

February 17, 2010

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on February 17, 2010 in the Eureka Annex of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner John Konzen, Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Tony Berget, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

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

10:30 AM: **Tobacco Valley Industrial District**: Tracy McIntyre showed the Commissioners maps of the Town of Eureka Water Project because the water project benefits the plan for a commercial kitchen at the Fairgrounds. Tracy is asking the Commissioners to support the application for appropriation for water to the fairgrounds. Commissioner Roose moved to support the application and it carried.

11:00 AM: **Tobacco Valley Cemetery**: Barbara Morgan and Karen Doble have come to talk to the Commissioners about a more efficient way of keeping the records of the cemetery. They want to buy software specific to cemeteries. The price is about \$1,300. Commissioner Konzen said he would like to take the brochure back to the County Network Services Department and get an opinion. Commissioner Berget would like to find out what other cemeteries in the County are doing.

11:25 AM: The Commissioners **read the minutes of the February 10, 2010**. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

11:30 AM: **Stormy Langston, Justice of the Peace in Eureka**: Stormy has requested additional hours for her position. Commissioner Konzen gave Stormy the research done which shows that her workload in comparison to Libby's workload. Commissioner Konzen said that in light of the research he does not see a need to increase her hours. Commissioner Roose mentioned that the County budget is in question due to the uncertainty of the Secured Rural Schools funding so it is a bad time to increase costs to any department. Stormy will research the data and would like to come back at 3:00.

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

1:30 PM: **Meadow Springs Unit #2, Amended Lot 1**, NE1/4 NE1/4 & SE1/4 NE1/4 Sec 31, T35N, R28W, 2 lots, Public Hearing: Present are Brett McCully, Tim Rooney, John Vignali, Pam Flowers and John Damon. Lisa presented the subdivision and conditions and opened the meeting for public comments. No public comments were made. The public hearing was closed.

1:40 PM: **McShea's Meadows**, 15 lots, Preliminary Decision: Kristin reminded the Commissioners of the subdivision presented last week. There was a discussion about the road width within a major subdivision. Commissioner Roose and Commissioner Konzen stated that they have always understood roads to be the same width in a major subdivision. Kristin pointed out that this was not the first subdivision to have different road widths in the design. She cited AASHTO as a reference to road classifications. They talked about the 1993 DNRC guidelines that were referenced as part of the old subdivision regulations. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat according to planning staff recommendations. Commissioner Roose seconded and the motion failed by two votes against from Commissioner Roose and Commissioner Konzen and one vote in favor by Commissioner Berget. Commissioner Berget modified his motion and moved to approve the subdivision with the road widths at primary road standards in a major subdivision of 24 feet. The motion carried.

1:52 PM: **Dream Catcher Estates**, 5 lots, Preliminary Decision: Lisa reminded the Commissioners of the subdivision presented last week. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the variance request on Dream Catcher Estates and it carried. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat as per planning staff recommendation and it carried.

1:56 PM: **Quartz Mountain Estates**, 18 lots, final plat approval: Commissioner Berget moved to approve the final plat and it carried.

2:25 PM: **Pat Pezzelli of Flathead Valley Community College Lincoln County Campus** is approaching the Commissioners for a new heat pump unit for the college building. The County will own the building when the loan is paid. Commissioner Berget said that he would like to see the college put money away in the future for maintenance. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the new heat pump at the college in the amount of \$12,895. to be paid out of PILT funds and it carried.

2:59 PM: **Stormy Langston**: The Commissioners gave Stormy the revenue information to add to the information she was given this morning. Revenue for the courts in the past 5 months total for Eureka is \$20,632 and for Libby \$62,036, showing that Eureka Courts bring in 1/3 of the revenue of Libby. She asked the Commissioners if she can collect more figures and speak with them again next month.

3:10 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Commissioner John Konzen, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board