

**August 6, 2014**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 6, 2014, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. The commissioners welcome new Commissioner Gregory L Larson. Also present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Mike Cole, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

The commissioners spent the morning at the Kootenai National Forest Service Supervisor's office for a tour and talk about the forest industry.

1:30 PM: Commissioner Berget **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1:30 PM: **Weasel Creek Estates Subdivision**, extension request: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, addressed the new request for extension. The commissioners received a request from APEC Engineering to extend the preliminary plat. In the letter, APEC takes full responsibility for the error of letting the time period for an extension request expire. They had a change in associates and the date was missed. Kristin said that there is a law allowing an extension in these circumstances but it is definitely an exception to the rule. Kristin recommended allowing the extension with 4 additional conditions for approval. These included a new plat map showing the current plan. APEC is here on behalf of the developer and questions the need for condition 2 (b) which states "The preliminary plat shall be submitted showing slopes greater than 30%. Said slopes shall be restricted from building sites." At the time this subdivision was given preliminary plat approval that was not a condition. Kristin agreed that it was not a requirement back then however, it is in the newer subdivision requirements. Marc Liechti from APEC said that some of the sites may have a slope near 30% but he is unsure. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the extension with item 2(b) given the ability to be readdressed at a later date. The motion carried.

1:45 PM: **Public Hearing for the RV Park Design Standards (Subdivision Regulations Amendment)**: Kristin presented the new standards and the reasons for the regulations. Richard Brown asked if this would apply to the lots in a subdivision that are being utilized as RV parks by the owners. He also wondered how the septic systems for these lots are monitored and approved. Commissioner Berget told him that the DEQ is in charge of issuing permits for that. Wayne Moser is concerned that he has 2 RV pads on his property for friends and relatives that come to visit. He is concerned that this will apply to him. Kristin assured him that his does not constitute an RV Park. Jim Johnson submitted a letter to be read. He opposes the RV regulations and feels that it would hamper future parks from being built and therefore take away jobs. Another letter submitted was from Jerald Cogswell. Mr. Cogswell suggested a few more conditions as a potential RV park will be on the property next to him. He asks for sufficient proof of groundwater, wider roads, paved roads to remedy the dust from the parks, limited lightning and fencing to put the RV's out of sight of neighbors. Richard Rosson wrote a letter saying that regulations are necessary because he sees a lot of problems in a current RV park near his home. Rhoda Cargill said she feels the county needs a customs and cultures statement. She asked for copies of the RV applications to date and copies of the comments submitted. She also feels that the public hearings should be held in the evenings so more people can attend. Rhoda feels that the RV regulations are stricter than the regulations for Mobile Home parks. Rhoda is questioning how these regulations would help Lincoln County and why we need them. Marc Liechti of APEC said the RV regulations are already being followed by developers of any RV parks he has planned over the past couple of years. Most developers have these conditions in mind when talking about building RV parks. He stated that he is not against the regulations at all.

2:35 PM: **Vic White and Lisa Oedewaldt, EMA**: Vic and Lisa talked about the fire danger in Lincoln County this summer. Fire danger is very high. The group discussed the procedures for declaring an emergency and for funding an emergency. Vic said that Deputy Kirk Kraft has worked on an evacuation plan for the county in the event of an emergency. The woods are very dry now and are coming close to the levels they were at in 1994.

3:00 PM: The commissioners attended the **City-County Health Board Meeting**.

4:30 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the July 30, 2014, meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

4:35 PM: The **McCormick Fire District Board** is requesting that Linda Lundin be reappointed for a three year term. Commissioner Larson moved to approve the reappointment and it carried.

4:38 PM: The commissioner received a quarterly report for the **LiV Golf Cars, Inc.** draw request for the **CDBG grant**. Commissioner Berget and Tammy signed the request.

4:50 PM: Commissioner Cole was asked to renew **a lease with the Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana** for a part of the Eureka Annex building. Commissioner Cole moved to increase the lease amount to \$350 per month and allow them to sublease to Job Service and REO. It was decided that due to the increased use of the room and therefore more utility usage, it would be prudent to raise the monthly rent to \$350. Bill Bischoff will contact CAPNM to ask them to draw up and new lease.

4:55 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

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Tammy D Lauer, Clerk of the Board