

June 6, 2007

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting on June 6, 2007, in the Lincoln County Courthouse at 9:00 am. Present were Chairman Rita R. Windom, Commissioner Marianne B. Roose, Commissioner John Konzen, Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy D. Lauer.

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

9:00 AM: **Charlie Webster, Frank Waterman USDA FS:** Charlie handed out an information sheet on the new legislation and RAC. Charlie expressed his concern about another hot dry summer and possible active fire season. They have a new helicopter contract for our area. The KNF has training beginning next week with 70 new firefighters to train. Charlie said they have a good crew this year. The commissioners ask about the DNRC's roll in fire situations? Charlie said that the State DNRC and the Forest Service have a Block exchange program which was an acre of forest land on private property for an acre of federal. Basically that means that they protect each others property and have great cooperation. Charlie talked about the "Best Value" system which is now the way they hire for fire service portable toilets, water trucks, sack lunches, etc. The rotation situation worked good for KNF but was changed in Washington DC. The commissioners talked about using local businesses for purchases during a fire situation.

10:27 am: **Jerry Rust,** 10:27 am: Jerry Rust, Roby Bowe, and Erika Kirsch: Jerry presented the proposed costs for the new employees that the Sheriff's office is requesting. The Deputy is for Eureka and the other employee is a Transportation Officer/Civil Officer for Libby.

11:00 am: **Gary Hablutzel, EBMS:** Present was Diane Davis.

Gary presented the new numbers for EBMS insurance. The insurance board will meet with Gary today at 1:00. More bids from other insurance companies will come later in the month.

11:46 am: Break and Lunch

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

1:33 PM: **Eastwood,** 1 residential lot, ¼ SE ¼ Sec 2, T29N, R31W. This subdivision was presented last week. There were no concerns. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat, Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

1:40 PM: **Golden Eagle Estates,** 5 residential lots, W ½ Sec 1, T29N, R31W: This subdivision was presented last week. A condition was added to stress road grade requirements. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision as a preliminary plat. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

1:50 PM: Mary has some questions about the upcoming address changes and the effects that it will have on her department. She is concerned about the added work that will be involved in **giving a property a new address**. There will be added expense in personnel and fuel so they need to charge a fee for addresses. Mary will put together some ideas on paper to look at next week. There was a long discussion about the **address changes along the highways**. Commissioner Konzen feels that addresses should follow the mile markers to make better sense to people. Mary will call GEOCom to change the addresses from Eureka to Libby on Highway 37 to match the highway mile markers. The Planning Department will need to hire a person to answer the telephone and emails about address changes. Commissioner Roose moved to allow Mary to hire a temporary full time employee for that job. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

3:21 PM: Mary Klinkam would like to take on a new project. It is a study that would drop Flood Insurance Rates up to 50% for area residents. It involves a flood plain review with FEMA. It has to be done by someone in the county government. She will get more information on it.

3:29 PM: Mary talked about some issues on some new subdivisions that are being created and violations that have come to her attention.

3:51 PM: Commissioner Konzen asked about GEOCom contract revisions that should be done because of missed points. Mary will talk to GEOCOM soon.

4:20 PM: The Commissioners discussed the RAC (Resource Advisory Committee) money from the Secure Rural Funding. Commissioner Konzen moved to give RAC \$700,000 out of the next payment. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

4:35 PM: The Commissioners discussed creating a Boyd Cemetery advisory board. Commissioner Konzen moved that they appoint Basil Canavan, Reuben Kneller, and Ron Thatcher to be the board. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

4:38 PM: **New personnel** in several county offices were announced.

4:44 PM: The meeting was adjourned.

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Rita R. Windom, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board