

August 4, 2010

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 4, 2010 in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Tony Berget, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner John Konzen is on vacation but attended the meeting with Trust for Public Lands and Stimson.

9:15 AM: Commissioner Roose **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:15 AM: **Paul Bradford, KNF:** Commissioner Roose asked Paul about the RAC projects. Paul said that they are coming along fine. Paul talked about the slow fire season so far. He mentioned the years in the past when fire season didn't start until September and October. He talked about current legislation concerning Grizzly bears and mining. Two timber sales are coming up this month. Commissioner Berget asked about some chip sealing by the county for the Forest Service. Commissioner Berget asked about Middle Thompson Lake property on the back of the lake and the dust involved with the roads in that area. The group discussed the hiring of the new forest ranger in Troy.

10:00 AM: **Alex Diekmann-Trust for Public Lands-Stimson Conservation Easement:** Ray Jones, Barry Dexter, Kevin Stow and Daryl Phifer are here from Stimson. Alan Wood is here from Fish Wildlife and Parks. Representative Chas Vincent is also present. Alex explained that the easement would protect the land for public use. The recreation benefits of the land would be available to everyone. The whole point of the easement is to prevent subdividing and developing of the forest lands. Commissioner Berget asked about public access specifics. Alan Wood talked about the road access agreement. Commissioner Berget asked about access for firewood and berry picking. Alan and Alex said that any current use by the public would still be available. Chas asked about the road standards in the final plan. He was told that there would be an agreement that owners must keep the roads to standards as long as they are under the permit, which is 30 years. They will be back later in the year to present a plan. Ray talked about the Stimson perspective on this easement. The land in question is considered valuable land and therefore is worth keeping for the long term. Alex said that he feels that the four people from Stimson that came today speak volumes for the company's sincerity on this project. Commissioner Konzen and Commissioner Roose both spoke in favor of the project and congratulated Stimson on their efforts. Commissioner Berget said that the access agreement is very important to him. He wants to see the access remain as it is.

Subdivision Review: Lisa Oedewaldt and Kristin Smith

1:30 PM: **Hurricane Ranch II**, 7 lots, NW1/4 Sec 14, T26N, R28W, Public Hearing: Present are Tim Rooney, Ken Davis, David Puttkemery, Josh Lenderman. Lisa presented the subdivision. There is a question about a County Road that has been abandoned. Bill will research it further. Mr. Puttkemery spoke about his road plans. The public hearing was closed.

1:45 PM: **Osprey View Estates; Phase II**, 2 lots, final approval: Lisa presented the final plat. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the final plat and it carried.

1:48 PM: **Pheasant View Forest, Amended Lot 2E and Lot 2 White Trail Terrace**, Plat Adjustment/Condition Amendment: Lisa explained the changes and Kristin showed the map of the newly proposed plat. The original proposal had 2 lots accessing off Camp View Drive, requiring an upgrade to the road, some of which should have happened with previous projects. The adjustment to the design makes all 4 lots access off of Timber Lane. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the access change and amend Condition #7 to include a provision that the driveways across Timber Lane be accounted for in the driveway spacing requirement. Commissioner Roose seconded and it carried.

1:52 PM: **North Portal Tracts**, Road Length Variance: Lisa explained the variance request and showed maps of the area. Planning is suggesting 3 cul-d-sacs inside the subdivision which would make better access for emergency vehicles. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the variance and it carried.

2:16 PM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the July 28, 2010 meeting**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

2:18 PM: The Commissioners approved running an ad in the Tobacco Valley News in support of the fair.

2:25 PM: **Vic White:** Vic came to discuss the Northern Tier. He wants to update the Commissioners on the status of the project.

2:50 PM: Department of Revenue has determined that there was no structure on a property for **Daniel Dickmeyer** but he was taxed as if there were. Commissioner Berget moved to approve a refund of \$1,160.10 for 3 years taxes on Mr. Dickmeyer's property.

3:00 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

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Marianne Roose, Acting Chair

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board