

September 15, 2010

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 15, 2010, in the Eureka Annex of 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.

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

10:30 PM: **Sami Pearson, Library:** Sami came to discuss the library budget. Commissioner Berget had spoken to her about cutting 2 mills on her budget. The library has had 10 mills each year and the commissioners had chosen to give them 8 mills this year. Sami said she felt she could cut \$40,000 rather than the requested \$60,000. She had trimmed \$14,000 so far without cutting wages but the remaining \$26,000 would have to come from wages and hour reductions. Commissioner Konzen asked about reduced service hours at each branch. Commissioner Berget mentioned that with the poor economy the library is much busier. 10,163 people in Lincoln County have a library card. The group discussed the employee hours. The Commissioners decided to ask Sami to go forward with a \$40,000 cut.

11:00 AM: **Noel Williams:** Noel brought letters for the Commissioners to review on the Wolf issues and he asked the Commissioners if they want him to represent Lincoln County on Coalition issues if there are meetings in the future. The Commissioner agreed that they would.

11:15 AM: **Budget preliminary review:** Tammy Lauer, Clerk and Recorder, asked for questions on the preliminary budget. Krista Tincher from the Tobacco Valley News had a few questions that the Commissioners and Tammy answered. The public hearing on the budget will be held next Wednesday, September 22, 2010 in Libby.

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

1:30 PM: **South Doxie**, 4 lots, preliminary plat decision: Lisa reminded the Commissioners of the subdivision presented previously. GLID would not be involved in this property as the access is available elsewhere. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the preliminary plat as recommended by planning staff and it carried.

1:33 PM: **Young Creek Estates**, 5 lots, final plat: All conditions have been met. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the final plat and it carried.

1:36 PM: Commissioner Konzen signed the preliminary plat approval for **North Portal Tracts** which was approved last week and **South Doxie** which was approved today.

1:56 PM: Commissioner Roose spoke about a phone call she received from Glacier Bank about the **Wilderness Club** property.

1:58 PM: The Commissioners discussed the contract with **Noel Williams**. They will contact Noel to talk to him about the options. Commissioner Konzen talked about the Stakeholders membership being a strong desire of the Commissioners.

2:07 PM: Commissioner Berget talked with Karol Spas this morning and she is asking to receive an increase to the proposed budget for her department. Commissioner Berget felt that it was a reasonable request since we are into September already. After more discussion it was decided to raise the main account budget to \$158,000 from the \$128,000. The Commissioners decided to add mills to the budget in order to accommodate the change in Library and County Health Nurse budgets.

2:22 PM: The Commissioners discussed some **personnel issues**.

2:52 PM: Barbara Morgan from the **Eureka Cemetery Board** spoke about the garbage containers on the cemetery grounds. Kathi Hooper was contacted and said she can put a green box on the property.

2:55 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

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John Konzen, Chairman

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