

April 8, 2009

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 8, 2009, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Commissioner John Konzen, Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Tony Berget, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

9:00 AM: Commissioner Konzen called the **meeting to order** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:02 AM: **Owen Voight-MACO Health Insurance Trust:** Owen presented the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss of the Health Insurance Trust to show the strength of the trust. Owen answered questions from the Commissioners about the Trust and coverage.

10:00 AM: **EPA Update:** Present are Ted Linnert and Mike Cirian. On the star phone are Victor, Kirby from Senator Baucus' office, Virginia from Senator Tester's office and Catherine LeCours. Mike reported that on March 23rd they did the walk-throughs for the 43 properties to begin May 4th. April 21 will begin a second session of walk-throughs for 45 more properties. Mike talked about the activities based sampling tests at the schools that will be taking place. Pipe Creek and Libby Creek are creeks that have signs posted and need to be cleaned. Ted talked about the annual project fact sheet that was mailed recently. It was a rehash of the town meeting. Victor spoke about the risk assessment study. Ted spoke about a National Mining Summit in Butte in October and he hopes some Libby people would go. Commissioner Berget asked about the Golf Course. Mike said that the estimate is coming in and they are working on their action memo for that project. Mike said that the Golf Course Board is asking that they wait until late August to get started. Commissioner Konzen asked about a time frame for OU5 for the Stinger Welding project. Rebecca said that they are hoping to get something by the end of April stating the intention of the EPA in the area. They talked about the time elements on the Stinger Welding issue.

11:18 AM: A room in the **Eureka Annex of the Courthouse** is leased to the Montana Department of Health and Human Services. Commissioner Roose moved to renew the lease for another two years and it carried.

11:19 AM: Commissioner Roose discussed a meeting she and Kathi Hooper had in the **West Kootenai** about the green boxes. They came up with a short term solution and talked about some long term solutions.

11:36 AM: **Bid Awards for Rollers:** Commissioner Roose moved to accept the bid from the Western States Equipment for the Cat rollers and it carried.

11:37 AM: Commissioner Roose moved to approve the **minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2009** and it carried.

11:46 AM: Tammy presented the budget revisions for the mid year review. The Commissioners signed Resolution number 817 revising the budgets.

11:52 AM: Dan Williams, Weed Coordinator, wrote a letter asking to appoint Mike Funk as the new Tansy Ragwort coordinator. Commissioner Berget moved to accept the appointment and it carried.

1:30 PM: **Subdivision Review:** Lisa Oedewaldt and Kristen Smith

1:31 PM: **Brimstone Subdivision**, 3 lots, SE/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 Sec 30, T34N, R25W, Commissioner Review: Lisa presented the subdivision and conditions.

1:37 PM: **EDA Estates Subdivision**, 3 lots, final plat: Commissioner Roose moved to approve the final plat and it carried.

1:40 PM: **Court Ordered Split:** This is due to a Dissolution of Corporation for Bordertown, Inc. Fritz Lamey and Michael Luciano are splitting the property. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the split and it carried.

1:45 PM: **Lakeshore Construction:** Fish Wildlife and Parks is building a public boat ramp and fishing access on Crystal Lake. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the lakeshore construction and it carried.

1:53 PM: **Kristen Smith, County Planning Director**, spoke to the Commissioners about the resource plan meeting and a few other concerns.

3:00 PM: **Public Hearing for CDBG-ED Grant:** Paul Rumelhart, Doug Watson, Jennifer Nelson, Carl Douglas, Brent McCully, Russ Barnes, Peggy Williams, Brent Shrum, Lee Bothman, Ron Carter, Kristen Smith, Barbara Kargol and Stan Kargol. Paul presented a Power Point on the CDBG Grant opportunities. He explained the grants as they relate to the Stinger Welding project. This public hearing is for City and County requirements. Paul said that he has begun the application process. Four City Council members are present and all three County Commissioners. Carl Douglas explained some details about Stinger Welding and their intentions for the Libby facility.

3:30 PM: **Libby and Troy Snowmobile Clubs:** Stan and Barb Kargol, Jerry and Andrea Wandler, Bob Parker, Peggy Williams, Brent Shrum, Donna O'Neill and Al Corda. Jerry talked about the articles in the Kootenai Valley Record this past week. He felt that the facts that they received from other groups are a little misleading. The Montana side of the Scotchman is closed to snowmobiling but the Idaho side is currently open to motorized use. Savage Mountain area has no trees so it is ideal for snowmobilers. This area is not just for "extreme" snowmobilers as was indicated by the Friends of the Scotchman. The clubs estimate that 30 to 40 snowmobilers per day per weekend use that area. There is a "warming hut" planned for the Keeler Creek area as part of the RAC plan. Goats are not a problem because they occupy a portion of the mountain that snowmobiles can't get to. Jerry showed pictures of the area taken from an airplane last April. Commissioner Konzen asked Jerry if the bottom line was that they want a primitive designation from Savage Peak north to Keeler. Jerry said yes. Commissioner Roose and Commissioner Berget agreed with Commissioner Konzen that Snowmobiling is an important part of this counties customs and cultures.

4:41 PM: Tax abatement for **John and Mary Loney**. The County has previously refunded on tax #11380 and now need to refund one fee for 3 years on tax #12339. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the refund and it carried.

4:45 PM: The Commissioners received a letter from the **Lincoln County Rural Fire District #1 Board** requesting that Richard Wood, Gary Elmore, Paul Tisher, Kirby Kulbeck and Jay Dinning be reappointed to the board. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the reappointments and it carried.

4:48 PM: **Libby Park District Board** wrote a letter to the Commissioners asking to appointment Keith Ivers and Robert DeBorde to the board. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the appointments and it carried.

5:00 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John Konzen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tammy D Lauer, Clerk of the Board