

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 31, 2014

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, December 31, 2014. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Gerald Huehl and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.

Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Mike Weigel, Dustin Florence, David Dohe, Wendy Gronau, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Jennifer O'Hare and Christen Robinson.

Law Enforcement: Sheriff Mike Weigel with Undersheriff Dustin Florence reported on law enforcement activities. Weigel requested a fifty cent per hour merit increase for Clinton Bailey, as he has been transferred to the jailer/dispatcher position for six months, and has also completed part-time law enforcement training. Gerald Huehl moved to grant Clinton Bailey a fifty cent per hour merit increase for the completion of six months as jailer/dispatcher and for successfully completing part-time law enforcement training, effective December 26, 2014, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Weigel also requested a one dollar per hour merit increase for Craig Shearer, noting that he has been doing a tremendous job for the department, and the wage increase will help bring his wage in line with similar experienced deputies. Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 10:32 a.m. - 10:37 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Sheriff Weigel, Undersheriff Florence and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

**Salary Increase
Approved:**

Executive Session:

Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting to regular session at 10:37 a.m.

**Salary Increase
Approved:** Al Joe Wallace moved to grant Craig Shearer, a \$1.00 per hour merit increase, effective December 26, 2014 upon recommendations of the Sheriff, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

**Emergency
Management:** Emergency Manager David Dohe provided a Letter of Understanding with the Kansas Department of Corrections, detailing a general overview of the Ellsworth Correctional Facility's capabilities to respond to a critical incident within Lincoln County. Al Joe Wallace moved to allow David Dohe to sign a Letter of Understanding with the Kansas Department of Corrections as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau presented documentation to apply for the Kansas Revolving and Assistance Fund (KRAF) Grant Program to purchase modules for two cardiac monitors. The board approved allowing the chairman to sign the KRAF grant application with a 15% local match.

Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department. O'Hare provided reports on annual fuel and equipment expense.

The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Recess:

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:55 p.m.

Reconvene:

- Nursing Home: Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson reported on nursing home activities.
- County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare discussed county legal matters. O'Hare inquired about purchasing telephones for the office and how best to handle the division between county expense and private business expense.
- Accounts Payable & Payroll Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve December accounts payable warrants in the amount of \$297,834.74 and December gross payroll in the amount of \$175,578.48, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- 2015 Health Insurance Contributions: Gerald Huehl moved to set the employee monthly health insurance contribution rates for the 2015 plan year, with the new contributions beginning with employees December 2014 paycheck: single plan - \$60.00; employee/dependant plans - \$80.00; and family plans - \$110.00; all employees who participated and qualified for the Health Quest rewards program will receive the \$40 monthly premium discount for the 2015 plan year, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Employee Hired: Al Joe Wallace moved to employ John Paul Ellis, as the full-time courthouse janitor/maintenance, starting salary \$12.05 per hour, effective December 29, 2014, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Tax Abatements: Gerald Huehl moved to allow tax abatements 2014-18 through 2014-21 in the amount of \$1,072.21, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Resolutions: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the following Resolutions: Resolution 2014-23, authorizing the transfer of \$1,400.00 from the Lincoln County General Fund to the Lincoln County Transportation Bus Fund; Resolution 2014-24, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-204, transferring \$25,000.00 from the Lincoln County Health 2014 budgeted funds into the Lincoln County Health Capital Outlay Fund; Resolution 2014-25, pursuant to provisions of K.S.A. 19-3612(c), transferring funds from the 2014 budgeted General Operating Fund of each Rural Fire District into the Special Equipment Fund of that district in the following amounts: Barnard Rural Fire District - \$3,500; Beverly Rural Fire District - \$9,000; First Rural Fire District - \$2,500; Hunter Rural Fire District - \$8,500; and Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District - \$12,750; Resolution 2014-26, pursuant to provisions of K.S.A. 68-141(g) transferring \$210,000.00 from the 2014 Lincoln County Road & Bridge Fund into the Road & Bridge Special Machinery Fund; and Resolution 2014-27, pursuant to provisions of K.S.A. 65-6116(e)&(f), to clear insurance write-offs, collection agency fees and uncollectable accounts receivable, in the amount of \$43,348.06, from the Lincoln County Ambulance Service accounts receivable records, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the December 22, 2014 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 5, 2014 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.