

**MAY 9, 2007**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session in the Lincoln County Courthouse at 9:30 AM. Present were Chairman Rita R. Windom, Commissioner John Konzen, Commissioner Marianne B. Roose, Bill Bischoff, and Clerk and Recorder Tammy D. Lauer.

9:30 AM: Call to order

9:31 AM: **Jessica Drake, Safety Committee update:** Jessica has compiled a group of people for the safety committee; they will have their first meeting next week in the conference room on Tuesday at 10:00am. She gave the commissioners a list of the people on the committee. She feels that she needs to include the Sheriff's Department in this and is looking for someone. Bill said it would be good to involve the volunteer organizations as well.

10:00 **EPA Update:** Paul Peronard: Present were Alvin Benitz, Peggy Williams, Brent Shrum, Kyle McClellan, Mike Cirian, Ted Linnert, Kathryn LeCours, Ron Anderson, Kathy Hooper, and on the telephone Kirby from Senator Baucus' office and Virginia from Senator Tester's office:

Paul said that the parking lot area will be done by the end of the summer but he will try to put it between projects earlier this summer. The EPA will need to know what the county wants to do with the area before they get a plan. If it is going to be more parking, EPA will handle it differently. The Flower Creek bank, adjacent to a private residence, has large asbestos filled rocks on it. The EPA will have to remove those rocks this summer. They are really good sized and there is a large amount of them.

Kathryn stated that she sent out 800 letters in March to Troy residents and has had 300 responses. Troy residents have been great to work with. Paul spoke about the mine site itself. W R Grace will pay for most of that work. The University of Montana has been doing some work in the forest up there looking for asbestos in the tree bark. Paul mentioned that the owners of the old Eagles building cannot decide what they want done with the building so it is put on hold. Commissioner Windom said townspeople are asking about the Eagles building frequently. A Homeowners Association is forming for people who have had their homes cleaned. Gordon Sullivan started the association and they have met once.

11:07 AM: **Ron Anderson and Kathy Hooper Sanitation Department:** Present was Peggy Williams.

Ron wanted to discuss the Green Box sites. A Green Box had a Grizzly bear attack on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July site up in the Yaak. Ron brought pictures of the damage the grizzly bear did. The Fish and Wildlife thought that the site should be moved. They were able to get some funding for a bear proof site with electric fences. Ron would like to propose that they put up bear proof sites in the Yaak area. Also, he received a request from Tungsten Holdings which owns the land where the boxes were in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July area. They are requesting the boxes not be returned to the site and mentioned that they would help with the funding of a new site. The commissioners asked Ron about junk Mobile homes. Ron said the County Attorney says that the County can't do anything about them. Ron talked about excavation work that is being done at the landfill.

11:40 **Jerome Schad:** Jerome showed the commissioners a proposal for the parking lot by the jail. He also presented a proposal to use the storage room down stairs for office space and a break room for the jailers. Commissioner Konzen said they might as well be utilizing the space. The commissioners told him to get together with Ken about the costs of these proposals.

11:55 AM: Commissioner Windom has been in touch with the State on the **Pipe Creek Road**. They said that they cannot start road work until 2012. Commissioner Windom said the State will consider an overlay for now in some areas.

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

**Final Plats signed on:** Rare Peace Subdivision, Tract 5 Riverside Drive Amended Plat, Red Top Subdivision, Little HooDoo Subdivision, Harvest Fire Subdivision and Meadow Springs Subdivision.

1:43 PM: Mary announced the future open houses scheduled for the **Planning Board**. They will be May 23rd at Happy's Inn, June 6<sup>th</sup> in the West Kootenai, June 13<sup>th</sup> Stryker/Fortine area, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Bull Lake and June 27<sup>th</sup> in the Yaak. On May 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a Work Session on Draft land use at 7:00 am. The only meeting in June is on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

1:49 PM: Mary stated that the **enhanced 911 project** for addressing properties is still on track and she is still looking at the end of June for that to be completed.

1:51 PM: Mary said that last year the **planning department** reviewed 88 subdivision applications. As of the end of April for this year there have been 67 reviewed and 10 more have been applied for since May 1, 2007.

2:00 PM: The Commissioners and Mary received a telephone call on **Corvette Heights subdivision** from John Hammond. He said that Doug Newmaster did a new Corvette Heights subdivision of 5 lots using Stingray Drive and Corvette Drive with a 60' easement and where the road meets Glen Lake Road it should be a 24' surface. Mr. Hammond states that the roads were not set up that way. Corvette Heights 1, 2, & 3 all began in the late 90's and have had final plat approval. Commissioners will look at the area on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Mary will bring the files with her so the commissioners will have all the facts.

2:10 PM: **Montanans for Multiple Use** had approached the commissioners last month in Eureka concerning a Comprehensive Coordination Plan with the Forest Service. The Commissioners had told the MMU that they would look at it when all commissioners were present. Commissioner Konzen feels that the County has a good working relationship with the Forest Service. Commissioner Roose does not want to jeopardize that relationship. Commissioner Konzen called the Forest Service and asked Kami to find out what the benefits would be for the county to pursue this.

2:36 PM: **Ric Kesling:** Ric said the new server is in and he is very happy with it. Morrison-Maierle did an analysis of the Cash Receipting program with Black Mountain. They found one small issue and fixed it but it appears that was not the problem. Now the county needs to get Black Mountain to research to problem and fix it at their end.

2:44 pm: Commissioner Windom discussed some emails from Noel Williams to Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

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2:50 PM: The Commissioners walked the **courthouse grounds** and jail area to discuss the proposals for the parking lot, flagpole area, and jail offices.

3:20 PM: Commissioner Konzen moved that the county adopt the **Employee Handbook updated** as of July 1, 2007. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

3:28 PM: **Personnel issues.**

4:12 PM: **Meeting adjourned.**

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Rita R. Windom, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board