

March 26, 2008

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on March 26, 2008, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Commissioner Rita Windom, Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner John Konzen, Bill Bischoff and Deputy Clerk and Recorder Jill Blomdahl.

9:30AM: Commissioner Windom called the **meeting to order**.

9:31AM: **Safety discussion with Tom Wood**. Present is Robin Benson. Tom stated there are 2 proposals in the works so far. One plan has a meeting once a month for safety purposes. The cost for this is 3%. The second plan is a full safety program with continual support from an agent at a cost of 6%. Tom understands that if the plan is in effect by July 1st, MACO will pay for the first 6 months of the program. Tom has been talking with Fred Thomas and Phil Reilly, who helped MACO set up the program and they are willing to work with Tom on this program. Tom is willing to negotiate the price with the County. Tom will meet with the Commissioners again on April 9th. He stated that whichever program Lincoln County goes with he is willing to help out. Commissioner Windom thanked him for this offer.

10:03AM: **CDBG resolution with Paul Rumelhardt**. In 2007 the Port Authority received a grant to improve the rail line and electrical distribution to the business park. A budget resolution is needed from the County Commissioners. Commissioner Windom read the resolution. Commissioner Konzen motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Roose seconded and it was so moved. Paul reported they are putting in a new truck scale that meets federal requirements and purchasing a grinder for wood materials. Commissioner Windom also signed a letter designating Fraser Management and Consulting as the Environmental Certifying Official. Commissioner Windom wanted an update on the damage of the buildings at the old mill site. Paul informed the Commissioners the insurance adjuster has viewed the site and the building is a loss. A decision needs to be made if they want to rebuild the building when they are not sure what to use it for. Paul also informed the Commissioners the insurance company will help out with snow removal costs which topped \$25,000 this year.

10:33AM: **Weed Board Resolution**, Rocky Shauer and Dan Williams are present. There are 3 plants being added the noxious weed list. Once weeds are on list, the County has more enforcement authority. Current weeds added to list are threatening the waterways and the County needs to be aggressive in getting rid of these weeds. According to Rocky, the boats in our rivers and lakes need to be checked before they go in the water and when they come out. The Commissioners asked if the campground hosts could be trained to check boats for noxious weeds. Dan and Rocky both thought this would be a good idea. Commissioner Windom read the resolution out loud. Commissioner Roose motioned to accept the resolution and Commissioner Konzen seconded. All Commissioners were in favor and the resolution was passed.

11:00AM: **MDOT update**: Shane Stack and Ben Nunnallee. Shane let the Commissioners know of work being done on roads or highways by the State. Maps were given to the Commissioners for help in identifying the roads. Projects are 5 year projects and will be finished or in process in the five years. Projects include putting up signs in high traffic and dangerous areas, rumble strips on Highway 56 at the junction of Highway 2, widening and seal and cover of roads and several other road projects.

1:30PM: **Subdivision Review** with Lisa Oedewaldt and Ken Peterson. Also present were John Damon, Ken Davis, Joe Labelle, Eugene Labelle, Leroy Thom, Kendra Hageness, Jeremy Hageness and Don Cox.

1:31PM: Amended lot 3B2 of Lot 3B, **Labelle Subdivision**, 4 lots. Lisa presented the subdivision. Gene Labelle owns property on 1 side of road and son Joe Labelle owns property on the other side. They are both concerned about giving up property for the right-of-way for the road. Labelle subdivision already has a 60' road easement in place. Gene had another concern about wells. They have good water out there. He was informed this was a procedure done by the DEQ. Commissioner Windom asked about the walking path easement. Lisa was unaware of the path and will check the records. She will present again at the next commissioner meeting.

1:53PM: **Gold Dust** Subdivision, 3 lots. Lisa presented the subdivision. No public comments were made and the comment session was closed.

2:04PM: **North Shore** Subdivision, 1 lot plus a remainder. The Planning Department has issues with the exemptions for health review. Ken Davis states that this is done to hurry the process of getting the subdivision approved and he and the landowner are aware that a new survey will need to be done when the exemption is to be removed.

2:20PM: **Vista Station**. This is a 2 lot subdivision with 1 of the lots going to the Troy Fire Department. The preliminary plat was submitted incorrectly. Ken Davis will make changes and Lisa will present at a later date.

2:15PM: John Damon and Ken Davis have asked for a worksheet from the Planning Department letting the surveyors know what needs to be on each plat and survey. With the recent changes in the Planning Department. There is a lot of confusion on what should be done. Lisa and Ken will get something to the surveyors.

2:24PM: **Family Transfer**. Helmut & Carolyn Bertram want to give 2 lots to their children. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the family transfer. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved

2:26PM: Final Plat Approval for **Pipe Dream**. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the final plat. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

2:28PM: Final Plat Approval for **Indian Creek Hills**. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the final plat. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved.

2:30PM: Final Plat Approval for **Airport Way**. This approval was signed 2 weeks earlier with the stipulation the County attorney must also approve due to the court order. The County attorney would like a new Findings of Fact signed by the

Commissioners. The Commissioners requested a letter from the County attorney saying he reviewed the information before the Commissioners will sign a new Findings of Fact before the plat can be recorded.

2:32PM: Access issues on **Sunset Ranch**. Planning would like the access road into the subdivision to be treated as a primary road the entire length of the road. Developer Leroy Thom stated this is doable and willing to build to the County standards.

2:37PM: **GLID issues** discussed with Ken and Lisa. GLID wants the County to charge \$250 fee for GLID and have homeowners attend monthly meetings as a condition to final plat approval. Planning does not feel it is their responsibility to do this. Commissioners agree that is not the responsibility of the County.

3:00PM: **Eureka and Libby Airport discussion**: Tim Orthmeyer with Morrison Maierle, Inc. brought paperwork for the Commissioners to sign for payments for work done on the Libby airport and the snow plow truck for Eureka. He also let the Commissioners know that 5 businesses have submitted bids for the new building at the Eureka airport. Tim asked for an amendment to restart the bid process. There will be a fee for this process that may be able to come out of the grant money. Commissioner Windom made a motion to make the payment upon the approval of the Lincoln County Airport Board. Commissioner Konzen seconded, so moved.

The plan was for the Libby airport to do electrical project this year. There has been a cutback in available funding for the project so the project will be postponed until next year when more money will be available. Tim informed the Commissioners that the money for projects can be carried over to the next year.

The engineering contract expires in 2009. Tim brought a new 5 year contract for the Commissioners to sign. Lincoln County Airport Board would like to have continuity with the project and keep working with Morrison Maierle, Inc. Commissioner Roose made a motion to sign the master agreement for 5 more years. Commissioner Konzen seconded, so moved.

3:40PM: **Contract discussion**. Noel Williams has been working without a contract. He proposed a 15 month contract at \$2,000 per month starting March, 2008 until June 31, 2009. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the 15 month contract. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it was so moved

4:10PM: The meeting was adjourned.

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Rita R. Windom, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jill Blomdahl, Deputy Clerk of the Board