

**March 19, 2014**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on March 19, 2014, in the Eureka Annex of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Ron Downey, Commissioner Mike Cole, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Commissioner Tony Berget is on vacation.

10:00 AM: The commissioners visited a property on **Glen Lake** that is involved in a Lakeshore permit request.

11:25 AM: Commissioner Downey **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

11:30 AM: The commissioners **discussed budget issues** for this year and next year's budgets.

1:30 PM: **Brook Hollow**, 1 residential lot, Parcel D COS 3778AE, Sec 9, T36N, R26W, Commissioner Review: Kristin Smith, Planning Director, presented the subdivision request which is a release of the agricultural covenant placed on the parcel when it was originally created. The commissioners must lift that covenant. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the request and it carried.

1:35 PM: **Lakeshore Permit: Barry Deluca** owns property on Glen Lake and is requesting to install a 60' rock wall along the ordinary high watermark centered on 2 properties and place 900 square feet of native fill behind the wall, topped with sod. The planning board vote 5 to 1 to deny the permit because it does not meet the policy guidelines or standard considerations of the Lincoln County Lakeshore Protection Regulations. Commissioner Downey and Commissioner Cole went to the site earlier today to view the proposed area. Fish, Wildlife and Parks also had concerns with the project and recommended denial. A Glen Lake Irrigation District spokesman at the meeting also requested denial. John Hammons stated that the GLID had previously been in favor of this so he is asking why there are three entities involved; the county, the GLID and the Planning Board. Commissioner Cole moved to table the decision in order to obtain more information.

1:50 PM: The commissioners read the **minutes of the March 12, 2014, meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

1:55 PM: The **Soil Conservation District Supervisors** have two open positions and two people have filed, Wayne Maahs and Mark Romey. The Elections department is asking for a commissioner signature on a Resolution to call for **candidate certification by Acclamation**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the Resolution and it carried.

1:57 PM: The **Lincoln County Weed Board** has three members that will expire this year. All three members are willing to be reappointed to the board for another term. Commissioner Downey moved to approve the reappointment of Rocky Schauer, Mark Peterson and Don Longgood to the Weed Board and it carried.

2:30 PM: **Road closures:** Five local contractors are here today and are concerned about the road closures due to spring break-up. Commissioner Cole began by speaking about a couple of meetings they have already had on this subject. Bob Cuffe said that the contractors respect Tim White, Eureka Road Foreman and know he is following the rules and laws set before him. Bob said that the economy is significantly impacted by the road closures. He thought maybe a change in the weight restrictions would help and a shorter time period. Bob owns the concrete company and wouldn't mind paying a fee to use closed roads. He said somehow we need to fund the roads in order to open them. He volunteered to fix a road he feels was damaged by he or his peers. Tim said they had valid points but the weight they are talking about would not last on a chip sealed road. He feels a chip sealed road needs to be closed for a period of time in order to avoid damage. He spoke about the damage to roads when they are used this time of year. Commissioner Downey echoed Tim's statements. Commissioner Downey was Troy road foreman and worked on that crew for over 26 years. He knows that it is necessary to close roads. Tim said that the average time frame that the roads are closed is about 28 days and he is not trying to keep people from working but he is trying to follow the rules to protect the roads. Tim said it comes down to money and the lack of it. If the county roads were asphalt they wouldn't have to close them at all. Josh Letcher said that he would like to see a load a day or a load every other day but as things start drying out allow more. They don't want to tear up the roads but they want a different solution so they can work. Keith Hanson thinks the Forest Service is getting fees on these roads and we come out with nothing. Bill Bischoff told them about road districts and the creation of them. Keith Hanson said that he doesn't want anyone to think that they are against Tim or him doing his job to protect the roads but he hopes something can be done to open the roads sooner. Bob said maybe the business owners could put down a fee to haul and then it would be there to cover repairs to the roads. Wayne Finch asked about grants and thought maybe someone could get a grant to asphalt some of the main roads.

3:20 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

#### **LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Ron Downey, Acting Chair

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Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board