

November 7, 2007

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on November 7, 2007, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Commissioner Rita Windom, Commissioner John Konzen, Bill Bischoff, and Clerk and Recorder Tammy D. Lauer. Commissioner Marianne Roose is out on a family emergency.

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

9:01 AM: **Paul Bradford, KNF Supervisor:** Paul stated that the General Management review feedback was good. He appreciated the Commissioners coming to that meeting. Paul feels that the next 3 or 4 years will be used to decrease the overhead costs and probably not replace the rangers if they leave. Commissioner Konzen compared KNF to the Three Rivers area and wondered why they can produce more timber than KNF. Paul said that some of it is bear issues in our area. Commissioner Konzen said that the Commissioners are just concerned about losing jobs in our area. Paul doesn't think there will be any major cuts more reduction through attrition of overhead and luxuries. Paul said that there is a Northeast Yaak project they are hoping to get on soon, but they may get sued on the project. Brush Creek salvage is also expected to get going soon. Paul is trying to get KNF firewood free use authority back. Commissioner Konzen said it's more about the supply and demand. The people are having a hard time finding wood to cut. More bears are being killed by vehicles this year and confrontations with bears are getting more common. Grizzly bears are the topic of study in Coeur d Alene next month by Fish and Game. Commissioner Windom told Paul about the meeting at CVFD last night. Charlie Webster was there and there was confusion about the heli-base at the airport property and the other FS buildings. The confusion revolves around who responds to FS land fires in the CVFD area. Paul said that he didn't know but would look into it. Charlie is looking into it as well. This Friday is an after action review in Missoula for the Forest Service and Paul wanted to know if the Commissioners had any comments on this fire season.

9:52 AM: **EPA Update:** Present were Mike Cirian, Kathryn LeCours and Ted Linnert. Virginia from Jon Tester's office was on the telephone. A study group is here from the University in Portland to study the impact of the Asbestos on the town of Libby. Commissioner Windom spoke at the first meeting as well as many members of the community. Mike reported on the end of the construction season. They met the goal of 160 properties they had made for this year. There are 400 to 500 left to clean currently. 1650 cubic yards of vermiculite were moved to the landfill this year. Next week they go to Denver and plan for the upcoming year. January 10, 2008, is the next city meeting. No meetings in December. Kathryn said she had no real update on the Troy area that differs from last month. She spoke about the rumors floating around on the Troy properties and what is going on in Troy.

11:00 AM: **Bull Lake Speed Study results:** Presenting the results was James Freyholtz the Kalispell Area Traffic Engineer with the Montana Department of Transportation. Attending the meeting were Brent Shrum, Kyle McClennen, Steve Endicott, Ellis Stewart, Ida Stewart, Marshall Warrington, Gerald Wallace, Margaret Wallace, Sylvia Maffit, Wayne Maffit, Betty Sikes, Karin Schopp, Dorothy Dutton, Dolores Keiffer, Mike Casey and Clyde Miller.

The Commissioners had requested a study of the speed limit in the Bull Lake area. James presented the study results. He reviewed the charts and information that were used to make the conclusions and recommendations. The recommendation is that the speed limit be reduced to 60 mph from mile post 17.2 and ending 3.3 miles south. The main question from the room was why 60 and not 55. They were told that using the criteria the 85 percentile speed indicates that the speed used most and safely is 60 mph. Marshall Dorrington asked if it had been considered in the study that most people drive above the speed limit by 5 mph anyway. Also, he wondered if the study considered the curves by Angel Island and the low visibility in the area which makes it impossible for large vehicles to get pulled out on the highway without endangering the oncoming traffic. Betty Sikes read a letter she wrote addressing the hazards of the Angel Island curves. Sylvia Maffit wondered if the School Bus stops were considered. Clyde Miller said that the Bull Lake area is very hazardous all down the road. He stated that the lack of enforcement is also a concern. Commissioner Windom asked if Camp Eloheim could be considered a school since there are students there all summer long. Ellis Stuart said that they have requested a passing lane many times and been turned down. The next meeting of the Transportation Commission is in December 6, 2008, in Helena. Karin Schopp wondered if the study takes in account the number of driveways and residents in the area. James said yes it does. Wayne Maffit stated that the traffic is more dangerous than Savage Lake Community which was reduced to 55 mph. Commissioner Konzen said that he thinks the Commissioners are going to make the recommendation to the Transportation Board of 55 mph throughout the Bull Lake area. James said that he would let the people in Helena know that the people want 55 mph. Commissioner Windom ended the public hearing and meeting at 11:35 AM.

11:38 AM: **Heritage Museum-David Thompson Exhibit:** Present were Laurie Mari and Mike Powers and Brent Shrum. At the October 24th meeting of the Commissioners the organization had presented the project. Today they have come to finalize the amount and get the official support of the Commissioners. The total for the project is \$6,640 of which they have their own funds of \$3,300 and they are requesting money from the county of \$3,340. Commissioner Konzen moved to award the David Thompson Bicentennial Exhibit \$3,340 from PILT funds. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

1:30 PM: **Subdivision Reviews:** Mary Klinkam and Lisa Oedewaldt

1:32 PM: **Throop Subdivision,** 3 lots, N1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4 Sec 26, T30N, R31W, Commissioner Review: Present were Byron Sanderson, John Damon, Annie Vignali, Russ Ohm, John Vignali, and Jerry Hooper. Mary presented the subdivision and conditions. One of the conditions is for culverts in the driveways which need to be specific about the size of the culverts. Commissioner Windom asked about the swale and Byron Sanderson explained. This will be voted on next week.

1:35 PM: Mary updated the Commissioners on the **Cargill's** property and the flood plain issue. Their engineer has passed the November 1, 2007, deadline. The engineer said he had been on vacation and wants to extend the review to November 14, 2007. Commissioner Konzen said that the Commissioners have given them enough extensions and should turn it over to the County Attorney. Commissioner Windom agreed with Commissioner Konzen. Jerry Hoover had questions about dirt and rock being brought in to the area. Mary stated she had received an email about the property adjacent to Cargill and concern about the gravel and rock being brought in. Commissioner Konzen told Jerry that the Corp of Engineers is who should address the fill issue. Jerry is worried about the lake being ruined.

1:46 PM: **Rockwood Estates,** 41 lots and 2 commercial lots, Tracts 1E, 2A, 4A, 4C, 4D, 10B1, 10E in NE1/4 Sec 32, T31N, R31W, Public Hearing Continued from last week: Present were Byron Sanderson, John Damon, Annie Vignali, Russ Ohm, John Vignali, Larry Sverdrup, Johna Morrison, Chris Noble and Brent Shrum.

Commissioner Windom asked John Vignali to restate his concern about the railroad and one entrance and one exit. Commissioner Konzen thinks that there is a concern about needing a second exit or entrance if the train is parked in the way and there is an

emergency. John Vignali had some statistics on the trains. There are 35 trains that go through there each day at 60 mph. When they are moving slowly they take about 10 minutes to clear the crossing and sometimes the train is stopped completely for a time while another train gets by. Johna said there is another option of possibly extending the City Service Road out to the property owned by Fink. Mary didn't think that would be possible because of the easement on the existing road. Chris Noble showed a map of the crossings and the property locations. Russ was concerned about the noise level of the gravel pit. He is also concerned about the lighting. The current lights shine in his home all night long and light up his entire house. Chris said that he had changed one light already and would like to come to Russ' home and see what light is causing the problem. John Vignali had a question about the swale to the west of the property. The Public Hearing was closed at 2:10 PM.

2:11 PM: **Amended Lot 2, Treasure Acres Subdivision**, 2 lots, Sec 17, T29N R33W: Present were Byron Sanderson, John Damon and Larry Sverdrup. The public hearing was last week. Mary mentioned the conditions from last week. Byron said there is no way the people could build anywhere near the lake, it is a marsh and they will put in the covenants that they can not build on the lake. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

2:23 PM: Mary presented an **overview of the subdivisions** and other work coming through the Planning department over the past two years. It is clear that Lincoln County is a very active county.

2:25 PM: **Larry Sverdrup** came to discuss a court ordered split on the Savage property. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the Savage Court ordered split. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

2:40 PM: The Commissioners approved the **minutes of the meetings** for October 17, 2007, and October 31, 2007.

2:45 PM: ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

Chas Vincent came in to give the Commissioners an update on his committee activities. Commissioner Windom told Chas about the most recent LAMP meeting and ARDNT meeting.

3:00 PM: The Commissioners chose December 5, 2007, to have a short public hearing on the **Stavenow** case involving the Old Sinclair Creek Road. Commissioner Windom moved to approve. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

3:22 PM: The meeting was adjourned.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Rita R. Windom, Chairman

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