

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 31, 2018

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the basement meeting room of the courthouse Thursday, May 31, 2018. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Alexis Pflugh and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Cynthia Nelson, Sharon Dohe, Mike Weigel, Debora Zachgo, Howard Wehrman, Michel O'Hare, Kelly Larson, Doug Albin, Robert Crangle, Bethany Pingel, Mikaela Blair, Rhonda Mishler and Ladonna Reinert.
- Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2018 regular meeting as corrected, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: newsletters; information on Senior Care Act funding from Ladonna Reinert, Health Nurse/Administrator; CASA 2019 funding request in the amount of \$7,000; Lincoln Senior Center 2019 funding request in the amount of \$48,220; Sylvan Senior Center will be completing an audit by the company that was contracted by the Lincoln County Council on Aging; and nursing home bills.
- Law Enforcement: Mike Weigel presented an amendment to the law enforcement contract with the City of Lincoln Center, increasing the annual contract amount \$15,000 to \$157,084. Al Joe Wallace moved to allow the chairman to sign the Amendment to the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Lincoln Center. Motion died for a lack of second. Al Joe Wallace moved to allow the chairman to sign the Amendment to the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Lincoln Center, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo inquired if the board had changes to the policy or ranking as presented at the May 21 meeting for the physical capacity profile testing. Alexis Pflugh moved to accept the policy for physical capacity profile screening, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. The board approved allowing Zachgo to sign off on the ratings for each position.
- Tax Abatements: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve tax abatements 2017-27 & 2017-28 in the amount of \$144.00, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Clerk's Office Salary Set: County Clerk Harlow related that she has hired Brittini Harlow for the temporary part-time position in the County Clerk's Office, to work 10 hours or less per week and requested that the board set the starting wage. Al Joe Wallace moved to set the wage for Brittini Harlow at \$11.80 per hour, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Finch – Aye; Wallace – Aye; and Pflugh – Abstained.
- Highway Department Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare related that Gregory Ney accepted the position as an equipment operator assigned to the bridge crew and completed pre-employment testing and requested approval to hire at \$13.30 per hour. Al Joe Wallace moved to employ Gregory Ney, at a starting wage of \$13.30 per hour, as a full-time equipment operator assigned to the bridge crew, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. O'Hare answered questions in regards to

equipment location and the Mobile 311 program. O'Hare reported that the Corp of Engineers related that due to flooding above Wilson Lake they will open the flood gates at a higher than normal volume, due to this OS 67 could experience a loss of backfill potentially causing the bridge to be temporarily closed.

Nursing Home: Kelly Larson, Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation introduced Doug Albin, Board of Directors member to the NWKS Economic Innovation Center and Dane Hansen Foundation. Albin explained the purpose of the Innovation Center and asked numerous questions regarding the boards' overall goal for the future operation and ownership of the nursing home to determine if the Innovation Center could assist the county with resolving issues concerning the management of the nursing home. Albin related that at this time, he believes that the Innovation Center could assist with examining financial information from the current operator of Lincoln Park Manor to determine the financial feasibility of the nursing home. Alexis Pflugh moved to request from Lincoln Park Manor the Balance Sheet, Income Statements, Cash Flow Statements, Census Information and Cost Reports for 2015, 2016, 2017 to current under a nondisclosure agreement for examination in executive session with Doug Albin, as the county's consultant, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert related that she has applied to participate in the Downtown Design Assistance Program; inquired if the board thought that the engineer could help with the drainage issue for the health department's North parking lot; and provided an update on programs being provided by the health department as well as programs that will be held in the upcoming months. Reinert invited the board to a community educational movie on opioid addiction that will be held Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Finch Theatre, with representatives from several organizations present to ask questions after the movie. Reinert explained how bioterrorism grant funds are dispersed to counties and suggested that a similar structure could be beneficial to resolve the issue of funding the Lincoln and Sylvan senior centers. Reinert expressed her concern with the Council on Aging **noting that clients videotaping their meetings as the council is not included as a HIPAA compliant organization under the law and that individuals who utilize the Council on Aging should be afforded some form of privacy when they seek assistance from the organization.**

Payroll Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$184,867.36, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$649,755.66, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Finch – Aye; Wallace – Aye; Pflugh - Nay

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 4, 2018 in the basement meeting room of the courthouse.