

August 8, 2007

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 8, 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.

9:30 AM: Commissioner Windom called the **meeting to order**.

9:30 AM: **Jessica Drake, Safety Committee:** Jessica reported to commissioners on the progress of the safety committee. She spoke about cash prizes which were a concern to MACO. She talked to Bernie about VISA cash cards for incentive instead. Jessica also brought a copy of a newsletter she would like to start doing quarterly.

10:00AM: **EPA Update:** Present were Brent Shrum, Peggy Williams, Kyle McClellan, Paul Peronard and Catherine LeCours. Paul talked about the two creeks in Libby, Flower Creek and Granite Creek. They have now discovered some contamination in Callahan Creek in Troy. They will begin working on these next Monday. Flower Creek is the priority because kids play in that creek and build dams with the rocks. Paul spoke about completing 79 properties this year. They are doubling the amount of earth that is being moved because the properties they are working on are larger. They are working in attics this summer but some attics have been at 160 degrees and it's hard to get people to work safely in those conditions. The EPA budgets are beginning to be figured for the upcoming year. It is hard to determine where the priorities lie. The golf course is a good example. Is it right to do the golf course rather than a home that's been waiting 6 years to be cleaned up? He talked about the many choices he faces when he has to decide which property is next.

Catherine talked about the progress in Troy. There are 27 inhabited properties in Troy out of 52 buildings that have vermiculite and 95 use areas with vermiculite. Commissioner Windom offered the county to help with the creeks by researching where the rocks came from. Paul said he would appreciate any information that they can give.

11:00 AM: **Crisis Solutions, County Attorney, Victims Witness Advocate:** Bernie Cassidy, Barb Guthneck, Cookie Haidle, Carol Ramos, Brent Shrum, Peggy Williams, Peggy Vennes, Linda Parker, and Jane Gimino.

Commissioner Windom presented the situation on the grant to this point. The victims Carol works with are only ones who press charges and go to court. Crisis Solutions program helps victims and their children get away from the situation even if no legal actions take place. The Commissioners and Bernie Cassidy agreed to write letters of support for the next grant opportunity for Crisis Solutions. Barb presented the Commissioners with a budget for the next 4 months. They need \$8,000 to get them through the next grant cycle. Commissioner Konzen moved that the Commissioners give Crisis Solutions \$8,000 from PILT to keep the program running. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

The Commissioners signed the State of Montana Board of Crime Control Grant for Lincoln County Victim Witness Program. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the grant as is. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

12:00 A Gentleman came in to ask about the **address changes**. The Commissioners clarified information for him on what would need to be changed and the costs of changing his personal information. He thanked the Commissioners for their time in explaining.

1:35 PM: Larry Sverdrup wanted to discuss a quarter split he is working on for a client. The Commissioners agreed to allow 4 parcels but not 8. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the dissolving of the Yaak LLC by dividing the property into 4 parcels. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

1:42 PM: Mary reported to the Board the **address change correspondence** so far. There have been a lot of angry people over the address changes. The Planning Department has received 179 calls from Monday morning to Wednesday at noon, none of which were positive.

2:07 PM: **Montanore Impact Plan:** There was a request 18 months ago for an impact plan. There was an error in the original plan and it has been corrected. The Impact Plan for the mine is complete and Mary feels that it is well written. Commissioner Konzen moved to accept the impact plan. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

2:09 PM: Mary has written a **Request for Proposals Examining Land Surveyor**, which has been written with a new timeline added to it. Mary would like to give Andy Belski a letter advising him of the termination of his contract. Mary wants to add a subdivision review fee to her office income. She would like to begin October 1, 2007, to add a review fee to each subdivision.

2:19 PM: Mary presented a form she has created for **Boundary Line Adjustments**. This form contains the criteria for such adjustments as well as the reason one is denied. Mary will be creating a form for family transfers soon that will be similar.

2:32 PM: Mary came to the board about a month ago about the access to Kooconusa Estates and said that she would ask for a new public meeting concerning the road. All three commissioners agreed at that time. There are two approved access points from Sophie Lake Road. The subdivision application only referenced these two ingress and egress points. Therefore, it would be considered a substantial change to the application and require a new application as well as a new public hearing process. The applicant has been advised of this through their engineer APEC.

2:35 PM: **Fisher River fee increase.** Commissioner Windom read the request from Fisher River for increased fees in their area. There was a public meeting on the subject July 25, 2007. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the increase as requested. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

2:40 PM: An **Economic Development District** is being created by Lincoln County, Sanders County, Lake County, and Flathead County. John explained more about the purpose of the district.

3:00 PM: The Commissioners signed **Resolution no 786 for the salary for the elected officials**. The salaries for elected officials are increasing by 4.2% COLA as per the recommendation by the compensation board. John moved to approve and Marianne seconded.

3:04 PM: The Commissioners were given a proposal for some work that needs to be done on the courthouse elevator which includes new cabling. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve work order on the elevator. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

3:18 PM: The Commissioners discussed the salaries increase for the county employees. It was agreed that the employees receive the same increase as the elected officials. Commissioner Konzen moved to give the **county employees a 4.2% COLA** to match the elected officials increase. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

3:35 PM: The Commissioners heard a proposal last week from Ron Anderson and Kathi Hooper concerning the wood stove change out program. Commissioner Konzen moved to hire **Ron Anderson** to finish the program per his proposal he presented to the commissioners last week. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

3:40 PM: Commissioner Windom signed the **WIC grant** for \$82,496.

3:50 PM: **ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES.**

4:06 PM: The meeting was adjourned.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Rita R. Windom, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board