

**January 5, 2011**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on January 5, 2011 in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Marianne Roose, Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

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

9:00 AM: **KNF, Paul Bradford and Maggie Pittman:** Paul will be going to Missoula for a few months for work and while he is gone, Maggie, from Coeur d'Alene is going to be taking his place here in Libby. Paul talked about the Environmental Impact Statement and its progress. The group discussed the talks with EPA and the Forest Service. The Commissioners expressed their concerns over any more wilderness. Commissioner Roose asked about stimulus funds and if any are still coming to the KNF. Paul said that some contracts are still open but no new contracts will be coming. Commissioner Roose gave an update to Paul about the Secured Rural Schools funding.

10:00 AM: **Sue Sutherland, RC&D:** Sue came to update the Commissioners about RC&D. RC&D is a non-profit nationwide organization that is designated to meet the needs of the individual communities. Sue brought printouts that showed the projects that RC&D are involved in locally and throughout the state.

10:30 AM: **Dave Harmon:** Dave has a concern with subdivisions named Corvette Heights I, II and III. The roads in the subdivisions have never been brought up to county standards. The Corvette Heights homeowners association has asked Dave to represent them on the road issue. Dave met with Kristin Smith and Lisa Oedewaldt a couple of times. The Commissioners agreed to talk to the County Attorney about this issue.

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

Commissioner Berget moved to appoint Commissioner Roose as **Chairman of the Commission**. Commissioner Downey seconded and it carried. It is the policy of Lincoln County to name the Commissioner in the final 2 years of their term to the Chairman position.

The Commissioners read **Resolution 846 which names the holidays for the 2011** year and the mileage and per diem rates for the year. Commissioner Berget moved to pass resolution 846 and it carried.

The Commissioners read the **minutes of the December 8, and December 15, 2010 meetings**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes as amended and it carried.

The Commissioners were presented the new grant papers for the **County Health Nurse IAP grant** and Commissioner Roose signed the grant.

The County Treasurer has performed a **records Disposal** of the older than 10 years records in her office. The Commissioners signed the request.

11:30 AM: **George Neils, Fisher River Fire Service Area:** George talked about the request he made for the Fire Service area in November. He explained the request for the new commissioner. The issue is that the Fire Department is planning to transfer property to the Fire Service Area in order to obtain a loan. The debate is whether the property should be transferred back to the Fire Department after the loan is paid. Commissioner Berget stated that he doesn't see a need to transfer the property back. There was a discussion about the ownership issue. George showed the Commissioners the documents that were drawn up to make the property exchange.

1:30 PM: **Planning Department:** Lisa Oedewaldt and Kristin Smith

1:30 PM: **Family Transfer:** Tarsem Cheema would like to transfer a parcel to each of his sons, Pabinder and Ajmele. He has owned the property since 2008. The Planning staff sees no evidence of evasion. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the family transfer and it carried.

1:32 PM: **Lakeshore Permit:** Proud/Stewart on Glen Lake for Dock and bank stabilization that was previously presented to the Commissioners needs a decision. There have been some changes since presenting this to the Commissioners however, the changes were suggestions from the Corp of Engineers. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the lakeshore permit and it carried.

2:04 PM: There is a request for a **"quiet Zone" on the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Extension**. A Quiet Zone would require the railroad to have a crossing that does not require the train to sound their horns. The 5<sup>th</sup> street extension is in the process of moving the street to the south of the properties which is the old Jennings Haul Road. Kristin showed the Commissioners the steps required to issue a quiet zone. Lee Disney and Rocky Schauer are the citizens getting this process started.

2:25 PM: Kristin updated the Commissioners on the status of the **new boiler system for the library**.

3:03 PM: **Sheriff Roby Bowe and Jerry Rust** gave an update of changes in the Sheriff's department. There have been some personnel changes in responsibilities. Jerry is staying on until Undersheriff Brett Faulkner is finished at the academy.

3:15 PM: **Administrative Issues with Bill Bischoff.**

Bill discussed **board appointments** for the upcoming term. Commissioner Downey will now be the county representative for Council on the aging. Commissioner Berget will be on the Port Authority Board. Commissioner Roose will stay on the Chemical dependency Board and the Community Action Partnership .

The Commissioners discussed **the cell phones for the county**. It was decided that the county will continue to provide phones but that if an employee chooses to keep a personal phone they will be reimbursed at \$40.00 per month which is the cost of a county phone.

**County Attorney Bernie Cassidy** informed the commissioners about changes in personnel in his office.

Bill talked about the **new phone system for the courthouse**. This will be effective in February after there is time to advertise the change.

Commissioner Downey spoke to the other commissioners about his vehicle. Commissioner Berget and Commissioner Roose asked Commissioner Downey to look around for a vehicle in a price range that is comparable to the vehicles that have been purchased in the past, \$12,000 to 14,000.

4:40 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

## **LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Marianne Roose, Chairman

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board