

## July 11, 2007

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on July 11, 2007, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Rita R Windom, Commissioner John Konzen, Commissioner Marianne B. Roose, Bill Bischoff, and Clerk and Recorder Tammy D. Lauer.

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

9:01 AM: **Administrative Issues:** Present was Alvin Benitz.

Bill asked the commissioners to accept a **new meeting schedule** for the next fiscal year. He would like to open the meetings at 8:30 or 9:00 with administrative issues and approval of the minutes. Commissioner Konzen asked that the most recent claims be reviewed each Wednesday morning as well.

**The Heritage Museum** has requested that their property taxes be waived for the next year as they have been in the past. Commissioner Roose moved to waive the property taxes for the Heritage Museum for the upcoming year. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

**The Libby Parks District** had asked the Treasurer last year to invest money for them that they were not using. The money did not get invested under the name of Libby Parks. The Treasurer is wondering if we need to take the interest they would have earned out of the General Fund and pay it to the Libby Parks. Commissioner Konzen suggested that we research this issue because the other entities of the county should be treated the same and wants to know what impact that would have on the fund.

**Tobacco Valley Business Park Industrial District** has written a letter to the Commissioners that ask several questions which would be very difficult to answer. The Commissioners feel that they may need to get legal council on these questions before answering.

Ric Kelsing came to talk about the **Video Conferencing technology**. This is for arraignments so prisoners do not have to be transferred to the courts. The room in the jail is ready for use. To install a Polycom single user system is about \$18,560. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the purchase of the system at \$18,560.00 to be paid from PILT. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

Commissioner Roose presented a **Planning Board appointment** for the Eureka area of Wendy McNeil. Commissioner Roose spoke to her and she is very interested and will get together with Chris Fox to get up to speed on the project. Commissioner Roose moved to approve Wendy McNeil to the Planning Board. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

9:16 AM: The Commissioners read and approved the **minutes of the June 27** meeting as corrected.

9:28 AM: **Dan Williams discussed a vehicle purchase for the weed department**. The leftover grant money from years past is paying for the vehicle. Commissioner Konzen moved that the Commissioners allow Dan to purchase a 4 door pickup with good gas mileage from leftover grant money of \$20,000. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved. The commissioners asked Dan about the weeds that are not being taken care of on County Property. Dan explained the nature of the weeds and the way they are dealt with. Commissioner Windom stated that she would like the Commissioners to have a meeting with Dan, the Weed Board and the Road Crews.

9:42 AM: Commissioner Windom spoke about the recent Port Authority meeting.

9:51 AM: The **air conditioning** in the main courthouse building is not working. It was installed in the 1970's. Bill would like someone to come and look at our system for recommendations and the Commissioners agreed.

10:00 AM: **EPA Update:** Ted Linnert, Paul Peronarrd, Mike Cirian, Kathi Hooper, Peggy Williams, Alvin Benitz, Erica K, Kathy Hernandez, and Kathryn .

Mike has been keeping track of calls received by EPA. He has dealt with 39 calls. He explained the total costs of cleanup on buildings. Projected costs are about \$12,000 per month to prepare for the cleanup, do the cleanup and restore the property. Demolitions cost far more, as much as \$100,000. There are three demolitions going now which are the houses destroyed by fires. He explained the time involved in each project. Mike will have another report in a few months to compare with this one.

Troy has done about 24 parcels so far. Kathryn is asking Bull Lake Road residents to call EPA if they have visible Asbestos. It is still undecided whether the EPA will be in that area or not.

The EPA Administrator will be here on August 6<sup>th</sup> and Paul would like to have a small meeting with the Commissioners and the Administrator. Paul feels that health care and public health emergency are issues that should be priority. Max Baucus will probably be with the Administrator in August.

11:00 AM: **Port Authority:** Paul Rumelhart, Ardell Filler, Brent Shrum, Erica K, Alvin Benitz, Peggy Williams, and Amy Guth. Amy spoke on behalf of the Port Authority to request an additional 9 months of funding for the Port Authority, from now until April. \$8,333 per month is the current amount. They are hoping to be self sufficient by April next year. Commissioner Konzen made a motion to accept the recommendation by the Port Authority to fund them for an additional 9 months. Commissioner Roose seconded with discussion. Commissioner Roose stated that the Port Authority should stand on its own by now. Amy said that the board is feeling the same way and she was certain that they will not be back for more help. Commissioner Windom pointed out that the county had committed to \$200,000 and she would like to see it stay at that amount. Commissioner Konzen rescinded his motion. Commissioner Konzen moved that the County commit to give the Port Authority the remainder of the \$200,000 at \$8333 per month. The County will do a study as to how much has been paid so far and come up with a figure and a time frame. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

1:30 PM: **Mary Klinkam, Subdivision Review:**

1:30 PM: **Beck's Acres**, Amended Lot 2, SW1/4 NW1/4 Sec 4 T30N R31W, 2 Residential Lots: **Public Hearing:** Present were Bonnie Dill, Ken Davis, and Dan Burns. Mary presented the subdivision. Dan Burns has lived at 287 Westgate for the past 35 years and is concerned about the drainage issue with this subdivision. Since the excessive building in that area, vegetation is gone that used

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to keep the drainage from running down to his property. He would like to see a drainage plan approved by the sanitation department before allowing the subdivision. Dan does not object to the subdivision but just wants to make sure it will not have a negative impact on his home. Public hearing was closed at 1:41 PM.

1:47 PM: **Majestic Mountain Views**, 5 residential lots, SW/14, S29, T29N, R31W: Mary presented the subdivision. The commissioners discussed the subdivision.

1:55 PM: **River Mist Meadows**, 5 Residential lots with remainder, SE1/4 SE1/4 Sec 35, T30N R31W, review: Mary presented the subdivision. Roads to the subdivision were discussed.

2:03 PM: **Henion Hollow**: Added condition of drainage, roads, legal access. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision as a preliminary plat. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

2:06 PM: **McGinnis Creek Lots II**: Commissioner Roose moved to approve the final plat. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

2:08 PM: **Reads Acres**: Commissioner Roose moved to approve the final plat. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

2:10 PM: **Ravens Ridge Subdivision**: Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the final plat. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

2:11 PM: Mary shared an email that she had received concerning the address changes.

2:15 PM: **Parkside at Fisher River**, 42 Residential Lots, Portions of Sections 13 and 24, T27N R28W, **Public Hearing**: Present were Ken Davis, Bonnie Dill, David Greer, and Dave DeGrandpre. Mary presented the subdivision. David showed a large map of the subdivision and explained the future of this property. He explained the park areas and the road issues that they are facing. Dave presented a short presentation of the subdivision. Public hearing was closed at 2:39 PM.

2:42 PM: **Family Transfer**. Mr. Schmidt wants to do a family transfer to all three of his children. The Commissioners would like to question the owners why they purchased the property in May and are now doing family transfers. They will continue the discussion in Eureka next week.

2:51 PM: **Discussion of the Examining Land Surveyor**. There was a discussing of the current contract and the time it has been taking to do them. Mary will research the impact of not having one and get the information to the Commissioners.

3:06 PM: **Gravel Crushing Bids**: The Commissioners stated that the Ward Crushing was the low bid for Libby and Remp Sand and Gravel was the low bid for Eureka and Troy. Commissioner Roose moved to accept the low bids for gravel crushing. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

3:09 PM: **Cleaning bids**: The bid from Clean Marlene was the choice bid of the Commissioners for cleaning the Courthouse and the Annex in Libby. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the Clean Marlene bid. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

3:13 PM: The Clerk and Recorder, Tammy D. Lauer, spoke to the commissioners about hiring of **Coral Cummings, retired Clerk and Recorder**, to help with the budget preparation for the 07/08 FY. The Commissioners approved the proposal.

3:22 PM: The meeting was **adjourned**.

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Rita R. Windom, Chairman of the Board

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board