

November 17, 2010

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

10:00 AM: Commissioner Konzen **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:00 AM: **George Neils, Fisher River Fire Service Area:** There is a Fire Service Area and a Fire Company. There is a request from the Fire Service Area to take on the assets of the Fire Service Company in order to obtain a much better loan for the building at Happy's Inn. Kirk Kraft told the Commissioners that the Fire Company earns all the money from fires and they pay the payments on the building, however, the loan would have to be made to the Fire Service Area as the governing entity. After the loan is paid in full they would like the Fire Service Area to return ownership to the Fire Company. Commissioner Berget questioned the reason for the ownership change when the loan is paid off.

10:33 AM: **Vic White, Radio System Update:** Vic spoke about the radio committee and the trunking system. The trunking system is up and running. They have been doing some testing off the Pinkham site and the coverage is not adequate. They need to apply to the FCC to increase their wattage and that would interfere with Canada so he doesn't feel that is a possibility. Vic spoke about the funding of the system. They are beginning to ask to be paid a fee for the service. They are asking Lincoln County to pay \$50 per radio for the system. Vic has presented a letter explaining the intentions of the radio committee. The Committee is recommending at this point that Lincoln County taxpayers not pay for a system that isn't working correctly. The Commissioners agreed. Vic would like to continue to work with Northern Tier in hopes that in the future it will be a viable option. Commissioner Konzen said that it would be advantages to keep the 10 radios that we have on the system even if it costs \$500 for the year and then wait to see if it improves.

11:30 AM: **Tim Orthmayer, Morrison Maierle, Inc.:** Tim brought the newest grant requests for the upcoming year. The new project will be electrical update at the Libby Airport. The new project will be \$300,000. Ron Denowh is here to request that Lincoln County sponsor a grant application he is submitting to update the restrooms at the airport to ADA standards. The Commissioners agreed to sponsor the grant request.

1:30 PM: **Subdivision Review:** Lisa Oedewaldt

1:30 PM: **Lobo Tracks**, variance request and preliminary plat approval: This subdivision was presented on November 10, 2010. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the variance as recommended by the Planning Department and it carried. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the subdivision as preliminary plat as per planning staff recommendation and it carried.

1:50 PM: **Administrative Issues:** The Commissioners talked to Marc McCully about a road issue. The Commissioners talked about personnel issues in two departments.

2:10 PM: The Commissioners were presented with **Resolution No. 845** in which the Commission is giving the **DUI Task Force** authority to distribute the funds they receive through the Flathead Valley Chemical Dependency Clinic. Commissioner Berget moved to adopt resolution #845 and it carried.

2:20 PM: The Bull Lake Volunteer Fire Department is requesting that Bruce Edwards, who resigned the board in October, be replaced by Sylvia Maffit. Commissioner Berget moved to appoint Sylvia Maffit to the **Bull Lake Volunteer Fire Department Board of Trustees** and it carried.

2:30 PM: **Fisher River Valley Fire Service Area Board** is requesting that Lee Manicke and George Neils be reappointed for an additional term. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the reappointment and it carried.

3:00 PM: **Bid Opening for the Landfill Front-end loader:** Kathi Hooper and Ray Miller are present. Only one bid was received. Western States of Kalispell bid a 2011 Caterpillar 938 Front end loader \$161,722.79 delivered. The bid will be considered by the landfill.

3:30 PM: The Commissioners discussed the **union negotiations with the Solid Waste** Department employees.

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John Konzen, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board