

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 13, 2014

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 13, 2014. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Gerald Huehl present and Member Al Joe Wallace absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.

Visitors:

Others present for portions of the meeting: Keith Vestal, Randy Pickering, Mike Weigel, Duane Helus, Diane Helus, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Ladonna Reinert, Will Arthur, Debora Zachgo and Wendy Gronau.

Silver Haired
Legislature:

Keith Vestal, Silver Haired Legislature, provided an overview of bills proposed to the State Legislature by the organization. Vestal presented a bill for hotel costs and requested that the board considering reimbursing him for the expense, as the Silver Haired Legislature no longer assists with this cost.

Member Arrives:

Member Al Joe Wallace arrived to the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Solid Waste
Collection:

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 and requested a ten cent per household per month increase for the ensuing year. Pickering related that he continues to have problems with residents using illegal trash containers and an extremely large amount of animal waste is being left. The board instructed Pickering to not pick up trash that is dumped illegally, including what could be considered littering by dumping trash in the yard and not utilizing a trash bag, as well as to not pick up animal feces that is not bagged and in large quantities.

Law Enforcement:

Sheriff Mike Weigel requested approval to replace the back door to the Law Enforcement Center with a steel door. The board requested that Weigel attempt to obtain three bids from contractors.

Road Request:

Duane and Diane Helus requested road improvements in Elkhorn Township.

Highway Department:

Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department activities. O'Hare discussed ways that the County could utilize State matching funds for annual road projects and suggested that the county start utilizing funds this way, and transferring the annual budget for the road projects equal to the state match to the Bridge fund to accumulate for future bridge projects. The group discussed the pro's and con's and determined that it warranted future consideration. O'Hare related that White Star has proposed a five year Bobcat Lease Program, were the county would pay an annual fee of \$800 per year to lease a new bobcat each year, as well as receiving a one time \$2,000 attachment bonus. The board approved entering into an agreement with White Star.

- Health Department:** Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert requested that the board appoint David Dohe as the emergency management representative to the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC). Al Joe Wallace moved to appoint David Dohe as the emergency management representative to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried. Reinert updated the board on department activities.
- Request:** Will Arthur, Family Heritage, presented information on supplemental insurance offered by his company and requested permission to meet with County employees to offer Family Heritage insurance products. No decision was made this date.
- Tax Abatement:** Al Joe Wallace moved to approve tax abatement 2013-33 in the amount of \$75.57, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Gravel Agreement:** Gerald Huehl moved to enter into a three year gravel removal/purchase agreement with Mary Jo Simmons Trust, expiring October 10, 2017, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2014-20:** Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2014-20, authorizing the transfer of \$8,000.00 from the Lincoln County General Fund to the Lincoln County Transportation Bus Fund, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Letter of Support:** The board approved signing a letter of support for Sylvan Grove Historical Society's application to Heritage Trust Fund, for the rehabilitation of the Sylvan Grove Union Pacific Depot.
- Payment Approved:** The board approved payment to Keith Vestal in the amount of \$139 for lodging expenses while representing Lincoln County when attending the Silver Haired Legislature, and will request that the Council on Aging consider reimbursement for future meetings.
- Ambulance Service:** The board discussed ambulance service operations, protocols and personnel with Director Wendy Gronau.
- Minutes Approved:** Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the October 6, 2014 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Adjourn:** With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, October 20, 2014 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.