

October 19, 2011

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on October 19, 2011, in the Eureka Annex of 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.

10:30 AM: Commissioner Roose **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:30 AM: **Tracy McIntyre, TVID:** Tracy gave an update on the Tobacco Valley Industrial District project of building a structure on the site. The concrete has been poured. Tracy originally received a loan from PILT for \$100,000 as the grant to build the building is a reimbursable grant. At this point she is beginning to turn in her draws on the grant but needs \$50,000 to get her through until the grant money comes through. Commissioner Downey moved to approve Resolution Number 864 which amends the PILT budget to add \$50,000 to the line item for the TVID loan. Commissioner Berget seconded and it carried. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document must be in place for funds and grants and Tracy is ready for the North end of the county and hopes that Paul is working on it for the South end. The group discussed the history of the CEDS in Lincoln County and the changes they may make. Robin in Troy and Paul in Libby will need to compile information and work together with Tracy to move forward with the CEDS document. At that point, Tracy has volunteered to compile the information and produce the final document for the CEDS in Lincoln County. Commissioner Berget moved that the commissioners are in agreement that the Economic Development people in the county need to work together complete the CEDS document, and it carried.

11:25 AM: Mike Cuffe has agreed to represent the north end of the county on the Port Authority Board. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the appointment of Mike Cuffe to the **Port Authority Board** and it carried.

1:30 PM: **Variance Request, Angel Cove Subdivision:** Maria Eckholt has a 4 unit subdivision with multiple points of access. The roads have current easements however; the road was built outside of the easements many years ago. Kristin Smith, planning director, went over the Lincoln County Subdivision Regulations regarding the variance and her response to each. There does not appear to be any safety issues, the variance will not create an increase to public costs, and there is no zoning so that is not an issue. Planning staff recommends approval with 6 conditions. Jay Squire represents Ms. Eckholt and gave a history of the road. Bob Smith spoke about the road and wasn't concerned about the proposed variance as he said it really doesn't affect him to any degree. He was worried about the "policing" of the number of living units on the properties. Kristin explained the procedures. Melanie Davis, owner of the property being affected, spoke about the road location. She showed her understanding of the map and Jay helped clarify the road and marks on the map. There was a further conversation about roads in and around the Angel Cove Subdivision.

2:30 PM: **MBMI Development** extension: Commissioner Berget moved to approve the extension based on the opinions of Environmental Health and Planning staff and it carried.

2:35 PM: **Lyman Estates** extension: Commissioner Berget moved to approve the extension based on the opinions of Environmental Health and Planning staff and it carried.

2:40 PM: **Bob Denning, Auditor:** Bob talked about last year's audit on ARRA stimulus money. Bob talked about the difficulty he had auditing the HRSA grant last year and wanted to make a plan for the upcoming audit. The commissioners are going to write a letter to get the audit started. The Commissioners talked to Bob about auditing some county entities. They talked about fire departments being audited.

3:40 PM: **Tax Abatement, John Rios:** Mr. and Mrs. Rios are owed overpayment of 3 years taxes on a mobile home that was being taxed as a dwelling. The Department of Revenue has confirmed this. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the tax abatement and it carried.

3:42 PM: The **meeting was adjourned**.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Marianne Roose, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board