

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 22, 2008

- 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 22, 2008. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Steve Errebo and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Leann Bishop, Wendy Gronau, Jo Funk, Ladonna Reinert, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, John Cashatt, Jennifer O'Hare, Rodney Job, Greg McNeill, Dan Metz, Stanley Crawford, Richard Plinsky and Steve McReynolds.
- Ambulance Service:** Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau requested approval to apply for an Education Incentive Grant to hold an EMT-B class beginning January 8. Gronau reported that Rod Rees has been accepted into paramedic school and requested approval to apply for an Education Incentive Grant to help provide up to \$5,110 in exchange for a two year service commitment. Steve Errebo moved to approve the applications for Education Incentive Grants for both the EMT-B class and the paramedic class, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Health Department:** Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert presented Agreements for Administrative Cooperation for the WIC Program with Ellsworth, Jewell, Mitchell and Ottawa counties to conduct the WIC Program as a sub-agency of the Lincoln County Health Department, for the board to approve. Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into Agreements for Administrative Cooperation for the WIC Program with Ellsworth County, Jewell County, Mitchell County and Ottawa County, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried. Reinert updated the board on the health department activities.
- Five-Year Bridge Plan:** John Cashatt, Schwab Eaton P.A. with Road Supervisor Larry Meitler and Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare discussed which bridge project should be given higher priority on the five-year bridge plan, as funding has become available for another project. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that Bridge No. 53075104560, located 4 miles South and 1.1 miles East of Westfall, should be moved up to the counties highest priority, as its overall stability is more questionable than when the current five-year bridge plan was submitted. Cashatt reported that L & M Contractors are planning on starting Bridge Project 053C-4259-01, East Elkhorn Creek Bridge replacement project after the first of the year.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Meitler reported on highway department projects. Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare related that some highway department employees worked on Sunday, December 21, to treat roads that were extremely icy. O'Hare inquired about changing overtime policies so help encourage employees to work after hours and on weekends during inclement weather. No decision made this date. O'Hare presented copies of Cloud County and Ellsworth County's snow removal policies and requested that the board consider adopting a snow removal policy. No decision made this date.

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

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

County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare discussed the Public Building Commission Revenue Bonds for the hospital renovation project.

Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Rodney Job reported on emergency management activities. Job explained the requirements to apply for grant funding to build an Emergency Operations Center that could also be utilized as office/storage for his department. Job reported that the annual Lincoln County weather spotters meeting will be held February 19, 2008.

Hospital Request: Lincoln County Hospital Representatives Greg McNeill, Stanley Crawford and Hospital Attorney Dan Metz requested that the actual statements or copies of the Public Building Commission bank statements be provided to the Lincoln County Hospital so that they can track revenue bond expenses for Medicare reimbursements. Board members were agreeable to provide the statements. *(but indecisive in whether the hospital will be provided originals from the bank or copies from the Public Building Commission. The request will be discussed further at the December 30, 2008 regular meeting. Delete this)*

Maintenance Inquiry: Richard Plinsky discussed road maintenance in Valley Township.

Tax Abatements: Al Joe Wallace moved to allow tax abatements 2008-10 through 2008-15 in the amount of \$726.04, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Steve Errebo moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the December 15, 2008 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Member Departs: Member Al Joe Wallace departed the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Engagement Agreement Approved: Steve Errebo moved to approve entering into an engagement agreement with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered to conduct a further review of the CPR fund, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 30, 2008 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.