

October 13, 2010

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on October 13, 2010, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner John Konzen, Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Marianne Roose, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

9:30 AM: Commissioner Konzen **opened the meeting** with the pledge of Allegiance.

9:35 AM: **Mel Parker:** Mel came to discuss the EPA cleanup of his property and the old mine site. He showed a colored map of his property on the Kootenai River which is the old WR Grace site. He stated that there is a contract with the EPA that they will give them a risk assessment on the property and give the property a "clean bill of health." Mel brought a book for each commissioner that had information about the clean up in OU2 so far. Gordon Sullivan explained that a major concern is the Rainy Creek contamination and draining into the Kootenai River. EPA dug very close to the creek to put in a telephone line. There was a discussion about the guidelines that EPA must follow.

10:15 AM: **EPA Update:** Victor Kettlepper, Mike Cirian, Libby Faulk, Brent Shrum, Peggy Williams and DC Orr are present. Rebecca Thomas, Katherine Lecours and Dick Sloan are on the phone. Mike gave an update on the progress of the projects for this year. They have surpassed their target numbers already. Rebecca gave an update of OU5 and OU6. Mike talked about the ambient air samplings that are currently being done. Victor talked about the slash burn by the mine site that will be delayed until spring time. EPA is working on a method of sampling soil more efficiently. Mike and Victor were in Omaha last week to meet with the Corp of Engineers to talk about the removal processes.

11:00 AM: The Commissioners attended **a ribbon cutting ceremony** for the new recycle center new City Hall. Kathi Hooper is responsible for creating the site. Kathleen O'Hearn, Recycling Specialist from the DEQ was there for the ceremony.

1:30 PM: Kristin Smith, Planning Department Director, presented the three applicants for the Troy area representative to the **Planning Board**; Rhoda Cargill, Kelly Palmer and Carl Weiss. The Commissioners discussed the three applicants. Commissioner Roose moved to approve Kelly Palmer to the Planning Board and it carried.

1:47 PM: The **EECB Grant for a Boiler** for the Library is closer to moving forward after several delays. A contract with Johnson Controls has been negotiated and Kristin had Commissioner Konzen sign it.

1:50 PM: Commissioner Konzen signed the **Little Country Road Subdivision** preliminary plat that was approved last week.

1:55 PM: Ted Clarke is the Eureka representative to the **Planning Board** and wishes to be reappointed for another term. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the reappointment of Ted Clarke to the Planning Board and it carried.

2:00 PM: There was a discussion about the **Lakeshore Regulations** that the Planning Board has been working on. There will be an open house and public hearing at 6:00 PM, on November 10, in the Ponderosa Room in Libby. Commissioner Konzen would like to be briefed on the planning staff recommendations prior to the meeting. Kristin stated that the Commissioners would be receiving the information and recommended that they ask questions individually instead of having it on the agenda.

2:40 PM: **Kathi Hooper, Sanitarian:** Kathi came to speak about **air quality** for the winter. Libby has come off the Federal Non-Compliance List. Kathi said that Libby meets the standards that the EPA has set but they are looking at lowering the standards to a number that would not be attainable for Libby. Kathi and the commissioners are concerned and wondering why the standards are constantly being changed. They feel that when the economy is trying to recover it is not beneficial to make it impossible for industry to come to our area. It was decided that the Commissioners will write a letter to the senate and representatives showing their negative feelings about this change. Kathi also discussed a holding tank for Monatore and the dog control issue in Troy.

3:35 PM: **Robin King, RAC:** Robin talked about RAC monies and how they are awarded. The Title III money has specific standards and designations which are monitored and audited by several entities. Commissioner Roose pointed out that the commissioners choose to give RAC funds, they are not required to.

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John Konzen, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board