

**AUGUST 20, 2008**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session in the courthouse at 10 AM. Present were Chairman Rita R. Windom, Member John Konzen, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff, and Deputy Clerk & Recorder Robin A. Benson. Commissioner Roose was attending a Region Workforce meeting in Missoula.

Commissioner Windom called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**9:05 AM: Marc McGill – Matching funds COPS grant.**

Marc told the Board more money is being allocated than originally expected from the COPS grant specific to the Troy and Libby Police Departments. The purpose of the meeting is to ask the Board to match 12.5% required by the grantee. Commissioner Konzen felt the Communications budget should be adjusted accordingly. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Konzen for Lincoln County to pay a maximum cover up to 12.5% of match. Second and so ordered by Chairman Windom upon unanimous consent of the Board.

**10:15 AM: Ed Levert – Fire Grants for 2009** Also present was Bill Watt.

A brief conversation took place regarding the benefit of using an analyst to study variables of fire behavior in Lincoln County. Ed feels this information is needed to compete with grant opportunities. Commissioner Konzen felt this would be helpful as well as educational. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Konzen to adopt Fire Spread Risk Analysis using Tom Hvizdak and Sonny Stiger. The approximate cost to the county would be \$7,000 and would be taken from Title III funds. Second and so ordered by Chairman Windom upon unanimous consent of the Board.

The group discussed the possibilities of having a fuel litigation grant in 2009. There would be no cost to the county, and homeowners would pay 50% of the cost. Ed will further research this and consult with the Board of his findings.

**10:30 AM: Jason Moothart – Frontier Communications** Also present were Ric Kesling and Charles Fahner.

Jason presented a proposal to the Board pertaining to transitioning Kootenet customers to Frontier by buying all the customers without any obligation of the customer to stay with Frontier. Bill Bischoff suggested putting out Request for Proposals to other Internet Service Providers to help transition Kootenet customers. A news release will go out to the public to let people know the county is trying to help make an easier transition from Kootenet to a new Internet Service Provider.

**11:00 AM: Public Hearing – Road Abandonment Petition** Present were Steve and Carol Smith.

The purpose of the hearing is for the public to express interest for or against the abandonment of the following county road. An old county access road given by McManus in 1913 and described in Book 6, Page 130 as recorded in the Clerk & Recorder's office as crossing the S½ of Government Lot 3 of Section 6, T36N, R27W. Steve and Carol Smith commented the road goes through the middle of their property. No other comments were received. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Konzen to abandon said road. Second and so ordered by Chairman Windom upon unanimous consent of the Board.

**11:10 AM: ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

1. **Board Appointment – Cabinet View Volunteer Fire Department:** **MOTION** by Commissioner Konzen to appoint Jeffery Grotjohn to the Cabinet View FSA Board of Trustees to fulfill the unexpired term of Robert Hamlyn. Second by Chairman Windom, so ordered upon consensus of the Board.
2. **Lincoln County Rural Fire District 1 Annexation:** The Lincoln County Rural Fire District submitted a letter to the Board of Commissioners requesting annexation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Subdivision. Commissioner Windom stated to move forward with proper procedures, a public hearing would be necessary.
3. **Budget Meetings** – The group discussed FY 08-09 budget meetings to begin Monday, August 25, and continue each day until the budgeting process is finalized. Commissioner Konzen suggested having a public meeting to present an executive summary of the county budget to the public. No decisions were made at this time.

12:00 PM: The meeting was **adjourned**.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Rita R. Windom, Chairman

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Robin A. Benson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder