

March 11, 2009

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on March 11, 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.

9:01 AM: **Great West: Bill Lloyd and Jack Norr**, Marc McCully, Tim White, Ron Downey, and Brad Fuqua are present. Jack said that he has been working with Great West, which in his opinion is the best engineering firm in the state. They talked about the stimulus plan and how it will impact the building of bridges in the state. Great West has looked at bridges in Lincoln County before. The road foremen discussed the bridges in Lincoln County. Commissioner Roose moved to approve a \$15,000 match from the road fund for a grant for bridge repairs and it carried. The Commissioners signed Resolution #818 which agrees to the \$15,000 match.

10:00 AM: **EPA Update**: Present are Mike Cirian, Mike Noble, Leroy Thom, Peggy Williams, Brad Fuqua and Ted Linnert. Kathryn LeCours, Victor and Kirby from Senator Baucus' office are on the conference phone. Mike said that they have identified the first 45 properties for the first task order for construction this year. May 4 is the starting date for construction this year. OU4 and OU2 are in process. Mike explained the way the jobs are bid out to the contractors and why it is changing to 45 properties at a time this year. It is to guarantee the contractors that win the bid have more time on each job. CDM and ER are not being taken out of Libby like the rumors are saying. Victor said that the Corps is being considered to improve the quality of the clean up. They will contract with them for 50 properties to see how it works. Ted said that there will be a public meeting in May to discuss the toxicology. Victor said he has heard about some unrest within the community about the TAG and CAG. Commissioner Berget explained that there is too much difference between the entities; they are trying to pull it all together and make sure everyone is on the same page. Commissioner Roose said that maybe the County Health Board would be the governing party for the groups. CAG seems to be ineffective lately so they need to restructure. They are beginning to see the need for one governing body and one group and one voice. Leroy Thom brought some information on the LAMP II monies.

11:00 AM: **Montanore**, Eric Klepfer: John Thompson, Brent Shrum, Noel Williams is on the phone: Eric said that he knew that the Commissioners had spoken to Paul from the Forest Service and he wanted to answer any questions that may have arisen from that meeting. He talked about the DEQ stance on some of the issues. They talked about the bear issues and studies of the number of the bears. They all feel that DNA testing will show many more bear in the area than the Fish and Game estimate. Eric said that they met with Fish and Game last week and they agreed to a meeting with FS and Montanore to discuss the bears. Basically, Montanore just wants to move forward. They will make any modification that DEQ and FS have proposed. He spoke about the millions of dollars invested so far and how many more million the grizzly bear studies will cost them.

1:30 PM: **Subdivision Review**: Lisa Oedewaldt

1:30 PM: **Amended Lot 17, Woodland Heights Subdivision**, 2 lots, Public Hearing: Present were John Damon and Johna Morrison. Lisa presented the subdivision with conditions. John Damon of KSI answered some questions about the lots. There were no public comments. The Public hearing was closed at 1:39 PM.

1:40 PM: **Hunter's Ridge 2**, 2 lots, Commissioner's Review: Lisa presented the subdivision and conditions.

1:44 PM: **Granite View Subdivision**, 2 lots, Commissioner's Review: Lisa presented the subdivision and conditions.

1:58 PM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting**. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the minutes as written and the motion carried.

2:20 PM: **Administrative Issues**: The Commissioners signed some letters and read correspondence from the previous week.

2:32 PM: **Amy Guth**: Kootenai Business Park Industrial District has asked that Dinning and Downey not do an audit this year. Amy had contacted Commissioner Konzen about the costs of the audit and Commissioner Konzen talked to Dinning about it. Amy feels that there are auditors out there that would charge far less. Bob Dinning has agreed to do Port Authority for free and charge only for the KBPID.

2:44 PM: **Joe Kelley** came to talk about the Growth Plan meeting in Eureka next week.

2:55 PM: **TAG**: Mike Noble, Terry Spear, Dr. Brad Black, Brent Shrum, Peggy Williams and Leroy Thom: Terry Spear was introduced; he is the new technical advisor for the TAG. Terry is from Butte and works at Montana Tech College. TAG is in support of the County Health Board being the governing body over the TAG, CAG, entities. The OU1 is a good example. EPA wants to do a cap, and TAG can call Terry and get an opinion from him on the pros and cons of that procedure. They discussed the clean up activity so far.

3:26 PM: **Paul Rumelhart**: Stinger Welding update: They have had several meetings over the last couple weeks. Employment opportunities are about 200 full time jobs. 150,000 square feet building, Commissioner Roose asked Paul if he needs anything else from the County and Paul said no just support.

4:06 PM: The meeting was **adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John Konzen, Chairman

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

