

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 23, 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, April 23, 2018. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:00 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: Cynthia Nelson, Sharon Dohe, Nancy Nitsch, Larry Dohe, Howard Wehrman, Sondra Lyne, Dwight Heller, Kelly Larson, Jim Metz, Linda Wrench, Marsha Serrien, Doris White, Robert White, Steven McReynolds, Kathy Robertson, Hailey Dixon, Monty Breneman, Leann Bishop, Bob Crangle, Elijah Keever, John Baetz, Ladonna Reinert, Katy Black, Pam Morgan, Gwen Knight, Tim Meier, David Dohe, Delbert Wacker, Wendell Suelter, Jim Wiebke, Steve Schneider, Greg Babcock, Rhonda Rivers, Jonathan Schale, Jennifer Kresin, Beth Chard, Dan Cheney, Allan Serrien, Steven Granzow, Galen Liggett, Joe Coover, Joan Detmer, Betty Crawford, Christen Robinson, Sue Brown, Doug Wilson, Monica Wilson, Joan Wilson, Glenn Stegman, Kimberly Meyer, John Grace, Mary Powell, Mike Weigel, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe, Lance Jones, Jeff Bender, David Gerstmann, Mona Gerstmann, Dawn Snyder and Norman Mannel.
- Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2018 regular meeting with the grammatical corrections. Motion died for a lack of a second. Terry Finch moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2018 regular meeting as corrected, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Finch – Aye; Wallace – Aye; Pflugh – Nay.
- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting to the courtroom at 10:17 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting in the courtroom at 10:20 a.m.
- Nursing Home: Jim Gabelmann presented a plan to transition the operation of the nursing from a for-profit status to a non-profit status, requesting the following amounts from the county: \$450,000 to purchase the current business operation, building, and provide working capital for the organization; ~~which is the \$75,000 remaining allocation for 2018 and \$125,000 for three additional years to continue funding the maintenance of the existing building;~~ and \$2,000,000 over the next three years to build two Green Houses. The board took no action this date.
- County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop provided the following 1st quarter 2018 Treasurer Quarterly reports: Treasurers Special Vehicle Fund Balance – \$9,497.33; and Interest Earned on Idle Funds - \$9,541.61.
- Highway Department: Director of Public Work Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe presented sealed bids for two motor graders and a backhoe. The board opened and reviewed the bids received. No action was taken this date. Commissioner Pflugh related that she has received numerous requests for road name signage and read a request from Mary Powell received this date.
- Community Corrections: Dawn Snyder, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Community Corrections presented the following grant applications for the board's approval: Comprehensive Plan Grant Application for FY19; Behavioral Health

Programming Grant Application for FY19; and Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan Grant for FY19. Snyder answered questions regarding services provided by the organization. Al Joe Wallace moved to allow the chairman to sign the grant applications for the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Snyder related that board member terms will be expiring June 30, and requested that the board appoint a member prior to that date.

**Emergency Management:** Emergency Manager David Dohe provided the following information: weather forecast; meetings attended; and past and upcoming activities. Dohe provided the mutual aid agreement presented in 2017 for the board to approve. Al Joe Wallace moved to allow the chairman to sign the Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement with the Lincoln County Fire Departments and all other Lincoln County Emergency Responders, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. The board signed individual agreements with each of the surrounding counties. Dohe will forward the agreements to the respective county's emergency manager to seek approval from their Board of Commissioners.

**Recess:** The chairman recessed the meeting to the basement meeting room at 12:49 p.m.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting in the basement meeting room at 12:58 p.m.

**Concern:** David Gerstmann followed up on his presentation given on October 23, 2017 in regards to the potential violation of K.S.A. 75-4301a & 75-4304. Gerstman reiterated his concerns regarding the legality of the payment to the County Attorney's private law firm, O'Hare Law LLC, for services provided the county each month and related that the board is being negligent by not seeking an Attorney General's opinion.

**Tax Abatement:** Al Joe Wallace moved to approve tax abatements 2017-23 through 2017-24 in the amount of \$766.16, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2018-15:** Al Joe Wallace moved to adopt Resolution 2018-15, rescinding State of Disaster Emergency Proclamation Resolution 2018-13, lifting the burn ban, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Alexis Pflugh moved to notify the requesters list for the county commission meetings of the public town hall on April 27, so that all commissioners may attend without violating KOMA. Motion died for a lack of second.

**Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 30, 2018 in the basement meeting room of the courthouse.