

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

March 12, 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, March 12, 2018. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:03 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: Cynthia Nelson, Chris Loveless, Bob Loveless, Roger Nitsch, Nancy Nitsch, Jarrod Heinze, Sondra Lyne, Mona Gerstmann, Jonathan Pancost, Debora Zachgo, Kelly Larson, John Paul Ellis, Howard Wehrman, Shirley Small, Mike Kratky, Kenny Small, Michel O'Hare, Tanner Yost, Robert Howe, Eric Campbell and Greg Babcock.
- Minutes Approved: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo presented the Agreement for Physical Capacity Profile® Testing again and inquired if they had any changes to the agreement. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the contract with Occupations Performance Corporation to conduct pre-employment physical capacity testing, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Zachgo inquired if the board would like department heads to have input into employee handbook changes. The board related that department heads could have input. Zachgo will organize a department head meeting to review and recommend changes to the handbook.
- Courthouse Steps: Jonathan Pancost, Bluestem Quarry related that he had been requested by John Paul Ellis to look at the courthouse steps and offer an opinion. Pancost recommended the county contract with an architect or engineer to complete an assessment of the project, as well as engineer the project, and provided a listing of architects that he printed from the Kansas State Historical Society's website.
- Sylvan Grove Senior Center: Shirley Small read the letter presented last week, from the officers and members of the Sylvan Senior Center, stating that the senior center does not recognize the Lincoln County Council on Aging as a legitimate steward of Lincoln County elderly service mill levy money and requested that the board take action this date to distribute money directly to the senior center and requested the following amounts: \$4,000 for utilities and insurance; and \$3,400 for elderly programs, building maintenance and supplies. Mike Kratky provided the following documents and read a statement: Sylvan Senior Center spreadsheets with income and expenses for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17; listing of funds transferred to the Sylvan Senior Center mill levy account from their private accounts; letters of support to form the Sylvan Senior Center from 1989; and the Memorandum of Understanding that was prepared by mediator Ann Zimmerman.
- Highway Department: Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare related that the State has voided the engineering inspection services agreement previously approved as the agreements were missing a section regarding sexual harassment and presented new agreements for the board's approval. Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into an Agreement for Federal-Aid Construction Engineering Inspection Services by Consultant, Project 53C-4849-01, for the eastern half of the county signage project, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. O'Hare provided a breakdown of

increased taxes for each gravel pit providing the following: estimated cost for 2018 taxes; acreage and assessment of ag land; acreage and assessment of commercial property; and the total estimated increase. The group discussed the gravel agreement previously approved with Timothy and Sondra Lyne. Sondra Lyne related that she would like the expiration date to be March 31, 2018, that would give the county until September 30 to finish removing all remaining gravel and close the pit, with her overall goal to have the pit closed by December 31, to prevent the property from being classified as commercial for the 2019 tax year. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the following gravel removal/purchase agreements: Mary Jo Simmons Trust, two-year expiring March 31, 2020; Adis Wacker, three-year expiring March 31, 2021; and John D Keeler Trust and Letha D Keller Trust, three-year expiring March 31, 2021, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. O'Hare discussed the Highland Lake Dam and related that the only way to not have continued costs on the dam itself would be to close the road; and recommended that if it was a viable option to close that portion of the 600 block of E Elk Dr from the west side of the dam to the east intersection of N 70th Rd. No decision made this date. O'Hare related that Central Valley Ag will be selling anhydrous tanks on Purplewave.com and discussed potential uses for the tanks. Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe reported on projects being completed: repairing pipe ends in several locations; preparing for N 60th Rd culvert replacement and detour signage for the project; cleanup at the Lyne gravel pit; and replacing culverts on dirt roads. O'Hare notified the board of an accident that occurred with equipment causing damage to the 1977 Ford tire truck. Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael related that they are working with landowners to secure right-of-way for off-system bridge replacement project OS 87. O'Hare requested that board members provide them with requests received from constituents so that they can go and look at the areas.

Nursing Home: Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson Engineers PA provided Change Order No. 4 for the board's approval which includes the following changes: deducting sales tax from the project; remove existing cast iron tub from storage room, cap plumbing below floor level, patch concrete floor and install new flooring; and remove FRP panels from dishwashing area in the kitchen and install floor to ceiling stainless steel panels and trim molding. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the Change Order No. 4 for Lincoln Park Manor, in the amount of \$-27,176.37, to contractor R&R Street Plumbing, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Nursing Home: Greg Babcock, Lincoln Park Manor provided an additional estimate to replace the fire doors at the nursing home.

Commissioner District #3: Commissioner Pflugh discussed the following: nursing home expenses; bridge priorities; and motor grader replacement rotation.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2018 in the basement meeting room of the courthouse.