

October 3, 2007

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on October 3, 2007, in the Eureka Annex of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Commissioner Rita R Windom, Commissioner John Konzen, Commissioner Marianne Roose, and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

10:00 AM: **USFS update with Betty Holder:** Steve Newman of the Tobacco Valley News, was present. She presented a schedule of the General Management Review for the week of October 15th. The Commissioners will attempt to be at the open house on October 17, 2007. There was a discussion on NEPA. She mentioned that there was to be a conference call on October 4, 2007 at 3:30pm. Commissioner Windom asked if she was able to listen. Betty said that would not be a problem.

10:30 AM: **Tracy McIntyre, Eureka Area Development Partners:** There was a misunderstanding. Tracy was at the High School having a public meeting and the Commissioners had advertised the meeting at the Annex. The meeting was not able to take place with the Commissioners.

10:35 AM: **Administrative Issues:**

Commissioner Windom read a letter from citizens in Troy protesting the operation of the Sr. Citizens Center saying that they are resigning from volunteering for now.

Commissioner Windom presented two letters from Karen Turner of the **Lincoln County Transportation Center**. The Lincoln County Transportation Center is hoping to get a mill levy and wants to know the procedure. They are also looking at purchasing more vehicles. The Commissioners feel that they need to talk to the whole board of Lincoln County Transportation.

11:06 AM: The Commissioners were presented with **Resolution #787** lifting the Stage I and II fire restrictions. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

The Commissioners received correspondence from the City of Libby pertaining to the **lease for the DES office** for June 07/08. The rent was raised 3.2% to \$288 per quarter. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve with the question of the necessity of this lease. Commissioner Roose seconded with reluctance for the same reason and wants this to be investigated further. It was so moved.

There was a discussion about the purchase of a generator from Utah for the courthouse or dispatch in Troy.

11: 37 AM: **Tim White** talked about DEQ issues. Lincoln County correspondence has been coming to the attention of Larry Dolezal. Commissioner Konzen thinks this is why some of the forms are not being answered. Tim suggests that the road crew foreman get the forms in the future to be sure they are filled out and returned.

11:50 AM: The Commissioners approved the **minutes of the September 5, and September 19th, 2007, meetings.**

1:15 PM: **Noel Williams** came to present a forest use plan that has been revamped. He explained the plan and differences.

1:30 PM: **Eureka Animal Control discussion:** Present were Kathi Hooper, Jessica Drake, Lisa Oedewaldt, Larry Newman, Judy Cronkhite, Debbie Garrison, Rachel Duram, Nancy Haugan, Lori McNicol, Wendy Anderson, and Gary Dedina. Commissioner Roose reported on the meeting Monday between herself, Friends of the Shelter, Town of Eureka, etc. The Friends of the Shelter presented a plan using the animal shelter budget. Kathi Hooper reported on the budget issues for the county animal control. According to population, North Lincoln County has 28% of the animal control funds. Kathi feels that it would be cleaner for the County to contract only to the City of Eureka and then they in turn could contract out to the Friends of the Shelter. Commissioner Windom said that the Commissioners now need to hear from the Town of Eureka to see what they think about it. The Commissioners have set the 24th as a final day for approving the plan but hopefully there will be a decision by the 10th at 3pm and they will have it ready to present.

Mary Klinkam, Subdivision Reviews: Present are Lisa Oedewaldt, Sam Cordi, Debbie Shoemaker, Dawn Marquardt and Andy Belski.

2:30 PM: **Eagle Crest Ridge** for Commissioner Review: 2 residential lots, SE1/4 NW1/4 Sec 33, T36N, R28W: Mary presented the subdivision and road issues.

2:45 PM: **Tobacco Valley View** for Commissioners Decision: 18 single family lots: There was a public hearing on the 19th in Eureka. There was no public comment in the hearing. Mary had received an email concerning the site being a dump site previously and there was a concern about the water quality. Mary received verification from the sanitation department that the property was not considered a dump site by the state.

2:50 PM: **Ketchup Hill**, Amended Lot 1, Commissioners Decision: Public Hearing was on the 19th of September. No public comments were made. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

3:00 PM: **Family Transfers:** Paul and Karen **Bache**, transferring Parcel A to their son. Mary said it is pretty straight forward. Commissioner Konzen wants more information from the family so they will hold it until next week.

William **Anderson** family transfer, property is still in a family trust so they are not able to transfer. It was denied for that reason. Commissioner Konzen moved to deny, Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

Marshall **Abbott** is transferring his property to his 3 children. He has cancer and wants to take care of it before anything happens. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve, Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

Vivian **Purdy** is transferring 20 acres to each of 4 children. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve, Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

3:15 PM: **Final Plat approvals: Reservoir Heights:** Mary stated that all conditions have been met. Commissioner Konzen moved to approved. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

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Iola Subdivision: Mary reported that all conditions have been met. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision. Commissioner Windom seconded and it was so moved.

3:25 PM: **Family Transfer Analysis:** Mary presented the analysis of family transfers over the past 2 years. A total of 62 family transfers were done in those two years which created 98 lots. Out of the 98 lots 39 were sold and 20 deeded back to the spouse for resale. Andy Belski asked about the state law saying that it is legal to family transfer to a spouse and wanted the evasion criteria. Dawn Marquardt agreed saying that it is very cloudy. Commissioner Konzen said that the surveyors will be given the criteria soon.

3:50 PM: **Planning Board Survey Analysis Report:** Mary reported on the results of the analysis. Survey results will be posted on the internet. The Planning Board is going to try to present a unit each month now in an effort to expedite.

4:02 PM: The meeting was **adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Rita R. Windom, Chairman

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