

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

March 16, 2009

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, March 16, 2009. Chairman Steve Errebo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace and Member Terry Finch present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Wendy Gronau, Debora Zachgo, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Richard Wolting, Kenneth Becker, Steve McReynolds, Jennifer O'Hare, Christen Robinson and Darrell Oetting.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Director Wendy Gronau reported on ambulance service activities. Gronau requested approval to purchase a gift for ambulance volunteers for EMS Week May 17 – May 23. The board approved the request. Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes from 10:24 a.m.-10:44 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Ambulance Director Gronau present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Executive Session: session for twenty minutes from 10:24 a.m.-10:44 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Ambulance Director Gronau present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:44 a.m.
- Executive Session: Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo requested executive session to discuss personnel. Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes from 10:47 a.m. – 11:02 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Human Resource Office Zachgo and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:02 a.m.
- Executive Session: Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes from 11:07 a.m. – 11:22 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Human Resource Officer Zachgo, Road Supervisor Larry Meitler, Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:22 a.m.
- Drainage Concern: Richard Wolting conveyed a drainage concern in Elkhorn Township.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler and Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects and equipment. The group discussed a field entrance request in Pleasant Township, highway department officials are not in favor of installing the entrance as it would become a safety hazard to oncoming traffic. It was determined that the board would view the location at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 23.

- Refuse Collection Service: The board inquired about the City of Sylvan Grove's request to have a commissioner present at their next meeting with Sylvan Grove Mayor Larry Meitler. Meitler explained that the City of Sylvan Grove is considering terminating the contract with Lincoln County to provide refuse collection service within the city limits, as they are unhappy with the Commissioners approving trash increases without getting their approval. Meitler also indicated that the City has received a quote to provide refuse collection that is lower than the County's contractor.
- Rescue Squad: Michel O'Hare requested that the commissioners not require him to utilize leave time while traveling to Florida to pickup the Rescue Squad Vehicle just recently purchased. The board made no decision at this time.
- Lease Purchase Agreement: Steve McReynolds inquired about the decision to set a shorter term limit, than that originally inquired about, on a lease purchase agreement to finance a portion of the cost of the rescue squad vehicle truck purchase.
- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:15 p.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Rodney Job reported on his department's activities. Job inquired if the board would be interested in sponsoring a class for farm extrication training in August, noting that the basic course costs \$3,000, and identified possible funding sources. The board expressed an interest if funding can be obtained.
- Executive Session: Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 1:35 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. for the purpose deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship with County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:45 p.m.
- Nursing Home Lease Agreement Offered: Christen Robinson, Lincoln Park Manor LLC, reviewed the nursing home lease agreement offered by the board and inquired about several aspects. Robinson expressed an interest in leasing the facility and detailed time frames needed to make the transition, as the current lease agreement with Mid-America Health Care LLC will expire March 31, 2009.
- Nursing Home: Nursing Home Director Christen Robinson reported that State Surveyors had been to the facility and that the nursing home had only four deficiencies, none of which were health care related; and reviewed corrections being made per the State Fire Marshal inspection.
- Nursing Home Lease Notification: The board requested that County Attorney O'Hare notify Charles Wurth, Sr., Mid-America Health Care LLC of their decision not to enter into a new nursing home lease

agreement. The board approved mailing correspondence to nursing home resident's representatives concerning the change in management of the facility.

Extended Illness
Leave Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to allow Michel O'Hare to utilize extended illness leave time while traveling to Florida to pickup the Rescue Squad Vehicle just recently purchased, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the March 9, 2009 regular meeting and March 13, 2009 special 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 3:10 p.m. until Monday, March 23, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.