

July 28, 2010

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on July 28, 2010, in 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 AM: Commissioner Konzen **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:30 AM: Bill presented a letter from the **Department of Revenue** and a letter from Gloria Lewis on taxes. Ms. Lewis is protesting that her taxes are based on Commercial Property and it is no longer used for that purpose. Commissioner Berget moved to approve a refund of back taxes to Mrs. Lewis and it carried.

11:05 AM: **John Shanahan, CEO for Revett** mine came to talk to the commissioners. He has been with the company since 2005. 180 people are employed at Revett. He talked about the hard times in the past few years and what they did to make it through. He spoke about the Rock Creek Mine as well. Rock Creek started in 1995. It is an ongoing process that is challenged very often.

11:50 AM: **Kathi Hooper, Landfill Asbestos Cell**: EPA has announced that they will be changing the way that they pay the landfill for the materials deposited there. They are proposing that they pay only for the asbestos materials and not the fill they put on top. Kathi was under the impression that they are paying for the space used no matter what they put in it. The Commissioners agreed. Allan Payne, commented on the contract in place and what it says. He feels that they should not revisit the contract after 7 years of the contract being in place. Allan thinks that they should pay for the space used as well. There was a long discussion about the old Plywood Plant building.

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

1:30 PM: **Public Comment on Non-agenda items**: Marshall Abbott came to discuss the illegal campground built by Mr. Carvey. He has been on Sophie Lake since 1975. Phillips Creek was diverted by Carvey's about 18 months ago. This was reported and it was determined that it is a seasonal creek and therefore it was okay. Mr. Abbott was confused as to the complacent view from the State due to the spawning ground of the Bull Trout. Around that same time, there were rumors of Carveys putting in an RV park. That park definitely exists now. The County has written letters to Carvey to stop the building of the park, but today there was heavy equipment on the property building roads. The roads are not to standard and the bridge is not to standard. Mark Petrie, another property owner on the lake, verified that there are at least 40 campers there today. Mark and Marshall stated that the property values are declining and the lake is being threatened. Commissioner Konzen assured them that the County is working on this and has turned it over to the County Attorney for recommendation. The Commissioners believe that what Carvey is doing is illegal and they will pursue that avenue.

2:15 PM: **Lakeshore Permit**: Ron Pearson is requesting bank stabilization on his lot on Middle Thompson Lake. The Commissioners heard this request on July 21, 2010. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the lakeshore permit and it carried.

2:16 PM: **Variance Decision on Screamin Eagle road variance**: The request is on Wild West Road. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the subdivision according to Planning staff recommendations of turnouts every 400 feet and reconstruction of the cul-de-sac and it carried.

2:18 PM: **Growth Policy Action Plan**: Kristin told the planning board about the status of the growth policy and she wanted to share it with the Commissioners. She presented them with a graph of the action plan.

2:45 PM: **Administrative Issues**:

Commissioner Roose had a grant agreement from the **Cultural Trust for the Tobacco Valley Arts**. Commissioner Konzen signed the support letter.

3:00 PM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the July 7, and the July 21, meetings**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

3:15 PM: There was a discussion about **the salary study increases**. Commissioner Roose moved to approve paying the increases from the salary study up to a maximum of \$3 per hour and will be paid all in one year. Commissioner Berget seconded and began discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

3:20 PM: Tammy Lauer, Clerk and Recorder: Tammy presented the Commissioners with **Resolution #841** which is the Resolution to amend the 2009/2010 budgets. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the Resolution and it carried. Tammy also discussed some budget issues for the next fiscal year.

3:50 PM: The Commissioner signed **Resolution No. 844** requesting legislation that county numbers be put on personalized license plates.

3:55 PM: The Commissioner received a letter from **the Lincoln County Library Board** asking to reappoint Jennifer Seifert as a board member. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the reappointment and it carried.

4:00 PM: The Commissioners signed a letter of support for the **Flathead Valley Commissioners on Neighborhood Works**.

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Commissioner Konzen

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board