

September 19, 2012

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 19, 2012, in the Eureka Annex of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

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

10:30 AM: **Tracy McIntyre, TVID:** Tracy said that she is working on developing a government entity for ERD per the county auditor's suggestion. Tracy talked about the CEDS again. Commissioner Berget said that the resolution states that Libby, Troy and Eureka will turn their CEDS into Kristin and she will compile them into one for the County. Kristin said that she has Troy's and Libby's but not Eureka's. Tracy said hers is not ready yet.

11:00 AM: **Rae Lynn Hays, County Extension Agent:** Rae Lynn has resigned her position as of October 1, 2012. Steve Siegelin, Western Region Department Head, from Montana State University is here to discuss a replacement for that department. Steve spoke about the extension agent position and the role of MSU to the position. He said that MSU provides directly and indirectly roughly \$2.80 for every \$1 paid by the county to the county extension position. Rae Lynn said she has enjoyed the job. She talked about the 4H, the "4 Health" program through MSU to teach nutrition, "Money on the Bookshelf" program teaching families how to budget and teaching kids about spending and the "Master Gardner Program" is one of the most popular and created the community garden. Steve said that he has prepared a position announcement for the position which does not contain any economic development to be more realistic for the time allotted. He described the hiring process. Steve presented the commissioners with a County Commission Authorization to Fill an Agent Position. Commissioner Downey said that he would like to have a few days to research this before committing to it. Commissioner Berget agreed that he would like to wait to approve the position. Steve said that if the commissioners decided not to replace the agent they would have to shut down all the extension programs including 4H. Steve said that the Extension position was part time when Rae Lynn was hired. Commissioner Downey asked Steve if a part time agent was an option for Lincoln County. Steve said they could adjust the position. A few people spoke about the importance of the 4H program. Commissioner Roose said she wanted the agreement signed today. Commissioner Downey said that he needs a couple of days to decide. He doesn't feel that is an unfair request. Commissioner Berget agreed and the issue was tabled until next week.

11:40 AM: **Tim Orthmeyer, Morrison and Maierle:** Tim brought paperwork for the grants on the Airports. The work is done on the Libby Airport so the final payments are ready to be paid.

1:30 PM: **Montana Wild Resort**, 31 Recreational lots, COS 33452 Sec 22, T32N, R29W, Public hearing: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, presented the subdivision. The proposed subdivision is designed for 31 recreational lots in the Barron Creek area on Lake Koochanusa. The Planning Board and Kristin are recommending approval but somewhat reluctantly. They are concerned with future development, lack of utilities and requirement to plow. Kristin highlighted 3 conditions which included: maintenance agreement with USFS, Notice with plat identifying issues such as lack of emergency services and utilities, presence of grizzly bears and identifying "no-build zones" on steep slopes. The meeting was opened to public comment. No public comment was made. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the preliminary plat per planning staff recommendations and it carried.

1:45 PM: **Cato Subdivision**, 11 residential lots, Lot 3 of Warland Subdivision and Jennings Subdivision, Plat 6705, Sec 26, T36N, R28W, Public Hearing: Kristin presented the subdivision. Planning staff recommends approval subject to 11 conditions which include: extension of utilities to serve all lots, parkland requirements, upgrading existing roads. The planning board had concerns about RV's and a turnaround being larger. The meeting was opened to public comment and there was none. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the subdivision according to planning staff and planning board recommendations and it carried.

1:50 PM: **Lakeshore Permit:** Candace Denegal has created a subdivision on her property on Sophie Lake which includes a pedestrian access easement and landing area to the lake. The lakeshore construction permit application is for a dock with 4 boat slips to serve the 4 lots that do not have lakefront access. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the lakeshore permit according to planning staff recommendation and it carried.

1:55 PM: **Moonshine Mountain Hideaway Lot 3**, Variance Request: The request is from Enviro-Tech Consulting Inc. on behalf of the owners of the lot to vary from the minimum road width and grade requirements of the subdivision regulations. The owners are working to bring their property into compliance with a subdivision permit as there are currently 3 cabins on the property that was approved for 1 single family residence. The planning staff is recommending approval of the variance request subject to 5 conditions. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the variance and it carried.

2:10 PM: **Family Transfer:** A request from Therriault Clover Marvel and Dande Lyon Del Chiaro to convey a portion of their property to their mother, Rebecca Vredenburg. The property has been owned by the Vredenburg family since the 70's. This does not appear to be an evasion of subdivision. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the family transfer and it carried.

2:45 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the September 12, 2012, meeting**. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the minutes as altered and it carried.

2:50 PM: The commissioners were presented with the Personal Services Contract between **Levert Forestry Inc.** (Ed Levert) and Lincoln County as a county forester. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the contract and it carried. Commissioner Roose signed the contract.

3:00 PM: **Micki Carvey, County Health Nurse**: Rae Lynn Hays of Sagemore Associates is presenting the Grant Needs Assessment for the MIECHV grant for the County Health Nurse Department. She presented a 22 page report. The Parents as Teachers program will help fill the need of pre-school needs according to the report.

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Marianne Roose, Chairman

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