

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 12, 2009

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, October 12, 2009. Chairman Steve Errebo called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace and Member Terry Finch present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Ladonna Reinert, Rodney Job, Wendy Gronau, Jennifer O'Hare, Les Richards, Randy Pickering, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare and Joe Hokett.
- Health Department: Health Nurse Administrator Ladonna Reinert with Emergency Manager Rodney Job and Ambulance Director Wendy Gronau updated the board on H1N1 flu activities and discussed the following topics: training, flu shot availability, H1N1 vaccine distribution, and presented a draft fit test guidelines for N95 respirators and the use of surgical masks. Reinert discussed the recent resignation of Michelle Brokes, as a physician's assistance with the Lincoln County Hospital, and how it affects clients who participate in family planning services provided by Brokes. The group discussed options available to continue providing family planning services.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau reported on ambulance service activities.
- County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare discussed information provided by Economic Development Director Stanley Walker last week concerning a proposal to borrow money from the Windpower Economic Benefit (WEB) fund for the purpose of providing matching funds to obtain a Rural Business Enterprise Grant to enlarge is existing revolving loan program; and comments made by Walker concerning the County's Property Tax Exemption Policy for Tax Exemptions/Abatements for Economic Development purposes. Board members expressed their concerns with becoming a lending agency and were not in favor of loaning funds; further stating the need to get by-laws completed and a board appointed so that the Windpower Economic Benefit Fund earning's can be distributed to applying organizations.
- Law Enforcement: Undersheriff Les Richards provided a printout of Channel 1 radio transmissions as requested by commissioner Finch.
- Solid Waste Collection Review: Randy Pickering, RanDan Inc, as per the Lincoln County, Kansas, Solid Waste Collection Contract, provided a review of services provided and the current costs of operation. Pickering related that he is having trouble with residents leaving furniture and specifically City of Sylvan Grove residents leaving iron and lumber, which are all items that he is not contractually responsible for the disposal of. Pickering requested no increase for the ensuing year.

Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. O'Hare provided a Utility Adjustment/Relocation Agreement for the board's approval. Terry Finch moved to approve a Utility Adjustment/Relocation Agreement with AT&T for Bridge Project 53C-4260-01 (Tromble Bridge), seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Printer/Copier Review: Joe Hockett, ImageQuest, provided and explained results of a review made on county owned printers and copiers.

Gravel Agreement: Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into a one-year gravel removal/purchase agreement with Charles John Wiebke and Jolene Wiebke, expiring October 7, 2010, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the October 5, 2009 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Terry Finch, motion carried.

Illness Guideline Approved: Clerk Harlow presented Illness Guidelines for the board's review and approval. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the Illness Guidelines as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Neighborhood Revitalization Program: Clerk Harlow discussed the City of Lincoln's Neighborhood Revitalization Program and changes that were made to the last plan that affect County tasks. Harlow related that she would be attending the City Council meeting to clarify the changes as well as request that the City share in the expense of the neighborhood revitalization program.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, October 19, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.