

January 20, 2010

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on January 20, 2010 in the Eureka Annex of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner John Konzen, Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Tony Berget and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

10:30 AM: Commissioner Konzen **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:30 AM: **TVID Tracy McIntyre:** Tracy updated the Commissioners on projects she is working on for the upcoming year. She is looking at an Economic Trade Adjustment Act Grant to build at the Industrial District site. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the application for the EDA grant and it carried.

11:00 AM: **Tobacco Valley Senior Citizens:** Jim Reynolds and John Zauner have come to ask for sponsorship for a grant to build the new senior center. Jim Hurst donated the land and some money to start the building. They are building it through five phases and want to start with Phase I, which includes the dining room and the kitchen. Commissioner Berget moved to support the Tobacco Valley Senior Citizens grant application and it carried.

11:20 AM: **Administrative Issues:** Charlie Clough needed a letter signed about the Public Broadcast Radio that he is trying to bring to the area. Commissioner Roose moved to support the letter and it carried. The Commissioners signed the letter. The Commissioners talked about policies at the Eureka Annex concerning pets in the building and windows that open remaining closed. There are to be no pets in the building. Doors must only open upon entering and exiting the building. The windows and doors must not be open in order to aid in the working of the heating and cooling system. Commissioner Roose moved to accept the policies for the annex building and it carried. The Commissioners signed letters to Rep. Rehberg and Sen. Baucus to address Forest Issues. The Commissioners signed a letter to Robert Wilson about his road issue.

11:30 AM: **Stormy Langston, Justice of the Peace of District 2:** Stormy asked the Commissioners in July about increasing her hours by ten hours per week. She had been told at that time that they would research the process and work load study and would get back to her. Commissioner Roose told her that the study had not been completed yet. Commissioner Konzen gave her a date of February 17, 2010 for an answer.

1:15 PM: **Executive Session:** The Commissioners went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Upon coming out of Executive Session, They agreed that Doug Stacy, District 3 Road employee, could return to work as described in his job description since his physician has approved his release. Commissioner Roose will notify Mr. Stacy that he is to return to work on February 4, 2010. This will give the temporary employee two weeks notice.

1:30 PM: **Decision on Amended Subdivision Regulations:** Kristin presented the amended regulations. She also showed some amendments that were made based on public input since the last hearing to Chapter 2 C3 a. Statement of Intent, b. Use of Exemption, c. Required Materials, and d. Rebuttable Presumptions. Commissioner Konzen asked if these changes had been reviewed by the committee. Kristin said no but she did receive input from other planners as there were some legal questions about the original language. Commissioner Berget moved to adopt the proposed changes to the subdivision regulations made by the Planning Board, the Subdivision Regulation Committee and the Planning Department including the addendum presented today and it carried.

1:45 PM: **Subdivision Review:** Kristin Smith

1:47 PM: **Tungsten Holdings** has requested a variance on the Coffee Subdivision which received preliminary approval on March 25, 2009. The road is the Old Sinclair Creek Road. Tungsten Holdings began the process of building the road and are seeking a variance of the maximum 10% grade to 11% for 800 feet of the road. Tungsten met with the Fire Department and they submitted a letter with two suggestions. One suggestion is for a turnout for fire trucks and the other was for a max of 11% grade. Tungsten has made an agreement with Stauffer for a plat adjustment agreement. The agreement allows for no additional subdividing of the property and reducing the parcels to 5 smaller parcels. Tim Rooney talked about the changes. Marie Stavenow wanted to know if all the trees will have to be cut. John Vignali said that the amount of trees being cut down will be less if they receive the variance because the lower grade will require all the trees to be removed. Commissioner Konzen explained what the procedure is for a variance approval and asked Tim about the road use issue. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the variance based on the Planning Department recommendation, the Eureka Fire Department recommendation and the agreement between Stauffer and Tungsten. Commissioner Roose seconded and it carried. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the plat adjustment that Stauffer and Tungsten have agreed upon based on the Planning staff recommendation and it carried.

2:35 PM: Kristin talked about a webinar series over the course of the next 5 months on **rural economies and community development**. She wondered about inviting people from the community to listen to the sessions. Commissioner Konzen said that he felt it was worth pursuing.

2:50 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

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John Konzen, Chairman

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Tammy D Lauer, Clerk of the Board