

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 23, 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, June 23, 2008. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Steve Errebo and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Rodney Job, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Ladonna Reinert, Les Richards, Russ Black and Theresa Richards.
- Emergency Management:** Emergency Manager Rodney Job provided information on two grants awarded to Lincoln County emergency management, what the money will be used for and where the equipment will be housed. Job requested approval to purchase, with grant funds awarded, a laptop computer, peripherals and a digital camera, cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. The board approved the request. Job related that Lincoln County's reimbursement through the Kansas Emergency Management 2008 Cooperative Agreement, State and Local Assistance program, will be \$7,815.41 up from the \$4,059.00 received for 2007. Job reported that Lincoln County CERT team members, Nick Sallman and Judy Larsen, volunteered at Chapman on June 14 and that the two ended up in leadership rolls organizing and managing groups of volunteers cleaning up debris.
- Cereal Malt Beverage License Approved:** Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the issuance of Cereal Malt Beverage License 2008-03, to the Sylvan Grove Fair & Agricultures Association, for a special two day event, expiring July 20, 2008, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler reported on highway department activities. The group discussed a ditch maintenance project in Grant Township, Section 14. The board authorized the highway department to have the 100 block of N Grant St surveyed to determine County road right-of-way boundaries. Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on equipment needs, low water crossings and bridge replacement project 53C-4152-01, West Elkhorn Creek Bridge. The group discussed personnel needs with the board authorizing the advertisement of an additional position.
- Health Department:** Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert presented the health department's 2009 budget request. Reinert reported on changes to the department's billing program.
- Law Enforcement:** Sheriff Russ Black with Undersheriff Les Richards presented the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Communication's Department and Law Enforcement Special Equipment's 2009 budget requests.
- Ambulance Service:** Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau provided a resignation for the board's acceptance. Al Joe Wallace moved to accept the resignation of EMT-I Michael 'Fred' Fosha, effective July 18, 2008, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried. Gronau presented the department's 2009 budget request. Member Wallace inquired about

current ambulance rates charged and indicated that the rates should be increased, by at least a minimum of 5%, and requested that Gronau present rate increase proposals.

Council on Aging: Council on Aging Coordinator Theresa Richards reported on Council on Aging bylaw changes that reduced the board size from fourteen to ten members and provided a listing of current board members. Richards reminded the board that the Council on Aging contributes \$250.00 towards the county's share of the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging (NC-FH AAA) administrative match. The group discussed the Senior Car Act funding match request. Richards expressed her concerns over NC-FH AAA requiring each Senior Center within their region to provide casseroles to feed 400 volunteers in Chapman, noting that food and funds provided to the Senior Center are restricted and must be used only to feed seniors, which is why non-senior individuals eating at the Senior Center must pay a higher rate for their meal. Richards indicated that there is a possibility that the Center will eventually be reimbursed for the meals but at a rate lower than that paid by non-seniors. The board conveyed their concern over the situation as well, noting that there were several agencies providing meals and many resources closer to the area to feed residents as well as volunteers.

Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the June 16, 2008 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 30, 2008 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.