

June 24, 2009

The Lincoln County Commissioners met for a regular session on June 24, 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.

10:00 AM: Commissioner Konzen **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:06 AM: The Commissioners discussed the proposals for inmate meals. The bids were from Kootenai Catering at \$4 for breakfast, \$4 for lunch, \$4.75 for dinner and St John's Hospital at \$6 for breakfast, \$6.50 for lunch and \$8 for dinner. The Commissioners will check on insurance and references for Kootenai Catering and if they are viable the tentative award of this contract is to Kootenai Catering.

10:18 AM: The Commissioners signed **Resolution #826** proclaiming the week of June 21 – 27 **Fire Wise Week**. The Commissioners had voted on this last week but the proclamation was not available to sign.

10:20 AM: Kae Ellen from the LAMP funds came to talk to the Commissioners about a conference call they were party to last week.

10:38 AM: The Commissioners read **the minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

10:46 AM: **Ron Langley** talked to the Commissioners about the generator that he is ordering for the Enhanced 911 system and the courthouse.

10:52 AM: **Metal Mines License Tax Distribution for June, 2009**: The funds from the Metal Mines for schools have been established as \$72,351.27. The Commissioners and Kirby Maki, Superintendent of Libby schools, went over the figures for both Troy and Libby Schools. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the distribution of funds to the schools that has been laid out in the spreadsheet. The money will be distributed as it comes in.

11:00 AM: **Public Hearing for the Libby CTEP project**: Kirby Maki, Brad Fuqua, Coral Cummings, Marc McCully and Marc Liechti from APEC engineering are present. Marc from APEC showed the maps of the project. The project is a 2 mile walking path at the old Stimson Mill site area. Marc McCully, road foreman, had some input on the trail and the base needed. Commissioner Berget mentioned that Dr. and Susie Rice had voiced their excitement about the trail proposal. The earliest that this could begin would be this fall so construction could begin next spring. The plan for the bathroom on the path will not be part of the CTEP. Commissioner Berget is planning that out of another budget. Kirby Maki read a letter to the Commissioners about the paving on the walking path at Asa Wood. He is requesting the County's help with repaving the path.

11:30 AM: **Tim Orthmayer, Morrison Mairle**: Bids for Airport awards: Tim read that \$52,340.80 is the revised bid for Bobcat West for the Snow Removal Equipment. Commissioner Berget moved to accept the bid from Bobcat West and it carried. The other bid is for the Fuel System. Commissioner Berget moved to award Northwest Fuel of Kalispell the Fuel System contract and it carried. Tim had the contracts and Commissioner Konzen signed them. Tim had some additional forms for Commissioner Konzen's signature. Tim also had a new master agreement with Morrison and Mairle for the Commissioners to sign. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the master agreement and it carried.

1:30 PM: **Growth Policy Public Hearing**: Joe Kelly, Ted Andersen, Tim Rooney, Dave Greer from Plum Creek, Marc Liechti, Kristin Smith and Lisa Oedewaldt. Commissioner Konzen called the public hearing to order and turned it over to Kristin Smith, Planning Director. She presented a PowerPoint on the Growth Policy. Tim Rooney asked about the procedure for changing the document in the future. Kristin explained the process which would involve a public hearing again. Ted Andersen said the key is keeping the document current with what the people of Lincoln County find important. Commissioner Konzen talked about the past meetings concerning the growth policy. Dave said that he feels the growth policy is important for the County and encourages the Commissioners to approve it. Dave is a little bothered by the language on Page 76 with the reference to Plum Creek. He wants the wording to be softened a little. Joe Kelly told Dave that the document was not meant to be insulting to Plum Creek in any way. He stated that they had nothing but praise for the way Plum Creek has conducted themselves so far in land issues. Ted said that Plum Creek is a partner because they own a lot of Lincoln County and he doesn't feel that the document is unfair to them. Commissioner Roose said that the wording in the document is fine because it is what the planning board heard from the County. Commissioner Konzen closed the hearing at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM: **Decision on Growth Policy**: Commissioner Roose moved to adopt the growth policy on Resolution #827 and it carried by unanimous vote. The Commissioners thanked the Planning Board for all the hard work involved in the Growth Policy.

2:15 PM: **Paul Rumelhart** stopped by to update the Commissioners on some grant information and stimulus information.

2:45 PM: **Ed Levert-Wildfire Awareness Week Proclamation**: Bill Watt and Brad Fuqua are present. Ed said that the headwaters economic group in Bozeman found Lincoln County #2 in overall fire risk based on amount of Wildland Urban Interface and the number of dwellings. Lincoln County has the potential to be #1 in the state and one of the top ten counties in the Western United States.

3:00 PM: **Bruce Vincent** has sent a letter to the Commissioners requesting a donation of \$45,000 for the **Provider Pals program**. The Commissioners discussed donating the money from the old Title III funds which can be used for this. It

was decided that each Commissioner would donate \$15,000 from the fund. The funds will sponsor 250 students in the Eureka area schools to one-year memberships in Provider Pals and to assist in the care and maintenance of the Raven facility. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the donation to Provider Pals and it carried.

3:10 PM: **Administrative Issues:** The Commissioners read the bids that were opened yesterday.

Commissioner Roose moved to approve the Kootenai Valley Record as the **County newspaper** and it carried.

Commissioner Berget moved to award the contract for oil for Troy to Moore Oil, for Libby to Golden State Oil, and Big Sky Exxon for Eureka. There was a discussion about the delivery fees. If they are interpreting them correctly, the motion carried.

Commissioner Roose moved to approve the contract to The Printing Press for **County Printing**. The motion passed with Commissioner Berget abstaining for personal involvement. The Commissioners also approved The Printing Press for election ballot printing.

Commissioner Berget moved to approve Clean Marlene as the **cleaning service** for the County and it carried.

3:22 PM: The Commissioners discussed **personnel issues**.

3:27 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner John Konzen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board