

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 1, 2013

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, July 1, 2013. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 8:00 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: Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Ladonna Reinert, Debora Zachgo, Sheila Nelson-Stout, Lorraine Harris, Pat Wallerius, Dick Sears, Eric Smith, Mitchell Putman and Steve Jay.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2013-14, authorizing the execution of a loan agreement between Lincoln County and the State of Kansas; and authorize the chairman to sign the loan agreement for TRF Project No. TR0146, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo and the board discussed federal health insurance reform how it affects the County and specific department with Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert.
- Executive Session: Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 10:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert, Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Recess: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:25 a.m.
- Health Insurance Eligibility Classifications: Al Joe Wallace moved to make the following changes to employee classifications for health insurance purposes only: part-time employees working less than 1,000 hours per year are not eligible for health insurance, part-time employees working 1,001 – 1,560 hours per year are eligible for part-time health insurance benefits, full-time employees working 2,080 hours per year will qualify for full-time health insurance benefits, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Reinert related that the incorporated cities are contacting her to act as their health inspector and that her role as health nurse does not give her the authority to complete some of the duties that the cities have requested of her. Reinert requested that the board support her in this matter.
- Law Enforcement: Undersheriff Dustin Florence reported that Craig Shearer has completed his first year of service and requested the customary salary increase. Gerald Huehl moved to grant Craig Shearer a twenty-five cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first year of service, effective June 26, 2013, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

2014 Budget Request: OCCK Inc. representatives Sheila Nelson-Stout, Lorraine Harris and Patrick Wallerius presented the 2014 budget request, noting that the request is for the same amount that was received for the 2013 budget year. The group discussed OCCK activities.

Beer License Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve the issuance of Cereal Malt Beverage License 2013-03 to the Sylvan Grove American Legion Post #359, for a special seven day event, expiring July 28, 2013, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the June 24, 2013 and June 28, 2013 regular meetings as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting to the basement meeting room at 11:20 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:23 a.m. in the basement meeting room with the following present: Dick Sears, Eric Smith, Mitchell Putman, Steve Jay, Larry Meitler and Michel O'Hare.

Tallgrass Pony Express Pipeline Project: Tallgrass Energy Partners representatives Dick Sears, Eric Smith, Mitchell Putman and Steve Jay answered questions on the Tallgrass Pony Express Pipeline Project. The board related that a road maintenance agreement would need to be approved before construction begins to help ensure that if damages incur to any road or bridge that they will be adequately repaired.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 8, 2013 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.