

May 27, 2009

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on May 27, 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.

9:30 AM: Commissioner Konzen **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:31 AM: **Dan Williams and Jennifer Nelson, Weed Department:** The Lincoln County Weed department has been awarded stimulus money of \$377,000. Dan formed a committee, which included Jennifer, to determine the best use of the money. They feel this money will affect 25 jobs overall. One of the plans includes hiring a City employee to tackle the weeds in each of Libby, Eureka and Troy. Commissioner Konzen asked why a County employee couldn't do it from the weed department. It was decided that the County would contract with the cities to fight the weeds. Dan has already approached some City councils about the plan. Another project is fuels reduction to City and County properties. The final benefit would be a demonstration to residents as to how to properly do fuel reduction. There is \$50,000 set aside for this plan. Plum Creek has some fire rehab work to do in Little Wolf and other areas and they have asked for some of the funds to get that done. The Commissioners made it clear that they will not be in favor of helping Plum Creek as they are private property owners. Commissioner Konzen said that wash stations at lakes would be a great idea because of the Eurasian Water Milfoil weed in the lakes and the fishing freely between all lakes in our area. Dan is unsure when the funds will arrive in Lincoln County but is preparing for it now.

10:06 AM: **Kootenai Pets for Life:** Present are Eileen Carney, Kathi Hooper, Sarah Caswell, Peggy Williams, Brent Shrum and Brad Fuqua. Kootenai Pets for Life has submitted a proposal to care for the stray and abandoned animals of the area. They will take over the housing, medical needs, and adoption of the County animals. The only animals the County will still have to handle are those in quarantine or vicious animals. Kathi stated that by using the funds formerly used for a shelter employee to help Pets for Life run their shelter it will actually save money for the County. Commissioner Berget moved to enter a contract with Pets for Life to shelter animals for the south part of Lincoln County and it carried. The Commissioners complimented the Pets for Life organization for all their hard work.

10:30 AM: **Fair Board:** Present are Lynette Starling and Mike Cole. Mike talked about the livestock area and the improvements to it. Some of it was donated money and help. The new sign on the highway was collaborative effort with the County and the Kootenai Klassic car club. The Fair Board is aware they have probably spent too much on some of these projects. Recently the water pump failed and had to be replaced. The issues were tabled to give the Clerk and Recorder, Tammy Lauer and Lynette a chance to review the books and then report to the Commissioners.

11:00 AM: **Bid openings for the Libby Airport Fuel System:** Tim Orthmeyer is here from Morrison and Maierle Engineering to open the bids. Two bids have been received. The first bid is from Granite Petroleum out of Spokane Washington. Tim went through the check list and acknowledged that all forms were present. The bids were as follows:
Schedule I- AVGAS and Jet A Fuel System: \$312,377
Schedule II- Concrete Parking Apron: \$26,045
Total Base Bid: \$338,422
Schedule III- Old Tanks Removal: \$30,612

The second bid was from Northwest Fuel out of Kalispell, Montana. Tim checked for all forms on this company as well. The bids were as follows:
Schedule I- AVGAS and Jet A Fuel System: \$250,748
Schedule II- Concrete Parking Apron: \$32,113
Total Base Bid: \$282,861
Schedule III- Old Tanks Removal: \$9,500

Commissioner Roose moved to take the bids under advisement and it carried.

11:11 AM: **Bid openings for Eureka Airport Snow Removal Equipment:** Only one bid was received. The bid was from Bobcat West of Spokane, Washington, and was missing the Bid Bond and the check box for the Federal Requirements. The bid was for \$53,916.90. Since only one bid was received, Commissioner Berget moved to allow Tim to contact the bidder to ask for the missing documents and it carried. Tim will contact Bobcat West and if they are not willing to provide the missing information the process will have to begin again.

11:36 AM: The Commissioners acknowledged the appointment of Gwen Kensler by the Troy City Council to the **Troy Dispatch Board**.

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

1:30 PM: **Nesbitt Subdivision**, 3 lots, final plat approval: All conditions have been met. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision as final plat and it carried with two votes for and one against from Commissioner Konzen. Commissioner Konzen verified the bond issue for road construction and how it would be monitored. He declared that he would not be in favor of partial release of funds for phases of the road construction due to a previous experience.

1:49 PM: **Family Transfer:** Mabel Alice Loomis is transferring 2 ½ acres to each of 4 children; Suzanne, Rhett, Linda and Scott. Mabel has owned the parcel since 1995. No evasion is evident. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the family transfer and it carried.

Three lakeshore permits were reviewed by the Commissioners for approval next week:

1:50 PM: **Lakeshore permit:** The request is from Ms Kukus on the Kootenai River approximately 6 miles from Libby. She wants to fence her entire property which would be 40' from the current water line. She will have gates to properties next door and to the river. She needs the permit because the fence will be in the high water flood plain.

1:56 PM: **Lakeshore permit:** Turners on Bull Lake wishes to build stairs to access a floating dock and a boat slip.

1:58 PM: **Lakeshore Permit:** Eastons on Upper Thompson Lake wished to remove a section of dirt and rock along a slope to create a 52' concrete and rock landing being 2 feet from the existing water mark. No equipment will be used; it will all be done by hand.

2:02 PM: **Moonshine Mountain Meadows Variance:** Present are landowners Robert Wilson, Wayne Finch, David Scheshy and Larry Evinrude. Wayne read a letter regarding the variance on the Wilson property that the Commissioners approved last month. All three gentlemen expressed their concerns about the variance. The adjacent land owners feel the Commissioners are in violation of their rights. They had 4 points of contention for the Commissioners. They noted in detail the reasons they believe that the variance is not legal. Lincoln County Cause number DV09-80 has been filed. Mr. Wilson gave his opinion of their concerns. It was determined that the issue should be given to the attorneys involved and let the County attorney make his recommendation.

2:21 PM: **Kristin Smith, Planning Director:** Kristin would like to attend two conferences this summer in Boise, Idaho. The Commissioners discussed the conferences with her and agreed that she should attend both of them.

2:32 PM: The Commissioner read the minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the **minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting** as written and it carried.

3:00 PM: **Purchase of Finger Jointer from Stimson decision and resolution:** The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has been offered purchase of the Libby Finger Jointer from the Stimson Lumber Company for \$127,000. Commissioner Konzen gave a history of this transaction and read the resolution before them. The County is not interested in running the finger jointer; they simply wish to hold it in a marketable condition until a buyer can be found. The value of the equipment is apparent to be more than the purchase price. Commissioner Berget moved to pass Resolution #823 and it carried. Commissioner Roose suggested that the money be taken out of Economic Development fund in the Hard Rock Mines fund because it fits the criteria. Commissioner Roose moved to take the \$127,000 from Hard Rock Mines and it carried.

3:25 PM: Commissioner Roose read an email about **HB645 funds**.

3:29 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John Konzen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board