

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 31, 2016

- Called to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 8:00 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: Dustin Florence, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe, Lloyd Gier, Roger Witte and Jennifer O'Hare.
- Donation Request: Howard Adams, Vice-President for the Blinded Veterans Association Heartland Regional Group and Sandy Adams requested sponsorship to set up a booth at the Kansas State Fair to provide information and recruit new members. The board related that although it is a great cause, that it is not appropriate to donate county funds for this activity.
- Law Enforcement: Undersheriff Dustin Florence reported that they have employed Ryan Hageman as a jailer and requested that the board set the starting wage. Terry Finch moved to employ Ryan Hageman as a full-time jailer, starting salary \$11.25 per hour, effective June 1, 2016, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe reported on highway department projects and equipment. O'Hare presented a Supplemental Agreement for the board's approval. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve entering into a Supplemental Agreement No 1, with the Kansas Department of Transportation, for signing construction Project 53C-4807-01, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. O'Hare presented a utility permit agreement for the board's approval. Gerald Huehl moved to approve utility permit agreement with Wilson Telephone Company, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. The group discussed several roads and drainage structures that were damaged during the recent rains.
- Road Concerns: Lloyd Gier identified several sections of roads and drainage structures that need repaired in Cedron and Hanover Townships. Gier related that he will be tearing down a house soon, and that the county could have the limestone to use as rip rap if needed.
- Bridge Concerns: Roger Witte requested that the county repair a bridge that has been closed in Madison Township or inquired if a low water crossing could be installed if the bridge is not repaired.
- Executive Session: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare requested an executive session to discuss county legal matters. Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes from 10:57 a.m. – 11:12 a.m. for the purpose deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship with County Attorney O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:12 a.m.

County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare requested that the contract to O'Hare Law, LLC be increased to pay for an additional employee that was hired to help with the increased county attorney workload. After discussion, Terry Finch moved to increase the contract to O'Hare Law, LLC by \$800 per month through December 2016, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Contract Increase Approved:

Payroll & Accounts Payable Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve May gross payroll in the amount of \$169,280.23 and May accounts payable warrants in the amount of 1,171,041.76, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the May 23, 2016 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2016 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.