

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 4, 2013

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, February 4, 2013. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order with Vice-Chairman Terry Finch and Member Gerald Huehl present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: James Swain, Christen Robinson, Theresa Richards, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Rodney Job, John Ahlquist, Randy Rathbun, Brad Nitsch, Dennis Ray, Jeff White, Marc Lovin and Damon Vonada.
- Hospital Board: James Swain expressed an interest in serving on the Hospital Board of Trustees.
- Nursing Home: Christen Robinson, Lincoln Park Manor, provided information on the operations of the nursing home facility and discussed concerns with current trends.
- Council on Aging: Theresa Richards, Lincoln County Council on Aging, provided a listing of current board members and discussed distribution of funding to senior centers within the county.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. Meitler requested approval to work four ten hour days during the spring and summer. The board approved the request. O'Hare updated the board on negotiations with a surplus equipment buyer.
- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:15 p.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:02 p.m.
- Burn Ban Request: John Ahlquist, Randy Rathbun, Brad Nitsch, Dennis Ray, Jeff White, Marc Lovin, Damon Vonada and Michel O'Hare, Rural Fire Chiefs and Assistant Fire Chiefs from Lincoln County rural fire districts, with Emergency Manager Rodney Job present, requested that a temporary burn ban be added to the County's controlled burn regulations. This temporary ban would be put into affect every time a rural fire district is paged to respond to a fire call and would subside as soon as the fire district was finished. The group related that many grass fires require multiple agencies to respond, and that departments could have inadequate coverage during this time. The board will discuss the request with County Attorney O'Hare. The group also related that the fire chiefs try to meet on a quarterly basis and requested that Job attend future meetings as well as other emergency department heads.
- WEB Fund Districtbution: The board reviewed the WEB Fund committee's recommendations for 2013 funding. Terry Finch moved to approve the WEB Fund Committee's recommendations as presented and approved the following Windpower Economic Benefit fund distributions: Lincoln County, \$3,000, to fund the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Assistance year 3 reimbursement; Lincoln County, \$1,500 to fund an additional student

for the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Assistance year 1 reimbursement; Lincoln County Economic Development, \$2,500 to be used for the Business Revitalization Grant Program; Lincoln County Health Department, \$300 to assist with the 2013 Health Fair; Leadership Lincoln County, \$3,000 towards the group's main street banner project; Bud Finch Memorial Community Theatre Foundation, \$3,000 towards the back door replacement project; City of Beverly, \$5,000 to assist with expenses incurred to obtain better water for Beverly citizens; Lincoln County Historical Society, \$500, to help assist with expenses for the 2013 Lincoln Reenactment, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the January 28, 2013 and January 31, 2013 regular meetings as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 11, 2013 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.