

June 27, 2007

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on June 27, 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: **Pat Pazelli, Jane Karas, John Englebretson, FVCC/LCC:** Present was Brent Shrum and Lee Bothman. Jane and Pat came to discuss opportunities to increase education in Lincoln County. FTE (full time equivalent) enrollments have dropped over the past couple of years. There were approximately 55 FTE students in Libby this past year. It is difficult to keep the college running with that number of students. The decrease in students is because of on-line courses begin offered and the Stimson workers have finished their schooling. Pat and Jane are proposing that they find a way to include both Kalispell and Libby as FVCC so more students are counted as revenue. FVCC on-line classes began in 2004 and 195 students are now using that service. The costs are the same for tuition and fees as the other courses. Jane brought a draft of the new service region agreement. The new agreement allows for changes regarding distance learning and budget changes with combining the schools. Pat and Jane ask the commissioners to support the adding of the new concept of changing the standards and creating an extending learning center at Lincoln County Campus. Commissioner Konzen moved to support the LCC/FVCC changes. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved. The commissioners commended the FVCC board and Pat and Jane for working so hard to make the college work in Libby and not just closing the doors. The wage study that the county put in the paper received no responses. Pat said that Greg Davis is the economics professor at the college and he will do the study for Lincoln County.

BIDS FOR THE COUNTY ARE BEING OPENED TODAY; THE BIDS CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COURTHOUSE

10:00 AM: **Legal Advertising Bids:** The Commissioners opened the Tobacco Valley News bid and there were no other bids. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the Tobacco Valley News bid. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

10:05 AM: **Grant requests for Eureka and Libby Airports** from Morrison and Maierle. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the grant for the Eureka Airport and Commissioner Windom seconded, so moved. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the grant for the Libby Airport. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

10:10 AM: **Flex increase:** Commissioners discussed an increase in the flex benefit to \$600 per year per employee. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the increase of the Flex plan. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

10:15 AM: **Cleaning Bids:**

Annie's Professional Cleaning and Clean Marlene Janitorial were the two bidders. The Commissioners will take these bids under advisement.

10:22 AM: **Dan Williams:** Dan wanted to talk to the commissioners about another vehicle. He wants a SUV for trainings and thinks the gas mileage would be better. The Weed Department has four vehicles currently, all pickups. Dan has grant money to pay for the SUV which will cost approximately \$20,000. The Commissioners feel that a pickup is a better choice for another vehicle. They will take the suggestion under advisement. Dan has a new grant for the Commissioners to sign which will be used to replace the 1 Ton pickup. The new Grant money needs to be put in a Capital Improvement account so it is not used for anything else until the pickup needs to be replaced. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the Montana Weed Grant to be used to purchase a newer pickup in the future. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

10:30 AM: **Election ballot printing:** There was only one bid and it was from The Printing Press. Commissioner Konzen moved to accept the bid. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

10:45 AM: **County Printing Contract:** There was one bid from the Printing Press. Commissioner Roose moved to accept the bid from the Printing Press. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

10:48 AM: **Mike Cirian, EPA:** The EPA wants permission from the Commissioners to place signs in the right of way concerning the rocks with asbestos on Flower Creek and Granite Creek. The signs would warn the public of the danger of asbestos in the area. The Commissioners agreed to allow EPA to post signs.

11:00 AM: **Road Oil Bids:** There was one bid from McAsphalt Industries Limited. Commissioner Konzen moved to award the bid to McAsphalt with the addition of a bid for HF500. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so ordered.

11:10 AM: Commissioners signed a Notification and Certification of Election or Appointment of a Justice of the Peace for Gary Hicks, as the State can not locate their copy.

11:15 AM: **Gas and Diesel Bids:** Big Sky made a bid for the Eureka area only. Golden State made a bid for Libby and Troy only. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the bids for gas and diesel. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

11:30 AM: **Gravel Crushing Bids:** Kootenai Aggregate bid for the Eureka area only. Remp Sand and Gravel bid for Libby, Troy, and Eureka. Ward Crushing bid was for Libby and Troy only. The Commissioners will take the bids under advisement.

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

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1:33 PM: **Henion Hollow, Amended Lot 1, Sinclair Creek Subdivision**, 3 lots, SE1/4 Sec 8, T36N, R26W. Present were Kendra Lind, Kris Caister and Lori Kelley-Bowe.

Kenda had a copy of the new plat map showing the drain fields. She addressed the road easements going over drain fields on adjacent property. Kendra showed Kris the road issue vs. the drain field. Kris said that the original road's driving surface will remain the same and it was approved before only the easement is changing. Mary pointed out that the 60' easement is not required on a subdivision of this size. Kris agreed and said they were trying for a 60' easement in order to prepare for future subdividing. Kris stated that the 40' easement was fine with the developer. Kris had spoken to Tim White about the road issue and they agreed that the drainage issue would be taken care of with a better culvert in the road. The current culvert is 4 inches and to be effective it needs to be at least 18 inches. The Public Hearing was closed. The preliminary plat will be reviewed on July 11, 2007.

2:08 PM: **Administrative issues.**

3:00 PM: **Eureka Animal Control Discussion**, Ron Anderson, Kathy Hooper, Jessica Drake: The contract for the Eureka Animal Shelter with the City of Eureka is about to expire. The employee in Eureka has been out on medical leave and the Eureka shelter has been closed. The Sanitation recommends that they do not renew the contract with the city of Eureka and to offer the Eureka facility to the City with the understanding that the facility be moved. They could contract with the City of Eureka to work within a radius of Eureka. Lincoln County currently pays Troy \$5500 per year to cover a 2 mile radius of County property and perhaps something similar could be worked out with Eureka. The Sanitation Department will contact the city of Eureka and begin the process. The second option would be to close the Eureka facility and not renew the contract with the City. In that scenario, there would be a small holding facility for dogs in Eureka that need to be transported to the Libby facility.

3:45 PM: **Dan Johns**, attorney for union negotiations. Dan brought four requests from the Union. Two requests had to do with hours worked and overtime issues. The other two requests were about wages. The commissioners took the requests under advisement.

4:00 PM: **Noel Williams**: Noel wanted to talk to the commissioners about his contract for the next year. He presented his proposal for the upcoming year. The proposal contained a piece work contract and a contract similar to last year's contract. There was a discussion about the projected need for this service. Commissioner Konzen moved to sign a six month contract similar to last year's contract but at a reduced rate with Noel Williams and revisit the contract in another six months. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

4:45 PM: **Nadine Pival, Clerk of District Court**: Nadine submitted a letter requesting personnel changes in her department. Commissioner Konzen moved to allow Nadine to have the part time employee remain full time temporary for an extended period of time. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

4:55 PM: The Commissioners approved the **minutes of the June 20, 2007**, meeting.

4:58 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