

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 14, 2009

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, December 14, 2009. Chairman Steve Errebo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace and Member Terry Finch present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.

Visitors:

Others present for portions of the meeting: Anna Marie Wolting, Jennifer O'Hare, Alice Block, Ladonna Reinert, Wes O'Bannon, Art Duerksen, Rhonda Wright, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Shawn Esterl and Leo Lessor.

Transportation Bus:

Anna Marie Wolting, Transportation Bus, discussed transportation bus activities and requested input into the budget submission to the State of Kansas.

Gravel Agreement:

Alice Block provided the documents to renew the Block Family Ventures gravel agreement.

Health Department:

Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert with County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare discussed the City of Lincoln's nuisance ordinance that requires the County Health Nurse to inspect City nuisance properties.

Farmway COOP
Economic
Development Tax
Exemption:

Farmway COOP representatives Wes O'Bannon and Art Duerksen, with County Appraiser Rhonda Wright present, answered questions regarding Farmway Storage #1, LLC's application for economic development tax exemption for the newly built 470,000 bushel concrete grain bin. Duerksen explained that Farmway Storage #1, LLC, consists of two project sites, one in Lincoln County and the other in Mitchell County; and that it is owned by 35 producers with approximately 6 producers being Lincoln County residents; and that Farmway COOP is applying for exemption on behalf of those producers. Duerksen also related that there is room to expand in Lincoln and that future plans are to erect three additional bins at the Lincoln site. Commissioners asked questions in regard to taxation, exemptions granted in Mitchell County, job creation, dust control, and noise complaints. The board approved moving forward with the tax exemption proceedings, which will require a Resolution be passed, notifications be made to public agencies and a public hearing to be held.

Highway Department:

Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department activities. O'Hare related that March 15 has been set as the late start date for the N 280th Rd landslide project. O'Hare discussed the lack of heat in the County shop and problems that they are encountering. O'Hare presented a price quote from M & B Plumbing & Heating to purchase and install a tube heater in the County shop at a cost of \$2,100.00. After discussion, Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the purchase of a tube heater, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

- Recess” The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:00 p.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.
- Highway Department: Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O’Hare presented four permit applications for the board’s approval. Al Joe Wallace moved to allow the chairman to sign four Applications for Department of the Army Permit for the following sites: Site 1 – N 150th Rd at E Elk Dr; Site 2 - N 280th Rd and E Ash Dr; Site 5 – E Hawk Dr; and Site 6 – E Grain Dr, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. O’Hare provided an update on equipment needs.
- Gravel Agreement Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into a two year gravel removal/purchase agreement with Block Family Ventures, expiring December 14, 2011, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Wind Power Projects: The board, via telephone with the Smith County Commissioners, answered questions concerning wind power development in Lincoln County.
- Hunter Rural Fire: Leo Lessor, Hunter Rural Fire District Governing Board Member, discussed the Hunter Rural Fire Fireman’s Relief Fund.
- Tax Abatements: Al Joe Wallace moved to allow tax abatements 2009-43 thru 2009-44 in the amount of \$132.00, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the December 7, 2009 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 2:55 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 21, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.