

September 22, 2010

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 22, 2010, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Konzen, Commissioner Roose, Commissioner Berget, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Berget left at noon to attend a meeting in Kalispell.

9:30 AM: Commissioner Roose **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:30 AM: **Jonette Watkins of the Libby Job Service** came to talk to the Commissioners about a movie that they are bringing to Libby and a workshop to follow the next day concerning disabled veterans. Commissioner Roose moved to give \$100 out of the Commissioners fund to the Job Service to help present this movie and it carried.

10:00 AM: **Libby Groundwater Update:** Katherine Hernandez from the EPA and Dave Cosgriff of Arrowhead Engineering are speaking. Dave explained the history of the old mill site and the water situation. He then outlined all of the work that has been done so far to study and remedy the situation. There was a discussion about what lead to the decision of no wells being drilled in Libby. The Libby groundwater has been studied for about 30 years now. Vapor intrusion is a new issue. Kathy said that this is just an update for the Commissioners and they plan to come back in the spring and give another update.

11:00 AM: **Public Hearing for the Budget Decision:** Tammy Lauer, Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder, has the final budget for approval by the Commissioners. Brad Fuqua asked some questions about the mill values and total revenues. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the 2010/2011 budget and it carried.

11:30 AM: **County Road Abandonment McLaren Road:** Bill explained the history of the road and the work done up to now to abandon the road in the 1950's. It has been determined that this is not a county road at all and so this action is strictly to clean up the land records. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the road abandonment and it carried.

1:30 PM: **Provider Pals:** Chas Vincent is here representing the Provider Pals. Bruce Vincent, Provider Pals Executive Director, has written a letter to each Commissioner asking for \$15,000 from each for a total of \$45,000 to enable Provider Pals to continue to operate in Lincoln County. This year the program will add Fire Wise education. Commissioner Roose talked about the change in requirements for the Title III money this year and that the Provider Pals curriculum fits very well. The group discussed the good information that is available to them. Commissioner Roose moved to approve \$45,000 from Title III for the Provider Pals program and it carried.

2:00 PM: **Ric Kesling and Scott Kerzman:** Frontier is proposing a new phone system that will save the county a great deal of money. Ric talked about the system and its capabilities. Scott talked about the time frame of getting the system up and running. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the new phone system for the courthouse and it carried. The system will be paid for from the PILT fund.

2:30 PM: **CDBG for Rail:** There is a new CDBG grant application in process for replacement of the rail loading facility. The new grant would be for \$300,000. Commissioner Roose moved to support the application for CDBG funds in the amount of \$300,000 and 16 low to moderate income replacement jobs at the loading facility for the mines at the industrial site. The motion carried.

3:00 PM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the September 8, and September 15, meetings.** Commissioner Roose moved to approve the minutes as read and it carried.

3:10 PM: Commissioner Konzen signed the **Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant.**

3:15 PM: Commissioner Konzen signed the **contract with the Corp of Engineers** for the range use at the Libby Dam by the sheriff's department.

3:25 PM: Commissioner Roose moved to sign a **three year contract with Denning, Downey and Associates PC** for auditing services. Commissioner Konzen seconded and it carried.

3:35 PM: The **meeting was adjourned.**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John Konzen, Chairman

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