

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 19, 2008

- Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Steve Errebo and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Dan Heina, Judy Larsen, Jennifer O'Hare, George Martin, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Les Richards, Russ Black and Brock Mueller.
- Executive Session:** Steve Errebo moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes from 10:15 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Noxious Weed Director Dan Heina present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:35 a.m.
- Executive Session:** Steve Errebo moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Noxious Weed Director Heina present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:45 a.m.
- Noxious Weed:** Noxious Weed Director Heina presented the annual noxious weed eradication progress report for the board's approval. Steve Errebo moved to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2007 as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Health Department:** Health Department Secretary Judy Larsen inquired about the board's decision on a previous request to replace the health department's copier/printer/fax machine. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the purchase of a copier/printer/fax machine from Image Quest, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Fuel Contract:** George Martin, Martin Oil Company answered questions regarding fuel contracts. Martin related that the current oil prices are variable and that fuel contracts are not being offered at this time. Martin will contact the board when fuel contracts are available.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler reported on highway department projects. Meitler forwarded a request from Lloyd Gier and Delmar Gier requesting that undeveloped road right-of-way be vacated adjacent Sections 34 & 35 in Cedron Township. Meitler
- Executive Session:** reported on applicants interviewed last week to fill open positions. Steve Errebo moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 11:35 a.m. – 11:40 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 Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:40 a.m.

**Highway Department:** Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on the progression of plans for the Apache Rd road slide; discussed the December ice storm and FEMA requirements when handling debris; and provided additional price estimates for replacing the shop service truck. The group discussed dissatisfaction with the timing of county road infrastructure improvements by the Smoky Hills Wind Farm Phase II project.

**Law Enforcement:** Undersheriff Les Richards with Sheriff Russ Black reported that the department has been awarded an E911 Grant in the amount of \$53,198.00, with matching funds required from the county in the amount of \$40,698.00. Richards related that the grant funds will be used to install a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

**Wind Power Project:** The board conveyed their dissatisfaction to Matt Gilhousen, TradeWind Energy, LLC over the timing and lack of notification to the County when making county road infrastructure improvements during Phase II of the Smoky Hills Wind Farm Project. The board discussed more specifically, N 150<sup>th</sup> Rd, which was closed without timely notification to county officials, and N 120<sup>th</sup> Rd. Gillhousen noted that once N 150<sup>th</sup> Rd's improvement project is complete, that they will begin working on N 120<sup>th</sup> Rd, with an approximate start date of February 26 and completion date of March 4. The board related that before N 120<sup>th</sup> Rd is closed that N 150<sup>th</sup> Rd must be open and drivable and requested that all residents in the vicinity of N 120<sup>th</sup> Rd be notified in writing of their intentions. Commissioners provided a listing of individuals that should be contacted regarding the closings.

**800 MHz Rebanding:** Al Joe Wallace moved to allow the chairman to sign the 800 MHz reconfiguration incumbent information, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

**Minutes Approved:** Steve Errebo moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the February 11, 2008 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

**Escrow Agreement Approved:** Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into an escrow agreement between Smoky Hills Wind Project II, LLC, the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Kansas and the Bank of Tescott, pursuant to the Road Maintenance Agreement dated February 20, 2007, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 25, 2008 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.