

December 8, 2010

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on December 8, 2010 in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner John Konzen, Commissioner Tony Berget, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Marianne Roose is out on medical leave but was on the conference phone for the Lakeshore Regulations meeting.

10:00 AM: Commissioner Konzen **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance with a special mention to the heroes of Pearl Harbor.

10:00 AM: **EPA Update:** Mike Cirian is here to update the Commissioners on the EPA work. This year they have cleaned 117 properties in Libby and 88 in Troy. The Commissioners went to the mine site recently. Rebecca gave an update by phone of the Operable Units so far. EPA will not be meeting with the Commissioners in January as they have a group meeting in Denver.

10:30 AM: **Sheriff's Department:** Roby Bowe, the sheriff-elect is looking at the cell phone expenses for officers. Roby feels that it would be a huge savings to allow a stipend to the officers with cell phones and do away with county phones. Bill Bischoff said that the HR department has been doing a similar study and may suggest that the entire county go to that method. The Commissioners agreed that it would be a savings for the county.

10:45 AM: **Weed Department:** Board member Rocky Schauer and Weed Supervisor Dan Williams are present. The Department of Agriculture is requesting that one of Dan's employees be kept on longer to finish a project. The group discussed the future of the budgets in the county.

11:25 AM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the November 10, November 17, and December 1, meetings.** Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes of all three dates as written and it carried.

11:30 AM: **Nancy Sutton Higgins, County Treasurer:** Nancy reported that this morning the interest rate is at 2.5%. She wanted to discuss the Secured Rural Schools money and the way it is paid.

1:30 PM: **Lakeshore Permit:** Proud and Stewart are landowners on Glen Lake are requesting to do some bank stabilization and put in a dock. The Planning Department feels that the work being done is beneficial to the lake and area. The current structures that are being taken down are not good for the shore or the lake.

1:46 PM: **Comstock Meadows, Partial SIA Release:** Commissioner Berget moved to approve the partial release and it carried.

2:00 PM: **Lakeshore Protection Regulations:** The Commissioners have had several meetings and a public hearing on the subject as well as recommendations from the Planning Board and the Planning Department. A final draft has been submitted to the Commissioners. Commissioner Konzen stated they would go page by page on the regulations and appendix and make small changes. The Commissioners made a few changes to the wording of the document. Rhoda Cargill thinks that if the Commissioners vote today they will not be accordance to the law. Commissioner Konzen said that he feels that the public has been given many chances for input and so the vote is legal. Commissioner Berget agreed and noted that if every decision could not be altered without any public comment there would never be a decision made. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the lakeshore regulations final draft with the changes noted today. Commissioner Roose seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous decision.

2:40 PM: **Kathi Hooper, Air Quality:** Kendra Lind is also present. The Sanitation Department would like to see the Commissioners pass an emergency ordinance allowing everyone with wood as a sole source of heat to burn wood stoves even in a Stage 2 or 3 alert. The Commissioners agreed to pass a resolution next week.

3:00 PM: The Commissioners have a request from the **Tax Appeal Board** to reappoint Henry LaSala for an additional term. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the reappointment of Henry LaSala to the Tax Appeal Board and it carried.

3:20 PM: The **meeting was adjourned.**

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John Konzen, Chairman

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