

August 12, 2009

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 12, 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 **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:01 AM: **Forest Service Update:** Paul Bradford and Paul Stantus are present. Paul announced that 16 million in stimulus money is coming to the Kootenai National Forest. Stimulus projects are in the planning stages. Paul Stantus went over some of the plans for the stimulus funds. Paul Bradford talked about the Forest Plan and the timeline for it. They talked about the Idaho Panhandle National Forest working with the Kootenai National Forest. Paul talked about litigation that the Forest Service is currently involved in concerning the Yaak. Fire Season has been very good so far. There have been many starts but the helicopter has been right on them. The Forest Service people from Libby have been trained to repel out of the helicopter down to the fire area. The BPA rebuild on the line is going well.

10:00 AM: **EPA update:** Ted Linnert, DC Orr, Gordon Sullivan, Canda Harbaugh., Kathryn LeCours, Kathi Hooper, Brent Shrum and Rebecca Thomas. EPA Director Victor Kettlepper is on the phone. Ted began by announcing that September 15th will be a meeting on the mine site. There will be an OU1 and OU2 meeting September 23, 2009. The Commissioners will not be here that week so they rescheduled for the 28th in the evening. Ted said that the new toxicologist is on board. Rebecca said that a contractor did an on-site tour at OU5 yesterday. There is a tentative plan for a December ROD for OU5. Victor said that they have cleaned up 72 properties this year. The golf course work should start in 2 to 3 weeks. The work on the creeks will be done in the next 3 weeks. He said that EPA is responding to the questions presented to them by the Health Board and hopes to have answers next month. They would like to schedule September's meeting for the 16th in Eureka at 11:00am. There is a house around Warland Creek that has caved in and is full of vermiculite. Neighbors are concerned. They are planning on working on that house soon. Kathryn talked about OU7 which is in Troy. She plans to have a work plan out next week. She and Commissioner Konzen talked about how they choose the properties for clean up. The group talked about the tests at the mine site and rumors that are being circulated. DC talked about the ERS central maintenance. Rebecca commented on that. There was some vermiculite found on the Stinger Welding site yesterday but it was all cleaned up by 5:30 that day.

10:47 AM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the August 5, 2009 meeting**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

11:00 AM: **4-H delegation:** Three young people from Eureka Marissa Hepner, Ben Hupner and Tristan Benson came to talk about the 4-H at the County fair. Marissa explained what 4-H is. They read a speech about the 4H ambassadors. They invited the County Commissioners to the County Fair. The Commissioners praised the three young people on their participation in 4-H and their future outlook.

11:05 AM: **Rae Lynn Hays** came to talk to the Commissioners about the County Van that she drives. Her current van is unsafe and needs replaced. She shopped the Libby dealers and received some quotes for different vehicles. The Commissioners told her to shop for something in the \$16,000 area. She will look some more this afternoon.

11:25 AM: **Tim Orthmayer with Morrison Maierle, Inc:** Tim brought more information about the airport grants. Tim brought some papers for Commissioner Konzen to sign on the projects for Eureka and Libby Airports.

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

1:31 PM: **Chambers Lakeshore Permit:** This Glen Lake dock was discussed last week. Commissioner Roose went to the site to view the proposed dock and found the dock to be in place already. Commissioner Roose moved to send a letter to Mr. Chambers saying that his dock is in violation of the permit process and needs to be removed. The issue will be turned over to the County Attorney. The lakeshore permit is denied at this time for lack of process. The motion carried.

1:31 PM: **Warwick Lakeshore Permit:** This Bull Lake Dock was discussed last week. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the Lakeshore permit and it carried.

1:36 PM: Lisa presented the Commissioners with a letter from the **Bull Lake Fire District requesting annexation** by Pleasant View Subdivision. These requests go through the Clerk and Recorder's office so the request will be passed on to them.

1:40 PM: Kristin gave an update on THI/Davis project.

2:13 PM: Kristin talked about the **Planning Board meeting**. They all talked about the Subdivision Regulations group and their progress.

2:33 PM: Commissioner Roose asked the Commissioners to consider the **power issue at the fairgrounds**. Lincoln Electric has offered to do an upgrade on the power at a discount but even then it is very expensive. Commissioner Roose

moved to approve the payment of the costs of the electrical update to the fairgrounds as presented out of PILT and it carried.

2:49 PM: Mike Justus is working on **stimulus funds for trees and shrubs for public lands**. Currently they are looking at the ball fields and the annex building river walk and fairgrounds. They are requesting that the County sponsor the request which will be at no cost to the County. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the County as sponsor for the grant and it carried.

3:00 PM: **Salary decision**: The Commissioners need to decide on the salary that was recommended by the Salary Committee. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the one cent per hour raise for elected officials. Commissioner Roose seconded and it carried. Commissioner Berget moved to suspend the one per cent longevity and there was no second. The motion died for lack of a second.

The Commissioners discussed raises for the employees. They talked about the state of the economy of the County. Commissioner Berget moved to approve a 2% increase for the employees' earnings. The motion carried. Commissioner Roose moved to make the raises retroactive to July 1, 2009 and it carried.

3:21 PM: Bill presented the Commissioners with the figures for the **Secured Rural Schools Funds** for the current fiscal year. Commissioner Berget moved to allocate 15% to RAC. This would allow to \$800,000 to Title II and the remainder to Title III. Commissioner Roose seconded and it carried.

3:30 PM: The Commissioners reviewed the contract for the Auditor for the upcoming year. Commissioner Roose moved to approve a one year contract with **Dinning and Downey** and it carried.

3:38 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John Konzen, Chairman

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