

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 20, 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, April 20, 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: Kerry Smith, Stephan Smith, Richard White, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Truette McQueen, Rhonda Wright, Jennifer O'Hare, Betty Jensen, Carrie Meili and Richard Plinsky.

Cellular Phone Service Proposal: Kerry Smith and Stephan Smith, Lincoln Grocery, authorized dealer for Nex-Tech Wireless, provided a proposal to provide cellular service for Lincoln County. The Smith's related that Nex-Tech has entered into an agreement with Alltel, allowing mobile-to-mobile calls between each carrier's customers, at no cost to the customer, which was a previous concern issued by county departments when determining cell phone providers last year. The Smith's also related that Nex-Tech has added several towers throughout the area improving cellular service coverage within the county, which was also a concern issued previously by county departments. The board agreed to have a county employee test the cellular service to determine if the dead areas are similar to those experienced with Alltel service.

Correspondence: The board reviewed information provided by George Miller concerning the recent purchase of the old Lincoln High School building.

Road Request: Richard White requested road repair in Franklin Township.

Sylvan Grove Trash Service: The board inquired and Sylvan Grove City Mayor Larry Meitler confirmed that the City of Sylvan Grove has decided to continue with contracting city solid waste disposal services with the County.

Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler and Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects and equipment. The board forwarded road and bridge repair requests. Meitler requested approval to employ Roderick Tromble as a full-time equipment operator. Terry Finch moved to employ Roderick Tromble as a full-time equipment operator, starting wage \$10.05 per hour, effective April 20, 2009, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. O'Hare discussed the State's railroad signage project and the N 280<sup>th</sup> Rd road slide project, noting that the landowners had agreed to donate the right-of-way easement needed to complete the project correctly. The group discussed budgeting funds for future equipment replacement as most of the highway department's equipment is aging rapidly.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting for lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Reappraisal Contract: County Appraiser Rhonda Wright and Reappraisal Consultant Truette McQueen advised the board that the current property reappraisal program contract expires May 31 and presented a new contract for the board to review, noting that the annual cost is the same as the original contract with McQueen. Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into a three-year property reappraisal program contract with Truette McQueen, effective June 1, 2009 and expiring May 31, 2012, for the sum of \$29,000.00 per appraisal year to be paid in accordance with terms of the contract, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Review of Transportation Bus Services: Joel Wright, Kansas Collaborative, via telephone, related that the Collaborative is working with KDOT on several regional pilot programs to streamline transportation bus services, by combining several communities and counties bus services into one group with consolidated services. Wright requested that one commissioner agree to serve on a planning team that will review transportation services, needs, and future changes to help determine if the services can operate more effectively and efficiently.

Landfill/Transfer Station: Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Carrie Meili discussed the transfer station chute and the temporary repairs that were made by the County Highway Department, allowing the chute to be utilized until a new chute can be constructed. Commissioner Errebo expressed concerns with the design of the replacement chute and provided ideas to make the chute more structurally sound. The board approved Meili to contact several companies to determine if any would be interested in building a new chute, as there was no interest when the project was let for bid last fall.

County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare discussed county legal matters. O'Hare forwarded a request from Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson to have the board call her concerning Lincoln Park Manor Inc.'s state license and the management agreement with Mid-America Health Centers Inc.

Nursing Home: The board contacted Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson, via telephone. Robinson reported that the state has approved Lincoln Park Manor Inc. for state licensure to operate a nursing home facility; and the status of her application to provide home health services.

Executive Session: Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 2:56 p.m. – 3:01 p.m. for the purpose deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship with County Attorney O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 3:01 p.m.

Executive Session: Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 3:01 p.m. – 3:06 p.m. for the purpose deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship with County Attorney O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 3:06 p.m.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the April 13, 2009 Board of Canvassers meeting as presented and April 13, 2009 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Fence Issue: Richard Plinsky notified the board of a problem with an adjacent landowner, which is causing damage to a fence located between the properties.

Meeting Time Changed: The board approved changing their meeting time to 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, until further notice, beginning with the May 4 regular meeting.

Adjourned: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.