

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 21, 2016

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in part at the chapel of the Lincoln Park Manor and the commission meeting room of the courthouse on Monday, November 21, 2016. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Terry Finch and Member Gerald Huehl present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Doug Bruggeman, David Barber, Greg Babcock, Steve Granzow, Scott Sproul, Doug McKinney, Doug Albin, Alfred Aufdemberge, Christen Robinson, Kelly Larson, David Dohe, Shawn Esterl and Michel O’Hare.
- Nursing Home: The board met at Lincoln Park Manor with the following present: Steve Granzow, Lincoln County Hospital; Scott Sproul, Northwest Kansas Economic Innovation Center; Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission; Doug Albin, Dane G. Hansen Foundation; Lincoln Park Manor representatives Christen Robinson and Greg Babcock; USDA Rural Development representatives Doug Bruggeman and David Barber; and Lincoln County Economic Development representatives Alfred Aufdemberge and Kelly Larson. A tour of the facility was given identifying areas of the building that need improvements made to meet Federal and State survey requirements. After the tour the group identified potential revenue sources to assist the county in remodeling the facility to meet guidelines as well as comfort and safety of current and future residents.
- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting at 11:50 a.m. for lunch.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting in the commission meeting room of the courthouse at 1:00 p.m.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager David Dohe provided information on the current status of his budget and provided an estimate of the remaining expenditures for the year. Dohe related that he had to replace a tire on the emergency management vehicle, which in turn caused him to replace two, as the tire could not be matched and was not sufficient for traveling gravel roads. After discussion, the board made the decision to replace all tires on the vehicle.
- ROZ Student Loan Program Request: Scot Kerns requested that the board consider funding additional students for the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program and provided information received from Jewell County on the benefits of the program. The board will take the request under consideration.
- LEPP Program: Shawn Esterl, Saline County reported on 3rd quarter Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) services being provided within the county. Esterl related that he has successfully completed the training to perform lead inspections, complete assessments and investigate potential lead base paint exposures for the county should the need arise. Esterl presented a cooperative agreement with Saline County to continue to provide LEPP Services to the county. Terry Finch moved to continue the Tri-Rivers Local Environmental Grant (LEPG) Cooperative Agreement as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

- Highway Department: Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare related that APAC will provide the county a discount if we would agree to purchase 5,000 tons of rock. O'Hare reported that currently they have placed 2,500 tons on several roads and that there are many more that could use the rock. After discussion and reviewing the budget the board approved purchasing the additional 2,500 tons to qualify for the price break. O'Hare provided cost estimates received from the City of Lincoln to install three LED security lights at the county shop. The board approved the purchase and installation of one light, to determine the brightness level of the area to ensure that neighbors will not be adversely affected by the new lighting. O'Hare discussed personnel and potential applicants.
- Tax Abatements: Gerald Huehl moved to allow tax abatements 2016-01 through 2016-05 in the amount of \$889.96, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the November 14, 2016 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Interlocal Agreements Approved: Terry Finch moved to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sylvan Grove and USD 299 to participate in the City of Sylvan Grove's 2017 – 2020 Neighborhood Revitalization Plan; and to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lincoln Center and USD 298 to participate in the City of Lincoln Center's 2017 – 2020 Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 28, 2016 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.