

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 20, 2009

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, July 20, 2009. Chairman Steve Errebo called the meeting to order at 8:00 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: Lech Wisniewski, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Mindy Wiebke, Sara Crangle, Willis Becker, Marc Lovin, Debora Zachgo and Russ Black.
- U.S. Census: Lech Wisniewski, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau discussed the upcoming census, the need for local support for the census process and requested that the board appoint a point of contact for the county. Wisniewski provided maps indicating the percentage of response within Kansas during the 1990 census, noting that Lincoln County had a 69% response rate, which means that Lincoln County received a lower amount of federal tax dollars being returned to the county than those counties with higher response rates. Wisniewski detailed Bureau activities that are occurring to ensure that every person is counted cumulating more federal dollars to local communities.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects and provided a status on fuel remaining on contract. Meitler forwarded a gravel request from Dennis Coleman in Section 16, Hanover Township. The board approved the request. Meitler reported that Joseph Schultz has completed his first year of service and requested the customary salary increase. Al Joe Wallace moved to grant Joseph Schultz a twenty-five cent per hour merit increase, effective June 26, 2009, for the completion of the first year of service, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. O'Hare presented a list of bridges, identified by John Cashatt, Schwab-Eaton, P.A., that are more advantageous as federal aid projects. The board discussed the 900 block of N 260th Rd in Colorado Township.
- Salary Increase Approved: Motion carried. O'Hare presented a list of bridges, identified by John Cashatt, Schwab-Eaton, P.A., that are more advantageous as federal aid projects. The board discussed the 900 block of N 260th Rd in Colorado Township.
- Recreation Commission: Lincoln Recreation Commission Director Mindy Wiebke provided a listing of activities sponsored by the recreation commission. Wiebke answered questions regarding out of county participants and board member participation.
- Sylvan Grove CDBG Grant Project: Sara Crangle, North Central Regional Planning Commission with Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District Board Member Willis Becker and Fire Chief Marc Lovin reviewed the financial status of the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District CDBG grant project. The fire district will be approximately \$70,000.00 short on matching funds for the project, due to the fact that in-kind labor will not be allowed to count if the person is not getting paid while completing the work; and that the fire district did not have the available cash that they had estimated to have accumulated when the grant application was submitted. The group discussed options available to raise the amount of money needed to meet the required match funds. The board related that the fire district should consider the need to increase their budget request to help fund the project. Clerk Harlow will research

whether the fire district would qualify for no-fund warrants. Crangle noted that the board will need to approve a resolution stipulating agreement with the contract between the rural fire district and the architect to meet State guidelines for the CDBG grant.

Budget Requests: The board reviewed the following 2010 budget requests: Refuse Department - \$287,625.00 which is \$81,560.00 more than the 2009 approved budget of \$206,065.00; and Noxious Weed Department - \$106,000.00 which is \$17,000.00 more than the 2009 approved budget of \$89,000.00.

Clerk Budget Request: Clerk Harlow presented the following 2010 budget proposals: County Clerk - \$94,104.00 which is \$3,792.00 more than the 2009 approved budget of \$90,312.00; and Election Fund - \$30,450.00 which is \$13,200.00 more than the 2009 approved budget of \$17,250.00. Clerk Harlow reminded the board that the election fund's budget fluctuates between even and odd years to account for the larger statewide primary and general elections in even years compared to the smaller city/school elections in odd years.

Notice of Privacy Practices Approved: Human Resource Office Debora Zachgo provided copies of the amended Notice of Privacy Practices, which are required to be provided to patients of the health department and ambulance service, and detailed changes made. Terry Finch moved to approve the changes made to Lincoln County's Notice of Privacy Practices, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Misc. Fund Budgets: Clerk Harlow provided listing of miscellaneous funds and budget proposals or levy limitations for each.

Juvenile Detention: Commissioner Wallace updated the board on the following actions taken during the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility meeting: raised daily rates, capital outlay funds are being moved to a separate fund.

Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the July 13, 2009 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 27, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.