

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 12, 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, August 12, 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: Rodney Job, James Oltman, Duane Vonada, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Leann Bishop, Ladonna Reinert, Wendy Gronau, Tami Kerth, Jennifer O'Hare, Mike Weigel, Dustin Florence, Rhonda Wright, Patricia Winters and Shawn Esterl.
- Executive Session:** Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 8:17 a.m. – 8:27 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Emergency Manager Rodney Job present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 8:27 a.m.
- Resignation Accepted:** Terry Finch moved to accept the resignation of Emergency Manager Rodney Job, effective August 23, 2013, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Economic Development:** Economic Development Director James Oltman reported that they will have a community cleanup day on August 17. Oltman inquired whether a decision was made on rates charged for disposal of construction/demolition materials.
- Historical Society:** Duane Vonada related that there was a potential to have the old Sylvan Grove depot listed on the registry for historic places. Vonada provided a list of questions that he would like the board to answer in the near future concerning historic preservation.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. Meitler requested the customary salary increase for Lance Wolting who has completed his first six months of employment and has successfully obtained his CDL license. Terry Finch moved to grant Lance Wolting a fifty cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first six months of employment, effective July 26, 2013, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried. O'Hare presented cost estimates to replace the fuel facility accounting system. After discussion, Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the purchase of a new fuel accounting system from Hoidale Co, Inc in the amount of \$12,814.41, funds to be drawn from the special equipment fund; and to begin assessing each department a five cent per gallon surcharge to help pay for future equipment replacement and upgrades, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- 2014 Budget:** The board met with the following department heads individually to discuss the 2014 proposed budget, changes to the 2013 budget, and having department heads identify areas that can be cut and/or justify budget increases: Larry Meitler and Michel O'Hare, Highway Department; Leann Bishop, Treasurer's Office; Ladonna Reinert, Health Department; Wendy Gronau, Ambulance Service; Tami Kerth, Register of Deeds;

Jennifer O'Hare, County Attorney; Mike Weigel and Dustin Florence, Sheriff's Department; Rhonda Wright, County Appraiser; and Dawn Harlow, County Clerk.

**Executive Session:** Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 11:15 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Register of Deeds Tami Kerth and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:20 a.m.

**Sanitary Code Requirements:** Patricia Winters & Shawn Esterl met with the board to clarify what should occur when individuals contact the NRCS and Conservation District office concerning livestock water wells. Esterl related that some ranchers have been required by drilling companies to obtain a water well permit because of State regulations. After discussion, the board related that all calls inquiring about requirements for personal and/or livestock water wells should be referred to the Salina-Saline County Health Department, Lincoln County's contracted agent for Sanitary Code regulations, for proper permitting determinations. Esterl updated the board on the status of a septic system violation.

**Recess:** The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 1:34 p.m.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:10 p.m.

**2014 Budget:** The board made changes to the 2014 proposed budget, decreasing the proposed mill levy increase from last week to an increase of 13.906 mills. The board decided to postpone publication by one week to determine if any other decreases can be located within the budget.

**Handbook Change:** Terry Finch moved to approve the following change to the Holiday Pay, Full-Time Employees section of the handbook titled the Lincoln County Employees Rules & Regulations: All full-time employees shall receive an equal number of paid holiday hours per their regularly scheduled shifts, *not to exceed 12 hours*. Employees required to work on an observed holiday shall be compensated at the regular rate for the hours worked, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

**USD 298 Contractor Agreement:** Gerald Huehl moved to allow the chairman to sign an Independent Vendor/Contractor Master Work Agreement between Lincoln County and Unified School District #298 Lincoln, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

**Minutes Approved:** Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the August 5, 2013 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

**Ambulance Standby Pay Approved:** Al Joe Wallace moved to pay ambulance personnel \$30 per game to standby at both USD 298 & 299 football games, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 19, 2013 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.