

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 17, 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, September 17, 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: Randy Lohman, David Dohe, Sharon Dohe, Kathy Robertson, Jennifer O’Hare, Michel O’Hare, Tanner Yost, Robert Howe, Leann Bishop, Mary Ann Stertz, Kim Cudney, Taylor Lebien, Brian Grace, Mike Weigel and Dustin Florence.
- Minutes Approved: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Terry Finch moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 special meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Resolution 99-35 Exhibit “A” Amended: Alexis Pflugh moved to amend Exhibit “A” of Resolution 99-35, Lincoln County Multi-year Capital Improvement Plan altering No. 6 to include the word ‘furnish’ to have No. 6 read: repair, restore, rehabilitate and furnish the courthouse, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Emergency Manager: Emergency Manager David Dohe presented a grant application for the board to approve. Al Joe Wallace moved to allow the chairman to sign the 2018 Application for Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Funds, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Dohe requested approval to charge meals to the county credit card October 1-5 while he is a training in Colorado. Al Joe Wallace moved to allow the Emergency Manager to charge meals on the county credit card for the October 1-5 training, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Dohe requested approval to move one of the sirens located in the City of Lincoln to the nursing home to allow the siren to be connected to the generator, if grant funds are approved to replace the sirens. The board approved the placement of a siren at the nursing home. Dohe related that Sheriff Weigel had agreed to facilitate an active shooter power point presentation to employees and Ladonna Reinert had agreed to conduct a Stop the Bleed training at the October 8 training day.
- USD 298: USD 298 Superintendent Kathy Robertson provided thank you cards from students.
- County Clerk: County Clerk Harlow presented estimates for file storage options for the human resource office.
- County Attorney: Resolution 2018-18: County Attorney Jennifer O’Hare provided Resolution 2018-18 for the board to approve which will allow her to begin the tax sale process. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve Resolution 2018-18, concerning judicial foreclosure and sale of real estate tax liens, authorizing the county attorney to commence tax sale proceedings, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. O’Hare provided estimates to purchase a desk, file system and counter for the office at the courthouse. O’Hare requested that the board approve adding a full-time employee to the County Attorney’s office beginning October 1 and that Katie Good will be hired into the
- Position Established: position. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the County Attorney’s request to employ one full-

time staff beginning October 1, 2018, starting wage \$14.00 per hour, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Commissioner Wallace inquired about a letter to John Grace regarding the nursing home. Commissioner Pflugh requested O'Hare assist with creating mill levy regulations for distribution of the services for the elderly funds. O'Hare discussed the need to potentially hire outside council, who specialize in the health care industry contracts, regarding the future negotiations and organization of the nursing home.

Highway Department: Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare, with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe and Tanner Yost Kirkham Michael reported on the following: chip sealing is completed for the year; L&M Contractors would like to begin construction on OS 87 in October; and provided a response to the board concerning Mary Powell's requests. Commissioner Pflugh discussed gravel rates in 2019 and **concerns with pictures of** work performed on OS 65. O'Hare related that Howe has returned to work full-time, noting that the additional wage to John Wolting will need to be addressed as the original motion said they would readdress additional time on October 1, O'Hare requested that the board consider adding a full-time working foreman. No decision was made this date on adding a working foreman, however the board agreed to leave Wolting as an Interim Supervisor through October 1 to allow the Highway Department to get caught up on projects.

Courthouse Relocations/ Modifications: 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge Kim Cudney, Magistrate Judge Brian Grace and District Court Clerk Taylor Lebien met with the board to discuss changes to the third floor to accommodate the County Attorney's office relocation.

Law Enforcement: Sheriff Mike Weigel and Undersheriff Dustin Florence reported that they terminated a communications officer last week and will be advertising for the open position. Weigel requested a twenty-five cent per hour merit increase for Toni Nelson as she has completed TACH officer training and will become the TACH officer. Al Joe Wallace moved to grant Toni Nelson a twenty-five cent per hour raise for completing TACH officer training, effective September 26, 2018, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. The group discussed Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) training. Commissioner Finch inquired about why law enforcement is not enforcing regulations regarding out of state tags for county residents. Weigel and Florence related that they do contact residents and make them aware of the law, however some residents have dual residency and/or own property in another state, and that they cannot stop a vehicle just because they have out of state tags.

Nursing Home: Commissioner Wallace related that the board needs to send a letter to John Grace to state our intentions to negotiate with the Grace Team LLC. Wallace related that the **board commission** would need to establish a board to operate the nursing home and asked ~~the board~~ to consider appointing ~~some of the~~ members of the non-profit organization that approached the county to run the nursing home, so that they could get established, determine wages and negotiate a management agreement. **Commissioner Wallace related that a commission member needed to serve on the board and that the board members might change at later date.** Debate amongst board members ensued. Terry Finch moved to approve correspondence to John Grace, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Alexis Pflugh moved to advertise for positions for the nursing home appointed administrative board, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Wallace – Aye, Pflugh – Aye; Finch – Nay.

Motions Approved:

Adjourn:

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 24, 2018 in the basement meeting room of the courthouse.