

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 14, 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, January 14, 2008. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Terry Finch and Member Steve Errebo present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Rodney Job, Wendy Gronau, Dale Detmer, Russ Black, Les Richards, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Matt Gilhousen, Todd Regazio, Michael Herseth, Dan Heina, Rhonda Wright, Jennifer O'Hare, Ladonna Reinert, Tami Kerth, Joyce Walker and Carrie Meili.
- Emergency Management:** Emergency Manager Rodney Job reported on a meeting held with State and FEMA officials concerning the December ice storm; and related changes to the reimbursement process compared with the process during the May disasters.
- Ambulance Service:** Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau discussed a letter written by Robert Waller, Chief Administrator for the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) addressing concerns about a series of articles published in the Salina Journal, and several other newspapers, about Emergency Medical Services in Kansas. Gronau reported that Hutchinson Community College is offering an Emergency Vehicles Operations Train the Trainer course on February 12, noting that Region IV will reimburse the County for the expense to send one attendee; Gronau requested approval to attend the course. The board approved the request.
- Law Enforcement: Executive Session:** Sheriff Russ Black with Undersheriff Les Richards discussed law enforcement activities. Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Sheriff Black, Undersheriff Richards and Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:50 a.m.
- 800 MHz Reconfiguration:** Undersheriff Richards presented copies of an amended 800 MHz reconfiguration planning cost estimate for the board's approval. Steve Errebo moved to allow the chairman to sign Schedule C, 800 MHz Reconfiguration Planning Cost Estimate amending the original estimate approved December 10, 2007, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Executive Session:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler requested an executive session to discuss personnel. Steve Errebo moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 11:04 a.m. – 11:09 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Road Supervisor Meitler, Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare and Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:09 a.m.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare reported on highway department projects. The board requested that Meitler and O'Hare develop plans to adjust the motor grader routes to accommodate for employee vacancies and/or absences. Meitler requested approval to return to a modified summer work schedule of four ten hour days, beginning April 14 and ending September 25. The board approved the request.
- Wind Power Project: Matt Gilhousen, Trade Wind Energy, with Todd Regazio, Enel North America and Michael Herseth, M.A. Mortenson Company reported on the progression of the Smoky Hills Wind Farm LLC Phase I and Phase II projects. Gilhousen related that several of the turbines for Phase I should be generating power this date, on condition that all equipment testing is successful. Gilhousen provided a revised proposed route of travel via County roads for Phase II of the project, discussing road and culvert improvements; and conveyed a tentative time line for the construction of Phase II. The group discussed the Road Maintenance Agreement, utility right-of-way permits, billing for services, and PILOT payments.
- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:14 p.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.
- Board Reorganization: Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 19-219, the chairman called for the organization of the board for the ensuing year.
- Chairman: Al Joe Wallace moved to nominate Terry Finch as Chairman of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for the ensuing year, commencing January 14, 2008 through January 12, 2009, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Vice-Chairman: Terry Finch moved to nominate Steve Errebo as Vice-Chairman of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for the ensuing year, commencing January 14, 2008 through January 12, 2009, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Beer License 2008-02: Steve Errebo moved to approve issuance of Cereal Malt Beverage License 2008-02, to Knoheads of Wilson Lake LLC, expiring December 31, 2008, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting at 1:30 p.m. to the courthouse meeting room to meet with Elected Officials and Department Heads.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:33 p.m. in the courthouse meeting room with the following present: Rodney Job, Russ Black, Dan Heina, Rhonda Wright, Larry Meitler, Jennifer O'Hare, Ladonna Reinert, Tami Kerth, Joyce Walker, Wendy Gronau, Carrie Meili and Michel O'Hare.

Department Head Meeting: The board discussed the following topics: the wage increase that was granted to all county employees at the January 7, 2008 regular meeting and how the increase will impact each budget; a possible increase in employee contributions to their health insurance plans beginning in 2009; the new political activity policy; the personal use of camera phones, camera and video equipment; and the fuel facility.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting to the commission meeting room at 1:48 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting at 1:50 p.m. in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.

E-Waste Coalition: Commissioner Errebo reported on the meeting held in Osborne County concerning the disposal of e-waste. Osborne County and Phillips County have received an e-waste recycling grant for a several county area now known as the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition; as part of the grant, each participating County will be required to enter into an inter-local agreement and commit funding. County Attorney O'Hare will review the inter-local agreement and provide an opinion on the document.

Transfer Station: Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Carrie Meili reported on activities.

Highway Department: Road Supervisor Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare related that KDHE had inspected the highway department shop records and facility, providing information on the proper disposal procedure for fluorescent light bulbs. O'Hare presented bids received to replace fuel tanks at outlying shops. After discussion, Steve Errebo move to accept the bid from J.L. Houston, to purchase four fuel tanks with equipment, in the amount of \$17,306.60, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. The board authorized the sale of the old tanks on Purplewave.com. Commissioner Errebo forwarded complaints received about N 90<sup>th</sup> Rd and E Rye Dr.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo inquired about the starting wage for all positions. The board approved increasing the starting wage by \$1.00 per hour for all positions, a rate equal to the amount approved January 7, 2008, to all county employees for salary adjustment and cost of living, noting that the increased wage will hopefully attract and retain employees.

Payroll Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve 2008 longevity gross payroll in the amount of \$8,844.92, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Steve Errebo moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the January 7, 2008 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 3:25 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 22, 2008 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.