

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 24, 2015

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, August 24, 2015. Chairman Gerald Huehl 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 the portions of the meeting: John Hurla, Michel O'Hare, Larry Spear, James Gabelmann, Debora Zachgo, Howard Wehrman, John Wiebke, Jim Wiebke, Gary Sorensen, Jake Wiebke, Jeremy Wiebke, Rodney McCosh, Virgil Lawson, Jeff Lyne, Clayton Lyne, Robert White, Jim Harlow, Jeff Kobbeman, Max Bacon, John Gabelmann, Carl Nielsen, John Sorensen, V. Wayne Dohe, Terry Heller, Walter Sheldon, Joseph Sheldon, David Bell, Milton Wehrman, Roger Nitsch, Wendell Suelter, Dennis Ray, Delbert Wacker, Larry Dohe, Shirley Krueger, Dale Krueger, Mike Spear, Tim Meier, Ray Rasmussen, Larry Spear, Pete Falcon Jr, Raymond Splitter, Stephen Boor, Ernest Schoen, Mitch Meyer, Austin Lebien, Tim Meyer, John Baetz, Shawn Esterl, Cindy Gans and Christen Robinson.

Courthouse Review:

Jacob Hurla, 360 Energy Engineers presented information on the company and services provided to taxing entities through the State, by analyzing several items including energy usage and building construction, to propose modifications that will improve energy efficiency. Hurla related that there is no charge for a site walkthrough and review. The board approved allowing the company to complete a site walkthrough of the courthouse, with no guarantee that they will move forward with a project.

Highway Department:

Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. O'Hare presented utility permit agreements for the board's approval. Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into two utility permit agreements with Post Rock Rural Water District #1, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. O'Hare presented three real estate acquisition forms for the board to approve. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the following acquisitions of Real Estate for the 53C-OS-33, Rattlesnake Creek Bridge, bridge replacement project: purchasing permanent road right-of-way from Gary L. Pepper & Beverly J. Pepper in the amount of \$69.60; purchasing permanent road right-of-way from Dwight L Daniels & Delores G Daniels, in the amount of \$3,914.40; and purchasing permanent road right-of-way from Charlene Watson Life Estate, in the amount of \$607.20, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried O'Hare requested approval to attend a multi-state meeting September 23-25, noting that the Kansas Highway Officials Association will pay for registration fees, county will be responsible for all other expenses. The board approved the request.

Correspondence Approved:

The board approved correspondence to the City of Sylvan Grove in regards to the city's application for CDBG grant funds.

Abandoned Cemeteries: James Gabelmann related the Sunny Side Cemetery is beginning to run low on money and inquired about adding it to the abandoned cemetery list, or the Township will need to begin levying money again. It was discussed that if a Cemetery has active burials then it can't be abandoned.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting to the courtroom at 9:54 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting at 9:56 a.m. in the courtroom.

Budget Hearing: The chairman opened the Lincoln County, Kansas and Special District, budget hearing at 9:56 a.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the 2016 proposed budget with Larry Spear, Howard Wehrman, John Wiebke, Jim Wiebke, Gary Sorensen, Jake Wiebke, Jeremy Wiebke, Rodney McCosh, Virgil Lawson, Jeff Lyne, Clayton Lyne, Robert White, Jim Harlow, Jeff Kobbeman, Max Bacon, John Gabelmann, Carl Nielsen, John Sorensen, V. Wayne Dohe, Terry Heller, Walter Sheldon, Joseph Sheldon, David Bell, Milton Wehrman, Roger Nitsch, Wendell Suelter, Dennis Ray, Delbert Wacker, Larry Dohe, Shirley Krueger, Dale Krueger, Mike Spear, Tim Meier, Ray Rasmussen, Larry Spear, Pete Falcon Jr, Raymond Splitter, Stephen Boor, Ernest Schoen, Mitch Meyer, Austin Lebien, Tim Meyer, John Baetz, and Shawn Esterl present, with no others appearing the chairman closed the budget hearing at 10:55 a.m.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting at 11:01 a.m. to the commission meeting room.

Reconvened: The chairman reconvened the meeting at 11:06 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

LEPP Program: Shawn Esterl, Saline County reported on 2nd quarter Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) services being provided within the county.

Road Inquiry: Cindy Gans expressed concerns about accessing her property, as a neighbor is in the process of gating a portion of W Lincoln Ave, citing that in the past another property owner had attempted to block the street and was told they could not. The board suggested that Gans contact Dan Metz, Attorney for the City of Lincoln Ave, as the Appraiser's office records show that the City vacated the street, to determine her easement rights.

2016 Budget Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the 2016 Lincoln County, Kansas and the following Special Districts: Barnard Rural Fire District, Beverly Rural Fire District, First Rural Fire District, Hunter Rural Fire District, Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District, Free Mission Cemetery District, Rosette Cemetery District, Spillman Cemetery District and Vesper Cemetery District, budgets as published, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 12:02 p.m. – 12:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel

with Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:07 p.m.

Nursing Home: Christen Robinson, Lincoln Park Manor, discussed a letter received by both the county and herself, from a resident's family member. The board requested that Robinson invite the family member to attend a commission meeting with her. Robinson reviewed information received at a recent conference in regards to inspections, and that she visited with potential vendors in regards to flooring, noting that one company offered to supply materials for free to complete 400 sq feet, with the only cost being labor to install.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the August 17, 2015 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Zachgo discussed the Ambulance Service Director position. The board requested that Zachgo contact one of the applicants for a second interview.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 31, 2015 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.