

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 25, 2016

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting Monday, January 25, 2016. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. 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: Debora Zachgo, Larry Fahrenbruch, Janelle Showalter, Ladonna Reinert, Bret Kingan, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe and Kelly Larson.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo discussed personnel matters.
- Legal Shield: Larry Fahrenbruch and Janelle Showalter representatives with Legal Shield, provided materials on products that they offer, and requested approval to offer them to employees. The board made no decision this date.
- Executive Session: Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 10:27 a.m. - 10:37 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:37 a.m.
- Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Reinert discussed health department activities and services. Reinert requested that that board block off some time at the February 1 meeting to discuss each of the services offered and whether they should be continued by the health department. The meeting has been scheduled for February 1 at 1:15 p.m. Reinert related that she is applying for grant funds to purchase a vaccine freezer.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Bret Kingan reported on ambulance service activities.
- Highway Department: Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe reported on highway department projects and equipment. Board members forwarded requests and areas of concern within their respective districts. The board requested O'Hare return this afternoon to further discuss moving forward with creating a Public Works Department.
- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:10 p.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.
- Economic Development: Economic Development Director Kelly Larson related that a veterinarian is considering bringing a Mobile Vet Clinic to Lincoln County one day per week. The mobile unit would need electricity and water and is currently looking for available lots to park.

Rural Opportunity
Zone/ WEB Fund
Application:

Larson inquired about the county owned lot north of the emergency services station. The board related that emergency responders utilize the lot to park when responding to emergencies and suggested additional locations. Larson discussed the Rural Opportunity Zone's Student Loan Assistance Program. Clerk Harlow related that the first two students funding is complete and inquired as to whether the board would like to apply for Windpower Economic Benefit (WEB) funds for another two students. After discussion, Terry Finch moved to allow the chairman sign the WEB fund application to fund two new students in the Rural Opportunity Zone's Student Loan Assistance Program, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Highway Department: The board discussed moving forward with forming a public works department with Director of Public Works O'Hare. Discussion ensued on the following topics: how best to transition; functionality of the department; future vision for the department; supervision; staffing; equipment needs; and available funds. Clerk Harlow related that three counties responded to inquiries about Public Work Departments and will be contacted to gather information on their experiences when forming their departments.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes from January 19, 2016 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2016, in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.