

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 20, 2018

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the basement meeting room of the courthouse Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Alexis Pflugh and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: John Paul Ellis, Eric Johnson, Bret Kingan, Debora Zachgo, Howard Wehrman, Michel O'Hare, Tanner Yost and Robert Howe.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: Terry Finch moved to pay Gilmore Bell \$1,200 from the County General fund to be reimbursed by the Public Building Commission fund at the next meeting, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Payment on Contract received from Campbell & Johnson Engineers for Street Plumbing Heating & Electric for work completed to date on the nursing home renovation project. Al Joe Wallace moved to pay \$78,767.66 from the WEB (windpower economic benefit) fund to pay for work at the nursing home, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Finch – Aye; Wallace – Aye; Pflugh – Nay.
- Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 regular meeting as corrected, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Finch – Aye; Wallace – Aye; Pflugh – Nay.
- Courthouse Maintenance: John Paul Ellis, Courthouse Maintenance, updated the board on courthouse maintenance needs and activities.
- Nursing Home Renovation: Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson Engineers PA provided Change Order No. 3 for the board's approval which includes the following changes: remove the concrete stage that was discovered under the wood stage in the dining room, installing new concrete level with the existing floor; and cut and patch concrete floor to replace six cleanouts and ten toilet flanges. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve Change Order No. 3 in the total amount of \$4,070.15, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Finch – Aye; Wallace – Aye; Pflugh – Nay. Commissioner Finch related that he was asked by City staff if the County was in agreement to upgrade the electric service, discussion ensued as to whether the cost is paid upfront or allocated onto the utility bill. The bill from Midwest Commercial Laundry was questioned.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Bret Kingan reported that employees continue to have problems with Unit 34 and Unit 35, detailing most recent issues: Unit 35 was responding to an accident with 8 patients and barely made it to the scene, in which Saline County Fire and Rescue was requested to complete the transports; and Unit 34 started having mechanical issues on a transport to Wichita, and when they got the unit back it would not back up into the bay, noting that Keever Auto & Ag has been unable to get the unit to duplicate the issue. Kingan related that the service is not completing transfers as the ambulance is an emergency service and that with each of the units continuing to have issues in Lincoln that the working unit should be left to respond to emergency calls. Kingan related that Unit 35 should be removed from service as it is becoming increasingly unreliable and provided an updated bid from Emergency Services Supply, noting that they have a 2017 demonstrator available, and provided previous bids

Ambulance Purchase Approved: presented in 2017 to replace this unit. Al Joe Wallace moved to purchase a 2018 Osage Type 1 demonstrator for \$169,950, with \$10,000 from the Ambulance Capital Outlay fund and the remaining from the Capital Improvement fund, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Finch-Aye; Wallace-Aye; Pflugh-Abstained. (with a 2017 Dodge Ram 4500 4x4 chassis; price includes \$6,000 trade-in of the 2006 ambulance)

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo inquired if it was the board's intention to increase the starting wage by an amount equal to the cost of living increase granted in January. The board related that it was their intention to increase the starting wage. Zachgo inquired if the board would like to move forward with post offer testing. The board approved starting the process to complete post offer testing for new hires.

Highway Department: Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe presented signed gravel agreements for the board's approval; provided 2017 yardage of materials removed from county leased pits; and provided an update on OS 87 bridge replacement project. Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael, answered questions regarding several bridges, including OS 67, and potential future projects. Yost related that he would research whether adding fill to RS 190 would affect the load limit. Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into the following gravel removal/purchase agreements: Michael & Connie Gebhart, expiring March 31, 2020; Thomas & Glenna Alm, expiring March 31, 2020; Edward Hlad Trust and Mildred Hlad Trust, expiring March 31, 2020; Jeremy Rosebrook & Holl Hill Ranch, expiring March 31, 2020, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. The board discussed additional compensation to pit owners but no decision was made this date.

Gravel Agreement:

Resolution 99-35 Exhibit "A" Amendment: Clerk Harlow presented the amendment for Resolution 99-35, Exhibit "A" reflecting the change needed to purchase the ambulance as previously approved. Terry Finch moved to amend the Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan to include the ambulance, Exhibit "A" of Resolution 99-35, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Clerk Harlow requested instruction on what to do with letters received regarding willingness to serve on the several board positions set to expire on February 28.

Motions: Commissioner Pflugh discussed the following topics: implementation of Mobile 311 program for public access; requested that Katie Lyne's letter requesting bridge repair be forwarded to the highway department; would like to have an evening meeting; and inquired if the board had reviewed Norman Mannel's handout provided at a previous meeting. Alexis Pflugh moved to have the end of the month meeting for Wednesday, February 28 at 7 p.m. Motion died for a lack of a second. Alexis Pflugh moved to seek the opinion of Governmental Ethics Commission on a potential violation of K.S.A. 75-4301a and K.S.A. 75-4304 by Lincoln County Attorney, to inquire what the Lincoln County Commission responsibility is to remedy this problem. Motion died for a lack of second. Alexis Pflugh moved to seek an Attorney General Opinion on K.S.A. 75-4301a and K.S.A. 75-4304 to help Lincoln County establish the proper procedure for elected officials to collect pay for their services. Motion died for a lack of second.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 26, 2018 in the basement meeting room of the courthouse.