

February 27, 2008

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on February 27, 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.

9:24 AM: Commissioner Windom called the **meeting to order**.

9:30 AM: **Transportation committee:** Present were DOT representatives Audrey Allen and David Jacobs on the star phone, Steve Newman, Peggy Williams, Alvin Benitz, Don Cox, Earl Messick, Jim Morey, Brent Shrum, Karen Turner and Bill Turner. Lincoln County Transportation is currently operating under 2 mandates. The Senior Citizens and the 5311 constraints regulate the transport of the disabled, elderly, economically disadvantaged and children. They estimate that over 45% of riders are disabled. There was a discussion of driving children from private schools to public schools for extra curricular activities. Commissioner Windom asked Audrey to explain what has happened to the program. Audrey said that there is a limited amount of money available to fund transportation. The state went from 9 to 33 funded programs. There is no more money to provide extra funding. The Commissioners voiced their concerns over the difference in this statement and the presentation for starting the program. Commissioner Windom asked why the program went from 80/20 to 70/30. Audrey said that it was so more money could be used outside of Administration costs. Karen said that they were told that 80/20 would always be the rate. The rate of 70/30 is good for only 2 years for now. Commissioner Windom said she sees a problem with the transportation's guidelines but also sees that there is no permanency in the process. They have no way of knowing how long they will be helped by the State. Audrey said that Lincoln County is the only County having problems with the rate cuts. Commissioner Konzen asked why Lincoln County is the only one needing assistance. Audrey said that it is important that Lincoln County write contracts with Health and Human Services and other services that benefit from the transportation and collect on those contracts. Some medical facilities will help fund the services because it gives them business. There was a discussion about who to serve and who to turn away. Commissioner Windom explained to Audrey that Lincoln County would not have the funds to help them without a voted levy and asked Audrey to get back with Earl and Kathy and discuss any options. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the Lincoln County Transportation's request to put 1 mill on the June ballot. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

10:11 AM: **Safety Committee:** The Safety Committee was present along with Emeila McEwen, Senior Loss Control Specialist of MACO.

In 2009, the Department of Labor is going to revamp Workman's Comp rates. The number of claims in Montana is 5th highest in the nation. Emeila stated that an effective safety program can reduce claims and costs. Commissioner Roose wanted to know why we had to have a full time Safety Coordinator. Emeila said the County doesn't need a full time coordinator but does need someone to be in charge so that we know that things are being taken care of. Commissioner Windom asked if we reduce our MOD factor by .25% how much of a savings would that be. The savings would be approximately \$15,000 per quarter, according to Emeila. Ravalli County has an insurance agent that they use. The agent gets a 6% commission. Tom Wood would be our agent and would work with the safety committee. The Commissioners need to talk to Tom and study this further.

11:09 AM: **Industrial District:** Present were Jim Mayo, Brent Shrum, and Peggy Williams. Jim requested to meet with the Commissioners about the Industrial Parks budget. The budget is pretty lean and has a \$2500 shortfall. Jim is requesting the Beneficial Use Tax levies again. The Beneficial Use Tax is currently approximately \$35,000. Commissioner Windom thinks they have to research that tax further and the Tax increment district. He also wanted to talk about the HUD grant to pay for the site administrator; \$15,309 is remaining that they would like back. They gave the site administrator a substantial raise and the County picked up the costs of the benefits for that so Commissioner Windom doesn't feel they owe the full \$15,309. They will research that amount and let Jim know next week. Jim told about the damage to the Plywood plant and that the insurance company will pay for demolition or to rebuild.

11:34 AM: **Nancy Sutton and Bob Denning:** Nancy would like funding for training from Denning and Downy for balancing the books and cash. Bob and Nancy have a plan. The first part is to balance the books now and move forward. Commissioner Konzen moved to employ Denning and Downey at approx \$10,000 to train the Treasurer to balance cash. Commissioner Roose seconded asking how to pay for it. The Commissioners decided on PILT funds and the motion carried.

1:30 PM: Subdivision Review: Lisa Oedewaldt and Ken Peterson

1:31 PM: **Cabinet Vista Estates:** Present were Ken Davis and Robert Winstrom. Commissioner Konzen has a letter from the Forest Service that states that the road issue is taken care of. Commissioner Konzen moved to give final plat approval to Cabinet Vista Estates. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

1:32 PM: **Happy's Inn Subdivision**, 2 Lots, E1/2 Sec 24, T27N R28W, Commissioner Review: Present were Ken Davis, Byron Sanderson, Larry Sverdrup and Windy Boltz. The main purpose for the subdivision is to separate the bar, casino and restaurant from the trailer park.

1:36 PM: **Sunset Vista Subdivision**, 2 lots, W1/2 SE1/4 Sec 36 T32N R34W, Commissioner Review: The Commissioners reviewed the paperwork.

1:40 PM: Final Plat on **Black Diamond Subdivision:** Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision as final plat. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

1:42 PM: **Family Transfer** from Shelley Jermann to a son and daughter. This transfer had been looked at previously and had more lots, now there are just the three. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the family transfer. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

1:43 PM: Byron Sanderson of KSI, Inc. brought a map of **Sunset Ranch subdivision** with a keyhole road in it. The Planning Department is concerned about the road. The Subdivision is in early planning stages but they wanted to run this by the Commissioners because the former Planner had approved it. The Commissioners recommended a loop road.

2:00 PM: **Larry Sverdrup** came to discuss the court ordered split that was denied last week. He discussed the details of the land deal. The denial was upheld.

2:06 PM: **Family Transfer** from Bozarth to a son and daughter. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the family transfer. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

2:58 PM: The Commissioners **approved the minutes** of the January 30, February 6, and February 20 meetings.

3:07 PM: **Enhanced 911 funding**: Marc McGill discussed the rebuilding of the Yaak fire station that burned recently. Marc presented a printout on 911 distributions in general. How much to expect, how we get it, etc. June 2008 will begin the funding changes. MCA for basic and enhanced is included in his printout.

3:32 PM: The **Union that represents the Sheriff's office employees** sent two people to the Commissioners with a statement to read. John Graham and Sonya Scaufaire spoke. It was made clear by the Commissioners that this is just a statement not a negotiation. They are asking for a negotiation meeting soon that meets the standards for negotiations with the union.

3:50 PM: The Commissioners approved a request by **Cabinet View Volunteer Fire Board** to appoint Coral Cummings to the position vacated by Andrew Foote. The President of that board had been Mr. Foote and he was replaced by Jim Luscher as President, according to Mr. Luscher. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the appointment of Coral Cummings. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

4:35 PM: **Grievance Committee findings** on the Mary Klinkam grievance. The committee recommended maintaining the termination. Commissioner Konzen moved to accept the Grievance Committee recommendation as reviewed by the County Attorney to uphold the termination of Mary Klinkam. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

4:49 PM: Commissioner Roose spoke about costs to the **Town of Eureka** for use of an office in the town building. She also spoke about the **Council of the Aging** meeting she attended last night.

4:55 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

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Rita R. Windom, Chairman

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