

February 23, 2011

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on February 23, 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.

9:30 AM: Commissioner Roose **opened the meeting** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:30 AM: **Tim Orthmayer, Morrison Maierle, Inc:** Tim is here today to get signatures for the new FAA grant for the Libby Airport. He also talked about engineering a building that will be ADA approved for the Airport. Commissioner Roose signed a letter for Tim.

10:00 AM: **Nancy Higgins, County Treasurer:** Nancy has a printout of taxes owed on Mobile homes that have been destroyed or are no longer in the county. She is looking to have those taxes cancelled. Commissioner Berget moved to cancel taxes on the mobile homes and it carried. She also has a list of Personal Property Taxes that have been deactivated by the Department of Revenue and therefore uncollectable. Commissioner Berget moved to cancel taxes on the deactivated personal property taxes and it carried. The Personal Property taxes that are 5 years or more delinquent and under the \$20,000 limit are collectable but only if the Sheriff is willing to collect them. Commissioner Roose said she feels the county should attempt to collect the taxes. They need to speak to Roby before making any more decisions on those. The list of Real Property Taxes 10 years or more delinquent has several of them for Lincoln County that are roads or easements. Nancy would like to delete them as well. Commissioner Berget moved to delete the Lincoln County delinquent property taxes for roads or easements and taxes that are 10 years old or older and it carried.

10:38 PM: **CDBG- St John's Hospital-second reading on grant request:** Commissioner Roose opened the meeting and Tammy Lauer, Clerk, read the notice of hearing as published in the newspaper. Tammy stated that there are no technical reports or comments pertaining to the subject. There are also no letters submitted regarding the subject. Commissioner Roose gave the floor to Paul Rumelhart and Bill Patton for comment. Bill gave a narrative on the project which involves the Sewer and Water system for the city to enable the hospital to connect to the city sewer and water. Paul showed an architect's cost estimate. The total is \$572,023. Paul presented a Sources of Funds showing the total cost of the new hospital which includes the CDBG grant. The total cost of the building will be \$34,000,000. Commissioner Berget moved to accept the CDBG proposal for St John's Lutheran Hospital, Commissioner Downey seconded and it carried.

10:55 AM: The Commissioners read the new agreement with the **Western Montana Area VI Agency on Aging**. Commissioner Downey moved to sign and accept the contract and it carried.

10:59 AM: The Commissioners read the **minutes of the February 16, 2011 meeting**. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the minutes as amended and it carried.

11:00 AM: **Road Abandonment Hearing:** There is a portion of the old Yaak road that has not been used Commissioner Downey moved to abandon the road as it has no impact on the public. Commissioner Berget seconded and it carried.

11:09 AM: The Commissioners signed a letter to the Dispute Resolution Officer for the **Genesis, Inc., Metal Mines Tax** review request. The Commissioners are asking that \$42,515 in penalties be waived.

11:12 AM: The Commissioners signed a letter to Director Anna Whiting Sorrell of the Department of Public Health and Human Services regarding the **CARD Clinic**.

11:30 AM: **Safety Award:** Vic White, Lisa Oedewaldt and Robin Benson are here representing the Safety Committee. There was an audit in January of the safety program and MACO was very impressed. Last year the Workers comp program was reduced by over \$65,000 due to the safety program. Last month the state gave an award to Lincoln County for its safety program. Vic presented the award to the Commissioners and thanked them for their support.

1:30 PM: **Final Plat Extension Request:** Saddle Mountain Views is asking for an extension of one year from the original date. Commissioner Berget moved to grant the extension to Saddle Mountain Views and it carried. Cielo Lindo Estates #2 is asking for a third extension since preliminary plat approval on 5-17-06. Planning staff does not recommend approval because no improvements have been made to the property in the 6 years. Commissioner Downey moved to deny the extension for Cielo Lindo Estates and it carried.

1:38 PM: **Phelps Homestead**, final plat approval: Lisa presented the subdivision. All conditions have been met. Commissioner Downey excluded himself from this discussion as he is an adjacent landowner. Commissioner Berget moved to approve the final plat and it carried.

1:45 PM: The Commissioners discussed **personnel matters**.

2:30 PM: **Vic White:** The Health Preparedness Grant was discussed.

3:00 PM: **Samantha Pierson, Library Director:** Sami came to announce that the Library has been awarded a Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program grant for computer equipment. They will be awarded money for a new ADA accessible bathroom in Eureka as well. There will be a total of 22 computers for Lincoln County.

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

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Marianne Roose, Chairman

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