

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 23, 2010

- Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, August 23, 2010. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Terry Finch present. Member Steve Errebo was absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Ron Buttenhoff, Wendy Gronau, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Ray Rasmussen, Norman Mannel, Les Richards, Russ Black and Debora Zachgo.
- Road Inquiries:** Ron Buttenhoff related that he is not in favor of allowing a county road located in Indiana Township to be mined for rock in. Buttenhoff requested culvert repair in Indiana Township and issued a concern about road maintenance.
- Member Arrives:** Member Steve Errebo arrived to the meeting at 8:30 a.m.
- Ambulance Service:** Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau reported that she has sent out bid requests to replace an ambulance with a September 3 deadline to respond. Gronau provided estimates to replace a computer and a monitor. The board approved allowing Gronau to purchase needed computer equipment from a vendor of her choice.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. Meitler provided prices for trucks available at Federal Surplus. O'Hare updated the board on the status of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program projects; progress to the modifications being made to the newly purchased Mack Truck; and KDOT's requirement to have a certified appraiser prepare cost estimates. The group discussed bridge tuckpointing projects, board members related that they were not satisfied with the workmanship and told the clerk to withhold payment until John Cashatt inspects the bridges to determine if the work is satisfactory to the project specifications.
- Budget Hearing:** The chairman opened the Lincoln County, Kansas, budget hearing at 10:00 a.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the 2011 proposed budget with Larry Meitler and Michel O'Hare present. With no others appearing the chairman closed the budget hearing at 10:35 a.m. Steve Errebo
- Budget Approved:** moved to approve and adopt the 2011 Lincoln County, Kansas budget as published, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Sealed Bids Opened:** The board opened the sealed bids received for two parcels of county owned property as follows: Tract One - building, personal property, and a tract of land in the SE1/4 Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 8 West, in Lincoln County, Kansas described as follows, beginning 1072.5 feet West and 60.4 feet South of the Northeast corner of the SE1/4 of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 8 West thence 244.6 feet South, thence 100 feet West, thence 244.6 feet North, thence East along the South right-of-way line of K-18 to the point of beginning, four bids received with the apparent high bid from Dale Pacey in the amount of \$7,600.00; and Tract Two - a tract of land beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 6, Township 12 South, Range 7 West, thence North a distance of seventy feet, thence East a distance of one hundred twenty-nine feet, thence South a distance of Seventy
- Approval to Sell 2 Tracts of Property:**

feet, thence West a distance of one hundred twenty-nine feet to the point of beginning, one bid received from Doug Lebien in the amount of \$427.50. Terry Finch moved to accept the apparent high bids and to sell the parcels of county owned property as follows: Tract One, to Dale Pacey in the amount of \$7,600.00; and Tract Two, to Doug Lebien in the amount of \$427.50, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

**Inquiries:** Norman Mannel inquired if the board had appointed members to the Windpower Economic Benefit 'WEB' fund board; trees cut last fall in county road right-of-way; and whether the County was going to reconsider the tax abatement granted to Farmway Storage #1 LLC.

**Sheriff's Department:** Undersheriff Les Richards with Sheriff Russ Black presented a Reconfiguration Implementation Phase Agreement, for the board's approval, as part of the 800 MHz rebanding project. Richards related that as part of the agreement some of the Sheriff's Department radio units will be replaced. Steve Errebo moved to enter into a Reconfiguration Implementation Phase Agreement with Motorola, Inc, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Richards related that they would like to hire David Gurney as a part-time per-need Emergency Communications Officer requesting a starting salary of

**Employee Approved:** \$10.30 per hour. Terry Finch moved to set the starting wage for part-time per-need Emergency Communications Officer David Gurney at \$10.30 per hour, effective upon successful completion of pre-employment testing, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:** Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 11:32 a.m. – 11:37 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

**Recess:** The chairman recessed the meeting to regular session at 11:37 a.m.

**FMLA Exemption Approved:** Steve Errebo moved to grant an exemption to the Family Medical Leave Act and allow an employee to utilize Family Medical Leave, and that future exemptions will be determined on a case by case basis, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

**WEB Fund Committee Members Appointed:** The board discussed appointing the Windpower Economic Benefit 'WEB' Fund Committee, board members identified their appointments from their respective districts. Al Joe Wallace moved to appoint the following to the Windpower Economic Benefit 'WEB' Fund Committee: Commissioner District 1 - Deborah Ortiz, Commissioner District 2 – Tammy Rees, and Commissioner District 3 – Jason Dohl, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. The chairman scheduled a special meeting with the WEB fund committee for September 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse meeting room.

**Minutes Approved:** Steve Errebo moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the August 16, 2010 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 30, 2010 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.