

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 6, 2015

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, July 6, 2015. Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Member Terry Finch present, Chairman Gerald Huehl absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.

Visitors:

Other present for portions of the meeting: David Dohe, Bev Anderson, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe, Mike Weigel, Dustin Florence, Debora Zachgo, Ladonna Reinert, Shawn Esterl and Dan Heina.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Manager David Dohe requested approval to travel out of state to attend two conferences, with the State reimbursing the County for portions of the cost for both conferences. The board approved the request. Dohe related that the local emergency planning committee (LEPC) had elected Jeff White as Vice-Chairman of the LEPC, replacing former Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau.

Noise Complaint:

Bev Anderson complained about excessive noise from a shooting range in Beaver Township and inquired about noise ordinances for rural areas.

Cereal Malt Beverage License:

Terry Finch moved to approve the issuance of a Cereal Malt Beverage License 2015-03, to the Sylvan Grove Fair & Agriculture Association, for a 14 day special event, expiring July 27, 2015, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Highway Department:

Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Foreman Robert Howe reported on highway department projects. O'Hare reported that several signs have been vandalized. O'Hare provided a new timeline for bridge replacement project 53C-4699-01, pushing back the tentative letting date to September 2016; and a buy back proposal for motor graders.

Law Enforcement:

Sheriff Mike Weigel and Undersheriff Dustin Florence presented the following 2016 budget proposals for the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Communications and Law Enforcement-Special Equipment fund: Sheriff's Department - \$488,000 which \$27,000 more than the 2015 approved budget of \$461,000; Emergency Communications - \$167,000 which is \$29,000 more than the 2015 approved budget of \$138,000; and Law Enforcement-Special Equipment - \$45,000 which is the same amount as the 2015 approved budget. Weigel related that Craig Shearer has resigned his position effective July 14, 2015 and related that Clint Bailey will be moved to that position, and has been enrolled in the law enforcement officer academy. Florence related that they did not realize that part-time per-need employees qualified for merit increases at the completion of the first six months of employment, and that they inadvertently did not make requests for the salary increases. After discussion, Terry Finch moved to grant the following pay increases for the completion of the first six months employment retroactively: Andrew Meyer, fifty cents per hour, effective December 26, 2014 and Toni Nelson, fifty cents per hour, effective January 26, 2015; and to approve the following pay increases for the completion of the first year of service: Andrew Meyer, twenty-five cents, effective June 26, 2015 and Toni Nelson, twenty-five cents per hour, effective July, 26, 2015, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. The group related that they plan to

Budget Requests:

Salary Increases:

purchase a used SUV from the Kansas Highway Patrol when funds become available. Discussion ensued about the need to replace the dash cameras on all of the patrol units as parts are no longer available to repair current units, at an estimated cost of \$36,000, current plans are to purchase and replace 1-2 cameras per year.

Executive Session: Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 10:47 a.m. – 10:52 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 Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:52 a.m.

Ambulance Service Employees Approved: Human Resource Officer Zachgo provided recommendations for part-time per-need ambulance service technicians and proposed starting wages. After discussion, Terry Finch moved to employ the following part-time per-need ambulance service technicians: Landon Reed, EMT, starting salary \$11.55 per hour, effective July 6, 2015; and Brandon Cochran, AEMT, starting salary \$12.05 per hour, effective July 6, 2015, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Health Department Budget Request: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert presented the Health Department's 2016 budget proposal in the amount of \$240,953, which is \$2,463 more than the 2015 approved budget of \$238,490. Reinert reported that vaccinations had to be destroyed due to the freezer losing electrical power, relating that the phone alarm had been removed as employees moved equipment so that the floors could be stripped and waxed; an insurance claim has been submitted for the loss. Reinert discussed health department activities.

Sanitary Code Violation: Shawn Esterl, Saline County Planning & Zoning reported that the sanitary code violation notice has been cleared effective this date.

Noxious Weed Budget Request: Noxious Weed Director Dan Heina presented the department's 2016 budget proposal requesting \$91,000 which is \$8,500 more than the 2015 approved budget of \$82,500. Heina provided a map of areas sprayed to date and discussed a musk thistle complaint that was forwarded to the County Attorney.

Cereal Malt Beverage License Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve the issuance of Cereal Malt Beverage License 2015-04, to the Sylvan Grove American Legion Post #359, for a 7 day special event, expiring July 28, 2015, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Correspondence: The board approved correspondence to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the June 29, 2015 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 13, 2015 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.