

February 3, 2010

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on February 3, 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 Roose is out of town.

9:00 AM: Commissioner Konzen **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:01 AM: **Paul Bradford, KNF Supervisor:** Paul spoke to the Commissioners about the mines and the litigation against them. The EIS for Montanore Mine is under scrutiny from the EPA and so they have been working with them to address their concerns. The Corps of Engineers is also involved as well as the DEQ. The process adds 6 to 8 months to the time frame for approval. Paul talked about the new budget for 2011 that the President presented this week. The Commerce and Labor departments take the biggest hits.

10:10 AM: **Jennifer Nelson and Paul Rumelhart with EDD:** This EDD District included Lake, Sanders, Flathead and Lincoln counties. Lake and Sanders have decided to leave the district. Earlier this fiscal year the Commissioners agreed to give the EDD \$4,500. They would like to move forward as a two county district with a \$40,000 cash award with a match of \$40,000. They have tried for \$15,000 from a big sky grant to reduce the county money involved. The in-kind figures reduce the cash needed to \$5,000 which is \$500 more than was approved earlier. However, if they do not receive the Big Sky Trust award they will need a total of \$13,000 cash from Lincoln County. EDA needs the assurance that the County will pay the \$13,000 before they approve the application. Commissioner Berget asked some questions about the benefit to the County and the proposed budget. Commissioner Berget moved to approve up to \$8,000 in additional cash to match the EDD grant. Commissioner Konzen seconded the motion and it carried. The money will come from the Hard Rock Mines Economic Development fund.

11:00 AM: **Mark Peterson, USFS:** Mark has a correction deed because there was an error in the description on the width of right of way on the original deed on Libby Creek Road. Mark also wanted to talk about the Swede Gulch Road and the State of Montana. The road was built in the 1870's, before Montana was a State. In the end the entire road will be a county road. It is already being treated as a county road. Commissioner Konzen suggested the abandoned part be taken off the map so in the future no one tries to use it. Mark agreed that would be a good idea.

1:35 PM: **McCormick Fire Board:** Doug Etherington and Brian Todd have resigned. The Board is recommending that the Commissioners appoint Linda Lundin to replace Etherington and Jim Hight to replace Todd. Commissioner Berget moved to appoint Lundin and Hight and it carried.

2:05 PM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the January 20, 2010 and the January 27, 2010, meetings.** Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes of both meetings and it carried.

2:07 PM: **Stan Hauck tax reduction:** After talking to the Department of Revenue, the reason he did not receive the deduction was because he did not reply in time. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the tax rebate for Stan and it carried.

2:09 PM: Cathy Jenks came to ask about the **Junior Fair Budget.** She said their computer is not working. Commissioner Berget moved to give a computer that Ric has deemed obsolete to the Junior Fair committee and it carried.

2:20 PM: **The Wilderness Plateau Water and Sewer District Board** notified the Commissioners that Glen Gill has resigned as president of the Board. The Board wishes to appoint Matt Thrall as Mr. Gill's replacement. Commissioner Berget moved to approve Matt Thrall to the WPWSD Board and it carried.

2:25 PM: **The Troy Dispatch Board** sent a letter naming the Board Members for the 2010-2013 years. They are Gene Rogers, Katie Davis, Allen Dye, Gwenn Kensler, Crystal Denton and Fran McCully. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the Board appointments for Troy Dispatch and it carried.

2:28 PM: **The Eureka Area Dispatch Board** wrote a letter asking to remove Ethel White from the board, as she is now Mayor of Eureka, and replace her with Gary Dedina. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the appointment of Gary Dedina and it carried.

2:30 PM: **The Tobacco Valley Industrial District Board** is requesting that Tammy Lawler and Dorothy Eisenman be reappointed to the board for an additional term and to appoint Marianne Roose to the board. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the TVID board as requested and it carried.

2:32 PM: The **Stonegarden Grant for the Sheriff's Department** was awarded again this year. Commissioner Konzen signed the grant award letter.

2:40 PM: The **meeting was adjourned.**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner John Konzen, Chairman

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