

## March 19, 2008

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on March 19, 2008, in the Eureka Annex of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Rita R. Windom, Commissioner John Konzen, Commissioner Marianne B. Roose, Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

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

10:01 AM: **West Kootenai Fire Company:** Phil Jarvis and Greg Belisle: West Kootenai Fire Company is looking for advice and guidance for funding their fire company. They have been studying the statues and are trying to decide what defines a "structure" because so much of the property in the West Kootenai is being used by Canadians that park an RV on their property and just reside there on weekends or summers. The Commissioners discussed the differences between and Fire Service Area and a Fire District. The Fire Company may want to contact some other Fire Departments to determine how they decided. The West Kootenai Fire Company Board is concerned that some funds they normally receive were voted to be given to the Yaak Fire Department without approval from the Board.

10:35 AM: **Eureka Chamber-Depot Discussion:** Present were Tiffin Hall, Sandi Hall, Chuck Newman, Gayle Newman, Lynda Young, Cathryn Schroeder, Conrad Malecha and Steve Newman. The "Save the Depot" people and the Chamber of Commerce are able to purchase the old depot building for \$1 but need a location for the building. They are proposing that they move the building to the Historical Village. They would like to move the depot and use it for office space and a museum. Commissioner Roose suggested a better place might be the Peace Park. Commissioner Roose said that she feels that the County has a Land Lease Agreement dated September 24, 1997, with TVIA, INC. and they should be the ones to request putting another building on the property. The Commissioners suggested that Save the Depot speak with TVIA and work with them on the project. Members of TVIA and the Historical Village were present and voiced their concern of there not being enough room left in the Village for the Depot Building.

1:00 PM: The Commissioners toured the **Animal Shelter in Eureka**.

1:30 PM: **Subdivision Review:** Lisa Oedewaldt. Present were Mike Workman, Dawn Marquardt, Debbie Shoemaker, Richard Carter and Diane Carter.

1:31 PM: **The Ridge Subdivision**, 7 lots, NE1/4 Sec 4 T36N R27W, Public Hearing: Lisa opened the public hearing by presenting the subdivision and conditions. Mike Henry was present to represent the developer. There was a brief discussion about the Glen Lake Irrigation District requirements. Mike doesn't feel they apply to this subdivision because they will not be using the irrigation ditches. There was no further discussion from the public. The public hearing was closed.

1:45 PM: Commissioner Konzen suggested that next month when the Commissioners meet in Eureka on April 16<sup>th</sup>, they should ask the **Glen Lake Irrigation District Board** to come and speak with the Commissioners about their role.

1:50 PM: **Lake Shore Construction** Decision on Glen Lake for a Dock Permit by Casazza, Carter, and other land owners not on the lake. The L shaped dock was denied last month. The Carters were there to say that they had done what they were asked to do last month and wanted to know if they could build the smaller dock now. Commissioner Roose said that they need to research how many landowners have an easement to the lake to determine if it is a good idea to allow a dock. Commissioner Roose told the Carters that the parties that sold them the property had no right to tell them that they could build a dock.

2:10 PM: **Lake Shore Construction for Frampton** to add sand for a beach. This request was denied last month, however, the Framptons have stated that the former Planner had given them verbal permission and so they had gone ahead with the project. The Commissioners granted the request but stated that in the future any such request will require documentation from the Commissioners before any construction can take place.

2:20 PM: Brent McCully with 48 degrees North Engineering spoke to the about the Comstock Acres Subdivision. It was unclear whether the subdivision would have to go through review again due to a possible commercial lot. The Commissioners and Lisa agreed that it did not have to be reviewed again.

2:30 PM: Lisa had a few questions for the Commissioners. She asked the Commissioners about a variance request for a road that did not actually come as a variance request with the subdivision. Commissioner Windom said to review the subdivision as is and the surveyor will do a variance request afterward.

Lisa is concerned about recent conversations with the Glen Lake Irrigation District and their demands to be put on conditions.

Commissioner Konzen said it would be a good idea to meet with GLID again soon.

Lisa told the Commissioners that she had heard from the Schick Family Transfer people again and they are protesting the denial of the family transfer. The Commissioners told Lisa that they still feel it is an evasion of subdivision.

Lisa and the Commissioners discussed the regulations for a length of a road before it needed a cul-de-sac. Lisa will check further into the regulations.

2:40 PM: Commissioner Windom addressed an email she received from Rhoda Cargill protesting the minutes of the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Commissioners decided to send Rhoda a letter explaining the process of the minutes and why they will not be changing them.

2:55 PM: **Stormy Langston, Justice of the Peace**, came to speak to the Commissioners about video conferencing between her office and the jail in Libby. She was told that the equipment would be approximately \$2000 and she has the money in her budget to cover it. Commissioner Roose asked if she would be doing work for the Town of Eureka as well and if so she felt that the Town should pay some of the costs. Stormy said that she was sure that they would pay some. Commissioner Windom said that she felt that the equipment, which was later determined to be approximately \$3200, would actually save money in the end and also be a big safety factor with the reduction of travel. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the purchase of video equipment by the Justice of the Peace office for conferencing with the jail. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

3:15 PM: Commissioner John Konzen would like the Troy Road Department to enter into an **Interlocal Agreement** with the Troy Fire Department in which they contribute to a fire truck and in turn would be able to use the fire truck for street cleaning and such.

Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the transaction between the County and the Troy Fire Department. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

3:20 PM: The Commissioners reviewed letters to government drafted by Noel Williams concerning the Forest Landscape Restoration Act of 2007. Commissioner Konzen moved to approve the letters to be sent from the Commissioners. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved.

3:25 PM: The Commissioners reviewed **the minutes of March 12, 2008**, and approved them as corrected.

3:30 PM: The Meeting was **adjourned**.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Rita R. Windom, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board