

August 20, 2014

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session in the Eureka Annex of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Greg Larson and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Tony Berget is on medical leave today.

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

10:00 AM: **Tracy McIntyre, Eureka Rural Development Partners:** Tracy came to meet the new commissioner and update the group on the current activities of the ERDP. Tracy mentioned to the commissioners that the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) is due this month. She has one ready for the North end of the county but is unsure if one is ready for the South. Tracy has been doing a lot of work with the across the border program. She went to Calgary to a conference to promote the area. She is working on dual certifications with the Rocky Mountain College and Flathead Valley Community College but it is in the planning stages. She explained the Wood Development building that she has and the uses and financing for it. She invited the commissioners to come and tour the facility later today. She has been speaking with other border towns to make the international trade a reality. Tracy talked about Canada's differences in environmental laws and building codes that make it more difficult to export services and products.

10:30 AM: **Lois Sciligo, Fair Secretary:** Lois is here to discuss her budget as other department heads have done. Lois cut 5% with 15 other departments. She is hoping to get an employee soon. She is working on developing a 501C3 Non-profit corporation to help get the additional funding they are hoping for to run the fair. She would like to see the fair budget triple in size through this method. They would love to have a kitchen, re-do the bathrooms and have showers available at the fairgrounds.

11:00 AM: **Tim Orthmeyer, Morrison Maierle Engineering:** Airport grant work is in full swing this summer. Tim has paperwork for signatures on the grants from FAA for the Eureka Airport. Commissioner Larson moved to pay the invoice #2 for the Eureka Airport and it carried. Commissioner Cole signed the paperwork.

11:30 AM: The commissioners walked through the **ERDC building** with Tracy McIntyre.

1:30 PM: **Border Lane Estates**, Preliminary Plat Review, Parcel C or COS 3984FC and Parcel A of COS 1451, S11, T37N, R28W, 4 lots: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, presented the subdivision. There were some concerns about garbage facilities but that has been remedied by additional garbage containers. Dawn Marquardt said that the property is fairly level and is a beautiful location. She noted that a road had been moved off the state land. The planning staff recommends approval with conditions. The developer, Henry Miller, said that the adjacent subdivision did not make the road in their subdivision as wide as they should have and that makes it harder for him to create his roads to standards. The group discussed the fact that no one monitors the roads in the subdivisions after the final plat has gone through. Marc from APEC agreed that when road widths are not heeded in subdivisions the cost to the next developer is significantly higher for road development. Commissioner Larson moved to approve the preliminary plat according to planning staff recommendation and it carried.

1:50 PM: **Burnett Family transfer:** Carrie Burnett is requesting to give each of her daughters, Deanna and Carla a portion of her land. There is no evidence of subdivision evasion. Commissioner Larson moved to approve the family transfer and it carried.

1:53 PM: **RV Park Design Standards:** This is a public hearing for the changes in the design standards for RV parks. There was a previous public hearing in Libby. The Planning Board spent a great deal of time on this subject and has suggested changes. Kristin explained the changes including only 10 RV's per acres instead of 25. The others are concerning setbacks, visual buffers, off street parking and street lighting. Commissioner Cole opened the meeting for public comment. Richard Rossen asked how this affects RV parks already in place. Kristin answered that these new rules only apply to new applications. RV parks already in place are exempt from these rules as they were not in place when those parks were created. Mr. Rossen is having many issues living next to an existing RV Park. Dawn Marquardt asked for clarification about the additional parking. Kristin explained the idea of overflow parking. Dawn thought it would be better to allow more space for parking by the RV because they will park there anyway. Gary Mason asked what constituted an RV park. He stated that some lots are just residential lots but 5 campers will park there for the summer. Kristin said that if someone reported it and they were using the same septic system, they would consider that an RV park. Krista Nemeroff clarified that it only would be considered that if they are using the same septic. Robert Ganzola said this is long overdue and it's a good strong start. The welfare of the area is at stake. If people are not careful, this whole valley will become a large RV Park. He said that the homeowner is becoming an endangered species. He is afraid that the "hometowners" are going to leave the area to find a good place to live and raise a family. He saw something similar happen in California where he lived previously. Commissioner Cole closed the public hearing at 2:15 PM. The commissioners will make a decision on this next week.

2:25 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

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Mike Cole, Acting Chair

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Tammy D Lauer, Clerk of the Board