

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 3, 2013

- Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Tuesday, September 3, 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: Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Clayton Suelter, Mary Witte, Roger Witte, Jo Hachmeister, Bob White, Richard White, Jeff White, Dennis Ray, John Baetz, Jennifer O'Hare, Ladonna Reinert and Dustin Florence.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. O'Hare reported that the fuel system is slated to be replaced within the next couple of weeks, and inquired about how to bill for the 6 weeks that no viable accounting data was retrievable. After discussion, the board approved averaging weekly fuel usage beginning January 1 through the last usable data, and billing each department based upon the average weekly use.
- Executive Session:** Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 9:17 a.m. – 9:27 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Road Supervisor Meitler, Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:27 a.m.
- Recess:** The chairman recessed the meeting to the courtroom at 9:57 a.m. to accommodate citizens attending the 2014 Lincoln County budget hearing.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session in the courtroom at 9:59 a.m.
- County Budget Hearing:** The chairman opened the Lincoln County, Kansas, budget hearing at 10:00 a.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the 2014 proposed budget, with Clayton Suelter, Mary Witte, Roger Witte, Jo Hachmeister, Bob White, Richard White, Jeff White, Dennis Ray and John Baetz present, and written opposition from Tom Slagle and Tamara VonFange, with no others appearing the chairman closed the budget hearing at 11:05 a.m.
- Fire District's Budget Hearing:** The chairman opened the budget hearing at 11:05 a.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the following 2014 Fire District's proposed budgets: Barnard Rural Fire District, Beverly Rural Fire District, First Rural Fire District, Hunter Rural Fire District and the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District, with no one appearing the chairman closed the budget hearing at 11:08 a.m.
- Cemetery District's Budget Hearing:** The chairman opened the budget hearing at 11:08 a.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the following

2014 Cemetery District's proposed budgets: Free Mission Cemetery District, Rosette Cemetery District, Spillman Cemetery District and Vesper Cemetery District with no one appearing the chairman closed the budget hearings at 11:11 a.m.

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

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session in the commission meeting room at 11:15 a.m.

County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare related that the tenant who has been sent a Sanitary Code Violation notice has requested an additional time extension to replace the system. After discussion, the board denied an extension, unless a contractor requests one specifically caused by time constraints on the contractor, due to the fact that the tenant has had an adequate amount of time to address the issue and further extension will only cause additional requests. The board requested O'Hare contact wind farm companies to determine if the county will receive additional PILOT payments after the completion of the original ten year agreements.

Homeland Security Council Representative: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert reported former Emergency Manager Rodney Job was the only voting member for Lincoln County on the North Central Kansas Homeland Security (NCKHS) Council and inquired if the board would appoint someone to vote on the counties behalf until an emergency manager is employed, noting that the next meeting is September 24. The board approved naming Ladonna Reinert temporarily as Lincoln County's voting member to the NCKHS Council.

Law Enforcement: Undersheriff Dustin Florence reported that the Sheriff was involved in a non-injury motor vehicle accident. Florence requested approval to allow an employee to attend an out-of-state conference and utilize the county van. The board related that it is up to the Sheriff, that if he feels the training is needed and that it is not offered in the state then the employee may attend, however it was suggested that the department either reimburse mileage or find an alternate vehicle as the county van is not reliable for long distance trips.

Budgets Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the 2014 Lincoln County, Kansas budget as published; the following 2014 Fire District budgets as published: Barnard Rural Fire District, Beverly Rural Fire District, First Rural Fire District, Hunter Rural Fire District and the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District; and the following 2014 Cemetery District budgets as published: Free Mission Cemetery District, Rosette Cemetery District, Spillman Cemetery District and Vesper Cemetery District, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the August 26, 2013 and August 30, 2013 regular meetings as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 9, 2013 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.