

**April 7, 2010**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on April 7, 2010, in 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.

9:00 AM: Commissioner Konzen **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 AM: **USFS/KNF**: Present are Cami Winslow, Paul Stantus and Quinn Carver. Cami showed a list of the projects that were approved last week at a meeting. Paul talked about Montanore Mine and Rock Creek Mine. He has the order from the court on the two suits one against the Forest Service and one against US Fish and Wildlife Services. They discussed the process and what they can do next. Paul talked about the stimulus money projects that are started and said that many bids are coming in on new projects. Quinn spoke about the forests, the Grizzly bears and the status of those studies. Commissioner Konzen talked about the Rifle Range in Troy and how well it is being received. He said that working with the Forest Service on that project has been very positive.

10:00 AM: **EPA Update**: Present are Victor Kettlepper, Mike Cirian, Ted Linnert, Libby Faulk, Dick Sloan, Allan Payne on the phone and Rebecca Thomas on the phone. Public present are Brad Fuqua, Peggy Williams and D C Orr. Victor started by talking about the draft for an OU4 data and clean-up work. Commissioner Berget asked about OU5 and Rebecca talked about the progress on that. Victor spoke about the fire at the Plywood Plant and the comments they have received from the public. The group talked about how to plan for this type of event in the future. Mike talked about beginning the season, because the weather has been nice they were able to start early. They have started on the Libby Hotel, preparing to take the soil from the amphitheater and move it to the mine and have been working with Kathi Hooper concerning a project at the landfill.

11:00 AM: **Administrative Issues**:

There was a discussion in regards to Justice Court #2..

11:30 AM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the March 31, 2010 meeting**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes as revised and it carried.

**Subdivision Review**: Lisa Oedewaldt and Kristin Smith

1:30 PM: **Public Meeting on Chain of Lakes Neighborhood Plan**: Present are Guy Uithof, David Anderson, Doreen Gullingsrud, Joe Kelly, Lyle Brist, David Greer, Dolly Purdy, Kim Annis, Elmer Sieler, Jennifer Nelson, Jim Hayes, Barb Guthneck and Craig Munro. Kristin presented the neighborhood plan along with a timeline for the plan. There was a letter of support submitted from Fish Wildlife and Parks, however they are concerned about the 5 year time frame for the conservation areas. They feel it is too short a time period. Lyle Brist presented a letter and read it stating his support for the plan and how the Homeowners Association came to develop it. David Greer, Plum Creek Representative, spoke about the plan and his involvement in it. He talked about the positive points to the plan. Barb Guthneck had some written comments from her husband who couldn't be here today. Commissioner Berget read the letter. Mike Guthneck is in favor of the plan but had some suggestions for things that need to be included. Water levels and quality of water are concerns he has. He is also concerned about the loons on the lakes, shore erosion with increased activity by motorized vehicles and against the trade of property by the Fish and Game of Banana Lake. Elmer Sealer is not a member of the Homeowners Association and is offended by the lack of contact with landowners that are not a part of the association. He is not against the plan just against not being in on it. Commissioner Konzen explained that he respects his opinion on being notified. David Anderson talked about his involvement in the area and the changes that have happened in his lifetime. He is in favor of the Neighborhood Policy. Jennifer Nelson said that she is in favor of the plan as well. Dolly Purdy talked about the Cell Tower that so many residents are against and if there was a Neighborhood Plan this couldn't happen. Commissioner Berget said that he would be more comfortable if every landowner had one more notification of the Plan. Guy Uithof lives on the back of Crystal Lake year round but is the only one. Elmer said that mailing to the property owners is the only way to really contact all landowners. Commissioner Roose moved to adopt the Neighborhood Plan today, Commissioner Berget seconded but only for discussion purposes because he would rather see them wait one week to vote on it. Since Elmer hasn't seen the plan, maybe there are many others who haven't either. Commissioner Roose stated that she feels the landowners have had ample opportunity to review the plan and it is not set in stone, but just a working plan that can still be commented on. Commissioner Konzen pointed out that they have heard no negative comments on the plan today. The motion carried with two votes for and Commissioner Berget voting against.

2:35 PM: **Barnaby Heights**, Preliminary extension: Lisa presented the subdivision which was approved as preliminary plat in May, 2007. They need an extension of one year because it is taking longer to prepare the water system than they thought. Planning recommends approval. Commissioner Roose moved to grant the extension and it carried.

2:37 PM: There are **4 lot use or density changes** that need approval.

Dave McMillan-Lot 16, **Mariners Haven**, RV space to Single Family Residential/Cabin: Commissioner Roose moved to approve the change according to Planning staff recommendation and it carried.

Dave McMillan-Lot 4, Mariners Haven, RV space to Single Family Residential Home: Commissioner Roose moved to approve the change according to Planning staff recommendation and it carried.

Ron Hart-**Airpark Village Subdivision**, single family residential to single unit recreational: Commissioner Roose moved to approve the change according to Planning staff recommendation and it carried.

Ron Hart-AJ Estates Subdivision, single family residential to single unit recreational: Commissioner Roose moved to approve the change according to Planning staff recommendation and it carried.

3:00 PM: The **Lincoln County Planning Board** has members that have expired. Charlie Newton, Ted Andersen and Stew Briskin have agreed to be reappointed as board members for one year until March 31, 2011. Joe Kelly, Mark Romey and Paul Tisher have agreed to be reappointed for two years until March 31, 2012. Commissioner Roose moved to approve the reappointments to the Planning Board and it carried.

2:55 PM: There was a discussion about the Liberty Solutions meetings against the growth policy.

3:15 PM: Maggie Anderson from the **Northwest Community Change Team**, asked for a letter from the Commissioners supporting the cooperative effort with Mineral County. Commissioner Berget moved to write the letter of support and it carried. Maggie received the signed letter later that day.

3:30 PM: Meeting with the **Industrial District Board concerning the Stinger Welding Building Construction Loan**: Jim Mayo, Paul Rumelhart, Ardell Filler, Carl Douglas and Russ Barnes were present. Paul presented a fact sheet. The economic development has a major benefit which is jobs. Stinger Welding is proposing a 204 job business for Lincoln County. Stinger Welding was to obtain a loan but the loan did not go through. The County could receive the loan and build the building and Stinger welding could purchase it from the County. Carl Douglas, Stinger Welding, spoke about the current status of Stinger Welding. They currently have 22 employees and pay \$88,000 per month in wages. The revenues are on track. He has already invested over \$2 million in this project. Carl flew in today from Arizona to speak to the Commissioners and the public about his future plans. He is very pleased with the employees he has in Montana and feels they have a good quality of work. Jim asked how much they have invested in the Central Maintenance Building. \$250,000 was the answer. He talked about the training of the employees so far. Paul asked what bridges have been constructed here so far. Carl said mostly partial structures have been constructed in Montana. The railroad tracks have been a big plus for them too. They get steel from back east and can get it right to their facility. The loan is for \$3,366,500, it will be guaranteed by Carl with his home, summer home and rental property until the state comes in and pays it off. Commissioner Roose asked about the collateral and was happy to hear that it is substantial. Commissioner Berget said he wished he had more time to consider this so they could check with other counties that have done it. However, he has gone to the site and took a tour of Stinger Welding and he feels more comfortable. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the loan with the documents being reviewed by experts in this field. Commissioner Roose seconded the motion. They discussed how the loan would be monitored and regulated. It was stated that Glacier Bank will distribute the funds. Commissioner Roose acknowledged that the economic times have warranted this need, banks would normally lend the money not the county. However, this is necessary because of the bank is not in a position of lending. Commissioner Konzen agreed and felt that the jobs issue would be a great benefit for the community. The Commissioners voted unanimously for the loan. Commissioner Berget complimented Paul on his persistence on this matter.

4:10 PM: There was a discussion about VISA cards for **County travel**.

4:15 PM: There was a discussion about the **Eureka Justice of the Peace office personnel**.

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Commissioner John Konzen, Chairman

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