

October 24, 2007

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on October 24, 2007, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Commissioner Rita R. Windom, Commissioner John Konzen, Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Marianne B. Roose is out on a family emergency.

10:00 AM: Commissioner Windom called the **meeting to order**.

10:02 AM: **Nancy Sutton, County Treasurer:** Nancy presented the Tax Levies for 2007-2008, the Registered Warrants, a list of negative funds, and information on the County's investments. She spoke about the investments and explained the reports on them. Nancy showed the Commissioners the reports of Cash Reconciliation for July and August and explained the balancing efforts so far. The hope is that she will receive help from the Department of Administration, Magda Nelson, who is coming soon to help the Clerk and Recorder and Treasurer on end of year issues.

11:00 AM: **Fire Service Issues:** Present were Marc McGill, Charlie Webster, Harold Gimmel and Doug Turman. There is a new contract with the DNRC and the Forest Service that needs to be signed. There was a discussion of the fire responsibilities for the state and USFS. There was a discussion about the fire wise issues for the new subdivisions. Commissioner Windom spoke about the CVF area wanting to do the wild land fires and what that means. They are confused about why the CV would want to do it. They feel that it is a money making issue but they don't feel that they would make any money because they are not the same type of fire service as FRVF. They can respond but would not be responsible for it now and would not be paid for it. Commissioner Konzen moved that the Commissioners sign the documents for the County Co-op program Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

Commissioner Konzen moved that the Commissioners sign the new Lincoln County Interagency Fire Management Operating Procedures. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

Doug had an equipment agreement as well, but recommends that it be on hold for now while legal issues are addressed.

There was a discussion about the fire departments having Workers Comp insurance.

11:35 AM: **ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:**

11:37 AM: The Commissioners signed a letter to Paul Bradford about the Bull Lake Roads.

11:40 AM: WIC issue was discussed.

11:42 AM: The Commissioners decided to meet Nov 14, 2007, in Eureka and will have no meeting on the 21st of November which is the day before Thanksgiving.

11:53 AM: Mary Klinkam asked to have 4 public hearings in Eureka on November 21st herself. The Commissioners aren't meeting that day. Commissioner Windom looked at the subdivisions to be discussed and said she would rather do them all on the 28th.

1:30 PM: **Mary Klinkam and Lisa Oedewaldt, Subdivision review:**

1:31 PM: **Wolf Meadows, Mt Snowy View Subdivision Amended Lot 2**, 2 lots, NE1/4 Sec 11 and NW ¼ Sec 12 T29N R31W Public Hearing: Present were Ken Davis, David Briskin, Stewart Briskin. Mary presented the subdivision and conditions. Fire Wise issues must be taken care of before final plat. Stewart Briskin stated that the fire Wise issues have been taken care of now. The public hearing was closed at 1:38 PM.

1:38 PM: **Old Sinclair Creek Subdivision**, 3 lots with remainder, NE1/4 Sec 18, T36N, R26W Commissioner Review: Public hearing was last week. Mary presented the subdivision. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

1:42 PM: **Phills Lake Subdivision**, 2 lots, NE1/4 NW1/4 Sec 33, T36N R28W: The Commissioners reviewed this last week. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

1:46 PM: **Reibin Court Ordered Split:** Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the court ordered split. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

1:52 PM: **Final Plat approvals:** All final plats have met the conditions for final approval.

Island View Subdivision: Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the final plat. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

Becks Acres, Amended Lot 2: Commissioner Konzen moved to approve final plat. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

Sheldon Tracts: Commissioner Konzen moved to approve final plat. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

Libby Creek Ridge: Commissioner Konzen moved to approve final plat. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

Mill's Subdivision: Commissioner Konzen moved to approve final plat. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

2:04 PM: Mary and the Commissioners discussed the **address change progress** to this date.

2:27 PM: **Tracy McIntyre: The RC&D Grant's** formal submission is finally taken care of. The Commissioners signed letters to the State regarding the match money. This should be sufficient to collect from the USDA. Tracy presented a letter to the Commissioners showing the progress and money spent so far.

3:00 PM: **David Thompson Bi-Centennial:** Present were Mark White, Mike Powers, Bruce Vincent, Chas Vincent, Joseph Rocheleau and Laurie Mari. Next year on May 5, 2008, will be the 200th anniversary of David Thompson coming to our area. This group will display articles and maps of David Thompson's travels in the museum next year and in the Libraries when the museum is not open. They will need some funding for the display but feel they can earn a lot of it. The Commissioners told them that they support them but since this was not on the agenda for today, the Commissioners will have to readdress it at the next meeting.

3:30 PM: **Bruce Vincent and Chas Vincent:** Coordination Plan: In 2000 it was petitioned that the county begin coordinating with other agencies for forest management issues. If a species is in trouble the first agency that takes the initiative will control the status of that species. But it will all take funding with a lot of money behind it. Commissioner Windom asked what would get the ball rolling. Bruce said that Communities for a great Northwest would be interested in being the lead organization. The committee would be hand picked by CGNW. They would like to get people of all walks of life involved. They have a few people in mind already. Commissioner Konzen has many doubts that this can work. He feels that personalities will get involved and the committee will turn into a fight like in years past. If CGNW pick the member there may be a perceived agenda. RS-2477 road issues were discussed. Bruce Vincent stated that Communities for a Great Northwest has been around for 20 years and should be involved in this committee. They should be involved in this committee. John Williams from the University of Oregon will be in Kalispell on the 29th and 30th to explain how this worked for his county. Flathead County is paying for him to come. Bruce would like the Commissioners to attend. Bruce stated that the only decision that needs to be made right now is if they can go forward with this. He will bring a list to the Commissioners of people that may want be involved. They would rather not do the petition again. He feels that the petition process will get people involved that simply want to cause trouble.

4:35 PM: **Bruce Vincent for Provider Pals:** Bruce is inquiring if there is money available in the Title III program to help Provider Pals because he has lost some funding this year and may need help. Commissioner Konzen and Commissioner Windom looked at the Title III forest money for firewood education as a possible source to help Provider Pals.

4:43 PM: **Lincoln County Campus:** The Commissioners reviewed the County Attorney's opinion concerning the college. They agreed with the opinion. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the changes to the Flathead Valley Community College/Lincoln County Campus Service Region Plan. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

4:49 PM: The meeting was **adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Rita R. Windom, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board