

May 2, 2007

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session in the Lincoln County Courthouse at 10:00 AM. Present were Chairman Rita R. Windom, Commissioner John Konzen, Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy D. Lauer. Commissioner Roose is in Washington DC.

10:00 AM: Call to order

10:01 AM: **Asbestos issue on courthouse lawn:** Present were Ken Boyd, Jim Sweet, Jerome Schad, Brent Shrum, and Alvin Benitz. Ken Boyd made a proposal to pave the area of the courthouse yard that has been determined to contain asbestos to use for Sheriffs department parking close to the jail. Ken also proposed a base around the flagpole for the times when people gather there. He suggests that the county replace the larch flagpole with a metal one soon as the flag pole is old and leaning. Commissioner Konzen said that they would take it under advisement. The EPA may not be able to clean the asbestos until fall. Commissioners Konzen and Windom said they will talk to the EPA and request it be done earlier. It is a public area and hundreds of people pass through.

10:29 AM: Detective Shane Hight brought the agreement for the **Northwest Drug Task Force** for the Commissioners to sign. Commissioner Konzen moved that they sign the Local Drug Task Force Agreement for 2007/2008. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

10:39 AM: The Commissioners signed **Resolution Number 779** for Port Authority funds from PILT that had been voted on last week.

10:40 AM: The Commissioners had a request from **Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk and Recorder**, to hire a replacement for a position that is opening in her office. Commissioner Konzen moved to allow Tammy to replace the employee. Commissioner Windom seconded, and it was so ordered.

10:45 AM: The Commissioners approved the **minutes of the April 25, 2007, meeting**.

10:50 AM: Phone conference with **Bruce Vincent:** Bruce has been aiding the commissioners in preparing a **resolution in Support of Environmentally Sensitive and Culturally and Economically Important Mining**. Commissioner Windom and Commissioner Konzen complimented him on the content of the document. Commissioner Konzen moved to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved. The Commissioners signed **Resolution number 780**.

1:15 PM: Dale Byers is retiring from the **Radio Committee** when he retires from the county. He is recommending that Mark McCully replace him as Chairman of that committee. The committee has been inactive for quite a while but there are issues coming up that will require it to become active again.

1:35 PM: Bill submitted for signature the **response to the audit report** for the state. The Commissioners read the letter and signed it.

1:37 PM: Bill submitted a **Request for Proposals Employee Classification and Compensation Study**. There is a man in Kalispell who is interested in doing this study. The Commissioners agreed to advertise this proposal.

1:43 PM: The **Salary Compensation Board** needs to meet soon. A tentative date is at the May 30th Commissioner's meeting. Jeff Gruber and Darren Coldwell are currently on that board.

2:01 PM: Commissioner Windom pointed out some things on the **budget report** that need to be fixed such as small balances that need to be cleared. She also asked about the budget progress so far. Bill and Tammy told her that the budget letter had been written and the packets were being readied to hand out.

2:10 PM: Commissioner Windom mentioned that they need to talk to Ron Anderson about **Animal Control fees** increasing.

2:30 PM: The Commissioners toured the **new DEQ facility in Troy**.

3:00 PM: The Commissioners went to a location on Lake Creek to look at a road that is being washed away by the creek.

4:00 PM: Meeting adjourned and then the Commissioners attended the **open house of the Planning Board** in Troy.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Rita R. Windom, Chairman of the Board

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