

September 2, 2009

The Lincoln County Commissioners met for a regular session on September 2, 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.

9:00 AM: **Paul Bradford, Kootenai National Forest:** Paul told the Commissioners that the Forest Service has over 700 nominations for RAC Committee Members. Each has to have a background check and that is why it is taking so long. Paul knows it is frustrating but they have to go through the process. There was a discussion about fires in the Kootenai Forest. We have nearly made it through that fire season with no major fire. Paul brought copies of a speech made by the Dept of Agriculture in DC and went through the parts he felt were positive for our forest.

10:00 AM: **Randy Bock:** Present are Libby road supervisor Marc McCully, and Eureka Road Supervisor Tim White. Randy is hoping to put two cattle guards on a road 6 miles up McGinnis Meadows where he is buying a piece of land from Plum Creek. Commissioner Roose told that the County does not like cattle guards as they are a liability for the road departments because they make it difficult to plow the roads. Commissioner Konzen explained the process and the reasoning for the concern. He said that the issue should be researched and they will make a decision at a later meeting. Randy mentioned that he ask about this several weeks ago and it is only now being addressed. Commissioner Konzen said that they will look at it and will turn it over to the County attorney and ask for a quick response.

10:18 AM: **Marc McCully** spoke to the Commissioners about a personnel issue. The mechanic for the road department is working on all County vehicles and unable to help the road crew. Commissioner Konzen said that he is aware of the problem and he would not be opposed to having the road department hire a new person and make the mechanic a stand alone position. This process will take effect during the budget process.

10:45 AM: The Commissioners read **the minutes of the August 26, 2009 meeting**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes as corrected and it carried.

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

1:30 PM: **Kessler-Hodgson Subdivision**, 2 lots, Preliminary Plat Review: Lisa presented the subdivision and conditions. Byron Sanderson spoke to the Commissioners about the conditions. He talked about the 25 foot "no build zone" by the riparian zone. The owner is concerned that the resale will be more difficult if a new buyer is not allowed to build a stable for horses or a fence. Byron would like to see the "no build zone" be more specific to a house or cabin rather than no building at all. He would also like to see the road issue change. He feels that the driving surface is too much for 2 landowner usage. Ms. Kessler-Hodgson spoke about her motivation for the subdivision and why she is concerned about the conditions. It was decided that Commissioner Roose will contact the fire department and go to the property and they will discuss the turnaround issue. This will be decided next Wednesday.

2:12 PM: **Chambers Lakeshore Permit:** The Commissioners signed a Lakeshore permit on a dock that was discussed twice last month.

2:14 PM: **Sleeping Bear Homesites:** This subdivision has a road issue that the developer and surveyor want to discuss. The Developer wasn't here to apply for a variance on the road regulations. He stated that page 29 says that on a primary road the grade cannot be more than 10% and later on that same page is says 8%. He pointed out other inconsistencies in the regulations. He feels that there is no need for a variance because of the sketchy regulations. Mark from APEC spoke about it as well. Commissioner Konzen and Commissioner Roose both voiced their concerns over a variance approval because historically they have been a problem for future subdivisions.

2:58 PM: Kristin asked the Commissioners to read a letter to The County Attorney and Mr. Finch concerning the Moonshine Subdivision variance. The Commissioners read the letter and approved the content.

3:16 PM: Shane Baker has agreed to be reappointed to the **Eureka Dispatch Board**. Commissioner Roose moved to reappoint Shane and it carried.

3:26 PM: **Montana Economic Development Association** has requested that the Commissioners help sponsor the MEDA conference in the amount of \$1500. Commissioner Berget moved to approve \$1,500 from Hard Rock Mines Economic Development funds and it carried.

3:33 PM: **Tammy Lauer, Election Administrator**, addressed the new minimum wage for the election judges. Currently the base wage for an election judge is \$6.75 which was minimum wage at the last election. The current minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour and so she is requesting that election judges wages be raised to \$7.25, and \$8 and \$9 for chief judges. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the wage increases for election judges and it carried.

3:34 PM: The **Bull Lake Volunteer Fire Department** wrote a letter to the Commissioners requesting that Myron Colson be appointed to the board to fill a vacancy left by Harry Pearson. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the appointment of Myron Colson to the Fire Department Board and it carried.

3:36 PM: There was a motion by Commissioner Roose to extend the Preliminary plat time frame for the Kootenai Business Park and it carried.

3:37 PM: The **meeting was adjourned.**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner John Konzen, Chairman

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