

## JANUARY 10, 2007

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session in the Lincoln County Courthouse at 9:30 am. Present were Chairman Rita R Windom, Commissioner John Konzen, Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy D. Lauer. Commissioner Marianne B Roose was out of town at a PNWER (Pacific Northwest Economic Region) meeting in Helena.

9:30 AM: **Ed Levert:** Ed is overseeing the Fuel Mitigation Project at the Chain of Lakes working with DNRC. They required a certified forester to work on the project and Ed is qualified. The Fish Wildlife and Parks require Ed to have insurance (errors and omissions, liability, etc.) in order to do this job. He is asking if he can obtain insurance through the county since he does a great deal of work for the county. Ed checked with Tom Wood and it will cost about \$50 a month and he believes that DNRC will reimburse the county for it. Commissioner Konzen moved to include Ed Levert to the county insurance. Commissioner Windom seconded, so ordered.

10:00 AM: **EPA update:** Present were Paul Peronard, Fran Costanzi, Mike Cirian, Ted Linnert, Duane Williams, Paul Rumelhart, Sandy Matheny, Jerry Henningson

Paul Peronard of EPA spoke about a meeting to take place next week in North Carolina about Libby to decide what the needs are and a plan for risk assessment. Paul feels that animal studies need to be done but they need to be done over an extended period of time in order to obtain sufficient data. He feels that it may take two years. He would like to have a town meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> to talk about the IG report. If he does not have the information he needs, he will schedule the meeting for March 7<sup>th</sup> instead. Commissioner Windom expressed concern about "rumors" circulating around town and would like to have the meeting as soon as possible to remedy that. The EPA people voiced that they do not hear much from the public, only the press. Paul explained the fiber studies, short fiber vs. long fibers. Paul said that the EPA budget plan is in process and will dictate the direction they will go. If they only receive 17 million they will do less clean up and more studies.

The local EPA official, Mike Cirian said that they have recently seen two house fires with asbestos in the home. The first fire was a learning experience but the one on January 8, went very well and he worked with the fire department in sync. Clean up will start in April and they hope to do approximately 160 homes this year.

11:05 AM: **Lincoln County Coalition:** Present were Steve Newman, Brent Shrum, Robyn King, and 14 community members.

Robyn King of the Lincoln County Coalition presented a power point on the land management goals of the coalition. A few members of the coalition were in attendance and introduced themselves and stated their main concerns for the land. The goal is for all aspects of the land to

co-exist and use the land wisely. The Coalition has a plan in place and is making finishing touches on it before presenting it to the communities. They are inviting all citizens to become involved. There was a discussion and question period from the people in attendance. Robyn thanked the commissioners for their support and informational help on this project and asks that they continue to do so. Commissioner Windom told the coalition that they would discuss it when Commissioner Roose returns and let them know.

1:30 PM: **Mary Klinkam, County Planner, Subdivision reviews.** Present were Mary Klinkam and Tony Johnson.

Subdivisions presented for approval:

**Itsaview Subdivision:** Amended Lot 2 of Shannon Flats, Tony Johnson presented a variance request on the 3-1 rule because a great deal of Lot 4 is down a steep bank that ends at Hwy 2 and is not usable land. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the variance; Commissioner Windom seconded the motion, so ordered. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision, Commissioner Windom seconded, so ordered.

**Keeler Subdivision:** Amended Lot 1 of Stanley View. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision, Commissioner Windom seconded, so ordered.

**Stanley View Subdivision:** Amended Lot 2 of Stanley View. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision, Commissioner Windom seconded, so ordered.

**RE: Family Transfer for Wise:** Mary submitted request, commissioners will hold decision until Commissioner Roose returns.

**Re: Family Transfer for Hubbard:** Mary submitted request, commissioners pointed out that this cannot be transferred back for at least 24 months.

**RE: Wapiti Estates Subdivision:** Request in writing from Noel Williams requesting a variance of road width on 200 feet of the road for this subdivision due to one owner not allowing easement of 60 feet but would allow 40 feet. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the variance; Commissioner Windom seconded the motion, so ordered.

Mary presented the plat for **Porcupine Subdivision** for signatures. The Plat was signed by the commissioners and clerk.

2:30 PM: **Lincoln County Treasurer and Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder:** Nancy Sutton and Tammy Lauer ask the commissioners to consider a "spot" audit of the books as of now so that there is a clear starting point that reflects when they began office. Commissioner Konzen moved that Denning Associates do a spot audit of the books. Commissioner Windom seconded, so ordered.

2:40 PM: **Board Appointments:** Several County Boards were in need of updating, Robin Benson has been working on them and as a result the following board members have been approved:

Airport Board: George Wood is Chairman, Craig Eaton, and Russ Barnes all for 3 year terms will expire in January, 2010. The airport board needs one more member and that member will be filled by the City of Libby.

Troy Area Dispatch: Gene Rogers is Chairman and his term expires 6-30-09. This board is in need of two new members.

Eureka Fire Service Area: Don Lundeen expires 4-30-09; Ron Hvizdak and Dave Lyons will expire 4-30-10.

Lincoln County Board of Health: Ron Anderson and Karol Spas both will expire January, 2010.

Lincoln County Tax Appeal Board: Jim Morey reappointed for 3 year term and expires 12-31-09. The Commissioners also accepted a resignation from Nancy Trotter Sutton for the Tax Appeal Board.

3:20 PM: **Administrative Issues:**

The **minutes for January 3, 2007**, were reviewed by the Commissioners and approved as corrected.

#### **JANUARY 10, 2007 CONTINUED**

The commissioners met concerning the **current ice emergency on the roads** and public parking lots. After consulting the Road Department, it was agreed to use sand to make the roads safe at this time. The Road Department pointed out that salt is not working on the current icy road conditions.

The Board also wrote a letter stating that they have reviewed and approved the **Northwest Montana Human Resource 2006-2007 Community Services Block Grant** document covering assurances, work plan, budget and Board of Directors.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 pm.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Rita R. Windom, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk and  
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