

May 6, 2009

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on May 6, 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.

10:01 AM: **St John's Hospital**: Hospital Chief Financial Officer Steve Chavez, Undersheriff Jerry Rust, Jerome Schad and Brad Fuqua. The Hospital is being audited and there was a question about the meals for the jail. Steve spoke about the lost revenue on the meals. The County currently pays approximately \$4.25 per meal for the jail meals. The "break even" amount for the hospital is closer to \$6.28 per meal. The Commissioners talked about finding another provider. They will advertise and see if anyone else in the community is interested in providing meals to the jail.

10:24 AM: **Louise Rice** from the Rodeo Committee is here to ask about including the 100th anniversary of Lincoln County in the Rodeo. The Commissioners suggested that she go to the Centennial Committee chairman Jeff Gruber to talk to him about it.

10:46 AM: Commissioner Roose moved to approve the **Lincoln County Soil Conservation District** request for a grant from the DNRC and it carried.

11:00 AM: **Larry Anderson, Field Representative for Congressman Rehberg**: The Commissioners updated Larry on the EPA progress. They asked for Congressman Rehberg's help with getting information on the interim ROD and the need for it. He was also informed about the Stinger Welding prospect for Lincoln County. Commissioner Berget talked to Larry about the work on Highway 2 on how it keeps getting put on the back burner. The Commissioners have been promised that Highway 2 will be moved up on the list and instead the project has been moved many years later. They discussed the wilderness attempts by individual groups in the County. They talked about the RAC funds and making a new RAC committee. They have been told that it will take months to approve the people for the committee and they want to know why.

1:30 PM: **Planning Board-Recommendation on Growth Policy**: Present are Joe Kelly, Ted Andersen, Mark Romey, Heather Carvey, Stu Brisken, Brent Shrum, Brad Fuqua, Peggy Williams, and Dave Johnson. Joe Kelly began by saying that they have had several public hearings over the past few months and now are unanimously recommending adoption of the Growth Policy by the County Commissioners. There are two pending amendments because of legislature being addressed at the State. Commissioner Berget asked if any changes had come about as a result of the public meetings and Joe said they had looked at one section but decided they preferred the original document wording. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the intent to adopt the Growth on Resolution number 820 as per the unanimous approval of the Planning Board. Commissioner Roose seconded and it carried. The Commissioners thanked the members of the Planning Board for all the hard work on the Growth Policy.

1:54 PM: **Subdivision Review**: Kristin Smith and Lisa Oedewaldt

1:55 PM: **Berg Subdivision**, 1 residential lot and 1 sivilculture lot, preliminary review: Lisa presented the subdivision and conditions.

2:00 PM: **Misty River Subdivision**, 2 lots, preliminary review: Lisa presented the subdivision and conditions. Commissioner Konzen asked about the term "vacant lots" on this subdivision. Lisa explained that a vacant lot does not need a DEQ evaluation. Kristin will check with DEQ and others to determine if the word "vacant" should be removed. There was a discussion about the laws involving selling lots before preliminary approval of a subdivision.

2:24 PM: **Bates Subdivision**, 9 lots, commissioner's decision: Kristin reminded the commissioners of the subdivision which was presented at a public hearing last week. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat according to the planning staff recommendation with the addition of an amended road use declaration to be discussed by the surveyor and planning director. The motion carried.

2:25 PM: **Amended Lot 17, Woodland Heights**, 2 lots, final plat approval: Commissioner Roose moved to approve the final plat and it carried.

2:36 PM: **Airport Way**, Maintenance Bond release: Kristen was not aware of the bond issue but has some concerns because of the current condition of the water. The issue was tabled for now.

3:02 PM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the April 29, 2009 meeting**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes with one addition and it carried.

3:03 PM: **County Health Board**: Brad Black, Kathi Hooper, Carol Spas, DC Orr and Peggy Williams. Brad talked about creating leadership in the County and the ability to speak in one voice when the County has concerns about the EPA and the public health. Everyone agreed that time is of the essence to get this done and now is a critical time to have one voice. It was determined that next Wednesday at the Commissioners meeting they would invite representatives from many different groups to discuss the issue and agree on a one voice presentation.

3:46 PM: The Commissioners signed **Resolution 821** which is the Resolution to Authorize a Multi-jurisdictional Application between the City of Libby and Lincoln County for constructing a manufacturing facility for Stinger Welding Inc. Commissioner Roose moved to sign the resolution and it carried.

3:49 PM: The Commissioners signed **Resolution 822** to authorize the City of Libby to apply to the Montana Department of Commerce for a Community Development Block Grant for funding the infrastructure to develop a manufacturing facility for Stinger Welding Inc. Commissioner Berget moved to sign the resolution and it carried.

4:00 PM: The Commissioners discussed some **personnel issues**.

4:21 PM: The **meeting was adjourned.**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner John Konzen, Chairman

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