

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 13, 2015 Special Meeting

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. with Member Terry Finch present. Chairman Gerald Huehl was absent. County Clerk Dawn was in attendance.

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Nursing Home.

Others present for portions of the meeting: Jennifer O'Hare, Kelly Larson, James Gabelmann, Robert Crangle, Jolene Ledet and Christen Robinson.

Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 3:37 p.m. -3:42 p.m. for the purpose deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship with County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

The Vice-Chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 3:42 p.m.

Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 3:43 p.m. -3:48 p.m. for the purpose deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship with County Attorney O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

The Vice-Chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 3:48 p.m.

The group discussed the substantial fine that has been levied against Lincoln Park Manor after the recent survey. Christen Robinson, owner of Lincoln Park Manor, informed the Board that she would not appeal in order to obtain a 35% reduction to the original fine. Robinson informed the Board that she has applied for financial hardship but does not know whether she will be granted a payment schedule. Discussion ensued as to options regarding the facility and its operations and income.

James Gabelmann, representing Friends of Hospice offered \$75,000 from the organization to secure future rooms at the facility for Hospice patients. Robert Crangle inquired if Windpower Economic Benefit Funds and/or Delia Pittard Bequest Funds could be utilized. Kelly Larson, Economic Development, answered questions regarding the availability of Revolving Loan funds. Board Members indicated that a rent reduction could be considered as an alternative resource in order to maintain operations at the facility.

Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes from 4:47 p.m. – 5:02 p.m. for the purpose deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship with County Attorney O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 5:02 p.m.

With no further business to come before the board the Vice-Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2015 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.