

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 17, 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, February 17, 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: Debora Zachgo, Wayne Grabbe, Francis Strutt, Sara Crangle, Larry Sharp, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Albert Oller, Kermit Rush, Terry Kueser, Richard Nondorf and John Cashatt.
- Request for Funds: Wayne Grabbe, President of the Amazing 100 Miles Tourism Coalition requested funding to continue the promotion of the 100 amazing miles showcasing communities between Salina and Hays.
- Maintenance: Francis Strutt discussed courthouse maintenance needs.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Office Debora Zachgo provided a copy of the County's Cellular Phone Policy and advised that county supervisor's would like to see the policy strengthened to assist with disciplinary issues. Zachgo requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 10:32 a.m. – 10:42 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo and County Clerk Harlow, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Executive Session:
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:42 a.m.
- Sylvan Grove RFD CDBG Grant Project: Sara Crangle, North Central Regional Planning Commission related that the original environmental review did not include hauling fill materials from another location, as will now be required due to the amount of debris that was removed from the excavation site of the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District CDBG Grant Project 08-PF-825, Fire Station Project. Crangle summarized what the process is to complete an additional environmental review for the project.
- KCAMP: Larry Sharp, KCAMP Member Services Representative introduced himself to the board, and provided an overview of the services provided by KCAMP, the County's insurance provider.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. O'Hare related that the bid from Hi-Plains Sand, Inc included rock materials that met the County's specifications. After discussion, Al Joe Wallace moved to contract with Hi-Plains Sand, Inc to chip seal the Westfall Rd in the amount of \$280,082.00, with the Highway Department completing the patching, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. O'Hare provided a cost estimate to repair

the County's oil distribution truck at \$8,439.00, discussion was held on whether it would be feasible to repair the truck, replace the truck or contract services to patch oiled road surfaces. O'Hare provided an estimate from M & B Plumbing and Heating to install water and sewer lines to the proposed portable office space unit discussed at previous meetings. O'Hare provided information on the State's projections on how the stimulus payments will be utilized for transportation enhancements. O'Hare reported that an access complaint had been received concerning W Lincoln Ave, which extends west from the Elevator, being blocked off by landowners. Members related that the road is no longer open to public travel, that ownership reverted back to adjacent landowners when it was vacated and that it is not a County matter. Meitler requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 12:01 p.m. – 12:06 p.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 Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:06 p.m.

Highway Department: Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare related that there is a 1991 CAT Challenger Tractor being sold on PurpleWave.com and that the tractor had been inspected by Meitler and a mechanic, and requested approval to bid on the tractor. After discussion, the board approved allowing highway department officials to place bids, not to exceed \$25,000.00 on the tractor.

Salary Adjustment: Terry Finch moved to reduce the wage of Equipment Operator Colby Naegele an additional \$.20, due to receiving a higher starting wage as a mechanic, effective February 17, 2009, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Gravel Agreement: Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into a three year gravel removal/purchase agreement with Gene C. Meitler, expiring January 1, 2012, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

ICS Training: Clerk Harlow discussed the mandatory ICS training and the overtime implications of holding the class at night or on the weekends; relating that Emergency Manager Rodney Job would be willing to offer a daytime class and would have enough participants if approved by the board. The board approved offering a daytime class.

Refreshments: Clerk Harlow requested approval for the County to provide refreshments at the Weather Spotter meeting being held Thursday, February 19. The board approved the request.

Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the February 9, 2009 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.

- Abatements: Terry Finch moved to allow tax abatements 2008-20 through 2008-21, in the amount of \$478.60, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting at 1:07 p.m. to view a bridge located in the 2700 block of E Ash Dr, Madison Township with the Ellsworth County Commissioners.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:35 p.m. at a county-line bridge located in the 2700 block of E Ash Dr, Madison Township with Ellsworth County Commissioners Albert Oller, Kermit Rush and Terry Kueser, Ellsworth County Road Supervisor Richard Nondorf and John Cashatt, Schwab-Eaton, P.A. to discuss the plans to replace the bridge. Lincoln County notified Ellsworth County that the bridge has been placed on Lincoln County's five-year bridge plan and has been assigned a project number with a possible let date in 2011. The boards discussed match funding and how the expenses will be divided between the counties. Both boards agreed that the bridge needed replaced and to share equally in the expenses associated with the project. Lincoln County will provide Ellsworth County an estimate of costs for the project, before a final determination on funding will be made.
- Recess: The board recessed the meeting at 2:30 p.m. to view county roads.
- Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 23, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.