

April 1, 2008

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for at regular session on April 1, 2008, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Commissioner Rita Windom, Commissioner John Konzen, Commissioner Marianne Roose, Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

9:00 AM: **KNF Supervisor, Paul Bradford:** Present are Noel Williams, Don Cox and Peggy Williams. Commissioner Konzen said Wild West organization has been written to and asked to back down on the West Troy project. Commissioner Konzen is hoping to convince Wild West to pull their lawsuit. The FS Regional Forester is looking to come to the Kootenai in July. Paul said that the West Troy project is in the court of appeals and they expect to win. There was a discussion of fire control. Commissioner Roose reported that Montanans for Multiple Use are circulating petitions suggesting that the FS is closing the Graves Creek Road for all use. The Travel Plan is in the works for a motor vehicle use map which changes roads to "closed unless posted open" instead of now "open unless posted closed". Commissioner Konzen talked about 300 feet issue. Paul was asked what the logic is behind the change. He doesn't know what the logic is to the changing signs. Paul said that decisions are made nationally and don't necessarily make sense for the Kootenai because we don't have the activity that others do. They talked about the meeting that Revett mine had for the public. Paul thought it went very well. He spoke about the Rock Creek litigation. There is no news on the Libby Creek add-it project.

10:15 AM: **Paul Rumelhart with the Industrial District Resolution:** Paul brought the Resolution for the CDBG grant. Commissioner Windom read **Resolution No. 794** to make a Budgetary Authority for \$324,000 for the CDBG Grant for use in Lincoln County. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

Commissioner Windom read the letter to Karyl Tobel from the Commissioners assuring compliance with safe labor standards. The Commissioners signed the letter.

Paul reminded the Commissioners that next Tuesday, April 8, 2008, the insurance company is coming to meet with the Commissioners and the Port Authority. He talked about the roofing costs on the structures on the Port Authority property. Commissioner Windom questioned the logic behind putting a new top on the roof that we already know is bad. Paul agreed that it doesn't make sense and should be discussed.

10:35 AM: **Connie Wood-Declaration of Wings Week:** Connie shared some Wings statistics with the Commissioners. This year Wings Week is May 3rd through May 10th. She is asking the Commissioners to proclaim this officially Wings Week. The Commissioners will sign a resolution on April 23rd to make the declaration. There was a discussion about the activities involved and the donations they receive each year.

11:00 AM: **Alana Messenbrink from the Corp of Engineers:** Alana brought two posters promoting tourism in the County. The Corps paid for the posters and will have the graphics for them available to anyone who wants to use them for their display. She will be putting them in Kiosks around the County. The tourism group voted on the 8 best places to visit in the County that are not commercial. She spoke about the products available to use for the panels. The tourism group has great hopes of many signs around the County that point out scenic locations and interruptive signs at the sites. The Commissioners complimented Alana on a great job.

11:18 AM: **Paul Rumelhart** spoke to the Commissioners about an agreement with Burlington Northern about the rail maintenance. The agreement is old but Paul thinks that they still need to honor it. He is having difficulty dealing with BN. Commissioner Konzen said that they have no pull with BN and have had similar experiences.

11:30 AM: Commissioner Windom read **Resolution No. 795 to Authorize Submission of Application for a USDA Grant and Housing Preservation Grant.** Commissioner Roose moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

11:32 AM: Commissioner Windom wanted to discuss the **psychiatric evaluations for the County.** Commissioner Windom gave the Commissioners statistics on the care. She had spoken to other counties and the Pathways people and has some options for reducing costs. Commissioner Windom thinks they should talk to the County Attorney soon and see what can be done. Commissioner Windom and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer will go over the claims for this year to determine what is being paid. Commissioner Konzen moved to sign the contract contingent upon what Commissioner Windom and Tammy find out. The County would like to sign a contract until July 2009.

1:30 PM: **Subdivision Review:** Lisa Oedewaldt, Ken Peterson, John Damon, Ken Davis and Eugene LaBelle.

1:31 PM: **Amended Lot 3-B of Lot 3B of LaBelle Subdivision, 4 Lots:** Lisa presented the subdivision. There was a discussion about the walking path. Lisa thought it was an existing easement; however John Damon of KSI said it is just proposed for the new subdivision. There was a discussion about the road and driving surface and that is one of the conditions. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

1:44 PM: **Gold Dust Subdivision, 3 lots:** Lisa presented the subdivision and conditions. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

1:45 PM: **Vista Station, 2 lots:** Lisa presented the subdivision and conditions. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

1:52 PM: **North Shore, one lot and a remainder:** Lisa presented the subdivision and conditions. The one lot is for parking only. She also read a letter from Tom Grabinski about the road. Commissioner Konzen has some questions about the road. He would like to research this further. The subdivision will be continued next week.

2:02 PM: **Airport Way**: Lisa received a letter from the County Attorney saying that everything is in order on this subdivision. Commissioner Roose moved to approve of findings of fact on the subdivision. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

2:16 PM: **Cargill**: In July 2006, Rhoda was asked to remove the structure. She said it was movable and requested a high water mark be determined before she moves it. May 2007, she was sent a letter asking her to move the building. The County received a letter from her attorney saying that she didn't need to move that building because no one could tell them where the high water mark is. Ken spoke to the County Attorney and he will speak to the attorney who determined that. So this case is still pending while the County Attorney looks in to it.

2:25 PM: **Indian Springs**, this has been turned over to the County Attorney. It has several phases over 18 years. The confusion is over the condition that speaks to how long the plat approval lasts.

3:05 PM: The Commissioners met with **Ken Boyd** to discuss the alarm buttons at the Annex in Eureka and the remodeling of the conference room.

3:14 PM: The Commissioner approved the **minutes of March 19 and March 26**. Commissioner Roose moved to approve and Commissioner Windom seconded.

3:17 PM: The Commissioners reviewed the request by **Bull Lake Fire Company** to annex property to their fire district. There will be a public hearing on May 7, 2008, for the annexation. The Commissioners signed **Resolution No. 793 which is a Resolution of Intent**.

3:34 PM: The Commissioners had a discussion about the **County vehicles**. The decision was made that the older County vehicles that are not being used should be sold. Commissioner Windom needs to replace the white car in the motor pool. It needs repairs that will be costly. Commissioner Windom's car could be moved to the motor pool and put a new car in the Commissioner's office. Commissioner Windom will look for a 2006 or 2007 possibly a lease return, for approximately \$14,000.

3:41 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

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Commissioner Rita R. Windom, Chairman

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