

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 1, 2016

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, February 1, 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: Christen Robinson, Riley Robinson, Greg Babcock, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe, Ladonna Reinert, Judy Coats and Sherry Pickering.
- Nursing Home: Christen Robinson, Lincoln Park Manor, presented an inventory of personal property owned by the county. Robinson discussed nursing home activities. Greg Babcock provided a piece of corroded copper pipe that was replaced recently and related that they are experiencing breaks on a regular basis. Babcock reported that he is no longer able to obtain motors for the exhaust fans that fit inside the unit, so he is currently pricing replacement of the exhaust fan system which contains approximately 20 units; and plans to replace a concrete pad for an air conditioning unit.
- Highway Department: Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe reported on highway department projects and equipment. O'Hare presented a request for construction project for the board to approve. Terry Finch moved to approve a Request for Construction Project through the Kansas Department of Transportation for signing on minor collector routes, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried. O'Hare reported that James Reagan has completed the first six months of employment and requested the customary salary increase. Gerald Huehl moved to grant James Reagan a fifty-cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first six months, effective January 26, 2016, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. The group discussed a request to improve a county road to a potential new home. No decision was made this date.
- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting to regular session at 12:19 p.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:10 p.m.
- Health Department: Health Nurse Administrator Ladonna Reinert, with employees Judy Coats and Sherry Pickering, provided information on several programs that the Health Department currently administers. The group identified programs that are no longer cost effective, serve less than thirty clients and are duplicated by other agencies; services and programs that could be added that might be beneficial to the community; and future needs of the department. After discussion the board requested that Reinert return with a proposal, identifying programs that should be ended and how the department would transition current clients to ensure that they receive services from other agencies.

- Lease Agreement Addendum Approved: Terry Finch moved to enter into an Addendum to Lease Agreement between Lincoln County and the Duane S. Helus Trust to lease a 41.17 acre tract of land in Section 36, Marion Township, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Lease Agreement Amendment: Terry Finch moved to approve and enter into an Amendment to Lease Agreement for Lincoln Park Manor, waiving lease payments from June 2015 to February 2016, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Salary Increase: Al Joe Wallace moved to grant Emergency Manager David Dohe, a one hundred dollar per month salary increase, for the completion of all certification requirements, effective January 26, 2016, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Rec Commission Appointment: Gerald Huehl moved to recommend to the City of Lincoln the appointment of Elizabeth Sheldon as the County's representative on the Lincoln Recreation Commission, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the January 25, 2016 and January 29, 2016 regular meetings as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Action Rescinded: Al Joe Wallace moved to rescind action taken on September 21, 2015, which amended the Lincoln County Employee Handbook, Employment of Relatives section; and reinstate the policy as written and approved in the Lincoln County Employee Handbook adopted March 1, 2012, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 8, 2016 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.