

**MARCH 7, 2007**

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

9:00 Meeting called to order.

9:00 AM: **Fred Hansen, MACo Safety Program.** Present were Ron Anderson, Alvin Benitz, Barb Hansen and Diane Davis.

Fred presented a new safety manual. He said that the old safety manual is outdated. The Montana Safety Culture Act has no teeth. It applies to all entities, including county government. The new manual is geared toward giving more teeth to Safety Act. Lincoln County needs to develop an action plan. MACo will develop this year's plan and next year we will do our own. Lincoln County had 103 claims in 5 years; 27 were slips and falls and 31 were strains. In 2006 there were 11 claims; 4 were slips and falls, 3 were strains. Fred gave a brief overview of the manual. Lincoln County needs to form a safety committee; most people will not get involved if they think that nothing will be done. Bill mentioned that EMS is covered by county workman's comp and we would need them to participate.

An action plan will be emailed to Bill soon. Fred said that the county has dealt with our safety issues well. Slips and falls are always the biggest issue, in any business. Fred ended his meeting.

10:10 AM: The Commissioners had a discussion with Bill and Ron Anderson about **the Lincoln County safety plan**. Ron Anderson said that we have all the required plans but they need to be updated. The county needs someone to be in charge that people will be willing to listen to and would have time to put into it. Ron and Bill suggested Jessica Drake with the Animal Control. The Commissioners said they thought Jessica would be a good choice. Ron could work with her to get her started. He has a box with information on the existing system. Commissioner Konzen moved that they appoint Jessica Drake as Safety Chair, Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so ordered.

10:44 AM: Ron talked about the **wood stove program**. They have done 1100 change outs. The program has been very successful. Letters have been going out to people with smoking chimneys. If they have a certified stove the county will help them figure out if they are using it correctly, if not they will let them know that they are using a non-certified stove. They have written about 24 letters so far. Commission Konzen asked how many people surrendered wood heat. Ron said 7 people did, and 143 people changed to pellets. Ron also discussed some junk vehicles areas in Troy.

11:17 AM: **Clerk of Court**, Nadine Pival, presented a request for her part time employee to work full time for the next two months due to jury trials. Commissioner Konzen moved to allow

full time for the part time employee until the full time employee comes back. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so ordered.

11:23 AM: The commissioners had a discussion of a **Ravalli County road issue** request that our commissioners need to vote on. Commissioner Konzen moved that they vote no on the addition to the Slide Project to the Secondary Road Program. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so ordered.

11:30 Commissioner Konzen reported about the **RC&D meeting**.

11:40 **Commissioner Roose** called from DC with an update of her meetings so far.

11:45 AM: Lunch meeting with **Virginia Sloan from Jon Tester's office and Kirby Rierson from Max Baucus' office**. The commissioners discussed issues of concern in Lincoln County that they want Senators Tester and Baucus to be aware of.

Forest issues were discussed. The secured funds that the county is losing was discussed. They also talked about the economy from Logging and wildlife habitat.

1:23 pm **Larry Sverdrup** brought a court ordered split. There was a boundary adjustment. The Haugen vs. Lashley case concerned a road. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the court ordered split between Haugen and Lashley. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was ordered.

1:30 PM: **Mary Klinkam** Subdivisions for final approval. Present were Sam Schupe and John Patterson.

Final Plat approval: Double Creek Subdivision: Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision and Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so ordered.

Grand View Acres Amended lot 2: Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision and Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so ordered.

1:35 PM: Mary discussed the **Planning Board Meeting** that is happening tonight at 4:00. She feels that 50+ people will attend. She will address the issue in the paper about Building Permits and explain that the commissioners have not considered building permits to date.

1:45 PM Mary told the commissioners that the address information for **GEO Com** is nearly done. Libby and Troy are done and Dan Williams is working on Eureka. Mary still feels that the project can be done by June.

#### **Administrative Issues:**

1:57 PM: **Minutes from the February 28, 2007** meeting were approved.

2:04 Commissioners need to schedule a meeting with **Airport Board** soon. They also need to meet with the **Weed Board** about funding and **EMA** director soon about 911 enhancements.

2:12 PM: A discussion of the **Fair Board**. A letter needs to be written to address issues of concern.

2:27 PM: **Jessica Drake** came to meet with the commissioners about the safety committee chairman appointment. Jessica said she is excited about the position.

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

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Rita R. Windom, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board