

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 2, 2018

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the basement meeting room of the courthouse Monday, July 2, 2018. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Alexis Pflugh and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.

Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Katy Black, Sharon Dohe, Jude Stecklein, Kathy Robertson, Howard Wehrman, Kelly Larson, Michel O'Hare and Robert Howe.

Minutes Approved: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2018 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2018 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Finch-Aye; Wallace-Aye; Pflugh-Abstained.

WEB Fund Distributions Approved: USD 298 Superintendent Kathy Robertson and USD 299 Superintendent Jude Stecklein answered questions regarding their proposed projects. Member Wallace related that he would be in agreement with paying for the HVAC portion of the proposed projects, which after further discussion also need to include the replacement of the windows at the Lincoln grade school, to maximize the purpose of updating the HVAC system. Al Joe Wallace moved to grant from the Windpower Economic Benefit Funds \$760,000 to USD 299 and \$920,000 to USD 298 to improve air quality environment to the students, seconded Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Courthouse Repairs: Economic Development Director Kelly Larson presented an estimate from an architectural firm to perform an assessment on the courthouse so that the board could see what the potential cost for an assessment would be, and determine if they would like to apply for grant funding to complete the assessment. After discussion the board agreed to apply for grant funding to complete an assessment on the courthouse in February 2019 so that the assessment could be utilized when applying for a Kansas Historical Society grant in November 2019. Larson inquired if the board would be available on July 5, 10:00 a.m. to have a telephone conference with Gove County Hospital administration to ascertain how they are able to operate their hospital and long term care. Alexis Pflugh moved to hold a special meeting considering combined management of the hospital and long term care with a phone conference on Thursday, July 5 at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Motion: Alexis Pflugh moved to reject the submitted bill from Lincoln Park Manor for cleaning the air conditioner condenser coils due to the fact that their contract says that they have their own maintenance. Motion died for a lack of second.

Highway Department: Director of Public Work Michel O'Hare and Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe presented an employee evaluation and requested that the board approve promoting the employee to Bridge Foreman. Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 9:05 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. pursuant to 4319(2)(b) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel for consideration of a promotion with Highway Department supervisors Michel O'Hare and Robert Howe present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:05 a.m. with no action taken.

Highway Department:

Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the promotion of Jesse Zachgo to Bridge Crew Foreman with a rate increase of \$1.00 per hour effective, July 2, 2018, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Howe reported that crews are hauling chips for the chip sealing project, repairing pipes, and lowering signs to accommodate farm equipment. Commissioner Pflugh inquired why complaint forms aren't being utilized by the department and whether rip rap will be utilized at OS 67 to prevent further washing of the structure once repairs are completed, relating that she thinks it would be beneficial to add the material while crews are still working on the project.

County Clerk Harlow related that Human Resource Officer and Clerk Secretary Debora Zachgo has resigned her position and inquired if the board would like to consider hiring a County Administrator who could also be responsible for human resources or move the position to a full-time position and remove it from the County Clerk's Office supervision. Clerk Harlow will provide a list of things that could be done if the position was full-time and return to the July 9 meeting for a decision.

Alexis Pflugh moved to hold a public meeting prior to the budget to receive input from the public for the expenditures for 2019. Motion died for a lack of a second.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 5, 2018 in the economic development office of the courthouse.