissioner

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Robin A. Benson, Assistant Clerk & Recorder