

## JANUARY 24, 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, Commissioner Marianne B Roose, Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy D. Lauer.

9:30 AM: **Call to order.** Bill Bischoff presented the agenda for the day. Bill Bischoff told the Board that a Kalispell attorney has been hired to aid in the collection against the county for the Nelson hospital bill.

9:55 AM: **Weed Department/Dan Williams:** Present were Dan Williams, Rocky Schauer, Mary Klinkam and Ron Olferd.

Mary said that she has been working with GEOCOM to complete the 911 enhanced program. GPS readings were taken to give new addresses. Mary stated that many addresses were missed and she would like Dan Williams, Weed Department, to help get those done during his slow time. Rocky Schauer, Weed Board Chairman, said that Dan has a couple of projects that he is doing right now. Dan said that he could do this but would need more time because of these projects. It was agreed that Dan will do the GPS readings by the end of March. Mary will supervise this project and give him the locations to be visited.

10:30 AM: **Lincoln County Coalition:** Present were Steve Newman, Chuck Woods, Alvin Benitz, Rhoda Cargill, Ron Olferd, John Beebe, Brent Shrum, Lee Tonner, Mike Peterson, Duane Williams, Orville Habeck and Gary Callahan.

The Lincoln County Coalition has requested that the Commissioners support the coalition in their efforts to create jobs and manage the forests of Lincoln County in a way that is beneficial to all. Commissioner Konzen moved that the Commissioners support the concept the coalition is working on presently. Commissioner Roose seconded. Commissioner Konzen said that he supports the concept of the coalition and that creating jobs is the major focus for him. Commissioner Roose said that she believes in the concept. Commissioner Windom stated that she feels the concept has changed from two years ago when it was originally presented. The coalition was originally presented with a "no wilderness" stance. Commissioner Windom also expressed concern that it seems to be a limited scope of people involved and she would like to see the finished plan before giving it her unqualified support. Commissioner Roose stated that this is only a draft, no decisions have been made, but it is a starting point for input and public awareness. Commissioner Roose also stated that the public is always invited to attend the coalition meetings. Commissioner Windom suggested that Commissioner Konzen change the motion to be worded differently that doesn't give support to the draft but to the idea of a coalition. Commissioner Konzen withdrew his motion in order to obtain public comment. Steve Newman said that there seems to be trouble differentiating between "process" and "product". John Beebe said that he believes that the motion needs much more detail. Ron Olferd from Sanders County asked why the county is being asked to support the coalition. What would the coalition do with the support? Mr. Olferd sees a great deal of problems with the draft and so he

believes that support from the commissioners would be pre-mature until the concept is better defined. Rhoda Cargill stated that she does not feel the public is invited to participate and ask where the funding is coming from for the recent advertising and other costs. Gary Callahan wondered how the public finds out about the meetings. The Lincoln County Coalition website was mentioned. Chuck Woods said that he supports the direction the coalition is taking but is worried that litigation will kill it. It was decided that Commissioner Konzen will make a motion next week that is more detailed.

11:15 AM: Discussion of upcoming year **budget challenges**.

1:30 PM: **Mary Klinkam, County Planner, Subdivisions:**

**Subdivision letters for Signature:**

**Byson Subdivision: 5 Residential lots W1/2 SE1/4 S32, T37N, R27W.**

**Mountain Meadows I.**

**Mountain Meadows II.**

**Subdivisions for Approval:**

**Mountain Lion Estates Amended Lot 1: 3 Residential Lots, NW1/4 S14, T37N, R28W.** Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision with the planning department's recommendations. Commissioner Roose seconded the motion and it was so ordered.

**Vinal Lake Subdivision Amended Lot D: 5 Residential lots HES 841 in S29, T36N, R31W.** Mary presented a letter to the Forest Service stating that the county would not be taking over the road. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision with the planning department's recommendations. Commissioner Roose seconded the motion and it was so ordered.

**Rawlings Addition Amended Lot 81: 2 Residential Lots, NE1/4 S29, T31N, R31W.** Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision, Commissioner Konzen seconded, so ordered.

**Tobacco Valley Business Park: W1/2 W1/2 S3, and SE1/4 NE1/4 S4, T36N, R27W.** Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision, Commissioner Konzen seconded, so ordered.

**Hanley Subdivision, Amended Lot 1, Deer Park Subdivision: SW1/4 NE1/4 S2, T35N, R27W.** Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision, Commissioner Konzen seconded, so ordered.

**Hanks Place, Amended Lot 2 Truman's Special: SE1/4 SW1/4 S11, T37N, R28W.** Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision as the planning department recommendations stand. Commissioner Konzen seconded, so ordered.

2:00 PM: **MACo Insurance Update:** Present were Greg Jackson, Tom Wood, and Lee Ludden.

Mid-Policy Year Review visit with Greg Jackson. Greg presented an actuarial report to the commissioners and explained the tables and graphs in detail. He also explained changes in the language of the policies. Greg spoke about the indications for the premiums for the 2007-2008 renewal of policies. A meeting of the agents and MACo Insurance personnel in April will be to set next year's premiums. Greg spoke about the Loss Control/Safety Program & Training Plan that is in place. This is an ongoing effort to reduce workers' compensation claims.

**Subdivisions for approval continued:**

**Tobacco Bay Estates: 20 Lots, S1/2 S7, T36N, R27W.** Revise the conditions to read that there must be two highway accesses that are available to all lots. Continue approval to 1-31-07.

**Deer Park South, Amended Lot 3A: 2 residential lots SE1/4 S18, T34N, R25W.** Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision, Commissioner Konzen seconded, so ordered.

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**North Country View Estates: 12 residential lots, SW1/4 SW1/4 S13, T37N, R37W.** Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision, Commissioner Konzen seconded, so ordered.

**Virginia Hills Subdivision for Review: 2 Residential Lots, SE1/4 S18, T35N, R27W.** Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision, Commissioner Roose seconded, so ordered.

3:45 **Subdivisions submitted for Chairperson Signature:** Mary presented five subdivisions for Chairman of the Board, Rita Windom to sign. They were: Stanley View Amended Lot 2, Stonehill Subdivision, Open Range Subdivision, Keeler View Subdivision, and Itsaview Subdivision.

3:46 **Family Transfers:** Wise Family Transfer and Whitney Family Transfer both signed by Chairman.

3:50 **Final Plats Signed:** Two final plats were signed: Cougar Ridge and Montana Hidden Canyon Estates.

**Administrative Issues:**

4:05 PM: The Commissioners agreed that there is a need to meet at least one half day in addition to the Wednesday meetings. It was agreed that Thursdays at 10:00am would be the date and time to meet on budget and personnel issues.

4:20 PM: The **minutes from the meeting on January 17, 2007**, were approved as corrected.

4:35 PM: Commissioner Roose expressed her opinion about a man that wants to come from **Treasure State Alliance** to speak at the Montana Forest Counties Coalition during the MACo mid-winter meeting in Helena. The commissioners discussed the validity of him speaking at the conference.

4:40 PM: **Board Appointments:** Jim Morey submitted a letter of resignation from the **Tax Appeal Board**. The commissioners will advertise for a new board member and a secretary.

Commissioner Konzen moved that Ted Andersen be appointed to the **Planning Board**. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so ordered.

TOTAL PAYROLL FOR DECEMBER 2006:	\$514,473.16
TOTAL CLAIM WARRANTS:	\$527,090.74
GRAND TOTAL:	\$1,041,563.90

The Board adjourned at 4:42 pm.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Rita R. Windom, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk and Recorder

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