

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 7, 2016

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, November 7, 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: Debora Zachgo, Jeremy Abell, John Buttenhoff, Carlene Friesen, Patricia Winters, Norman Mannel, David Dohe, Kelly Larson, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe, and Christen Robinson.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo inquired if the board had made a decision in regards to insurance costs to the employees for 2017 as the State is reducing the rewards for participation in the Health Quest Rewards Program from \$40 to \$20. The board determined that the county will not pay the extra \$20 at this time.
- Conservation District: Conservation Board Members Jeremy Abell, John Buttenhoff, and Carlene Friesen with District Manager Patricia Winters provided a copy of a letter that they will be sending to the county's U.S. and State representatives concerning the Regional Advisory Committees formed as part of the Governor's Water Vision, which plans to take funding allocated to the Division of Conservation and the Conservation Districts, to develop similar programs that are currently in place by Local Extension Districts. The board related that they are concerned by this and would be willing to sign the correspondence as well.
- Concerns: Norman Mannel issued concerns regarding all law enforcement practices in general, liability to the county for actions by law enforcement officers and provided newspaper articles of agencies that are currently being sued for their practices.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager David Dohe related that the LEPC's zombie event had a very good turnout and that LEPC gave out 50 go kits. Dohe related that the LEPC has received a \$500 donation from the County Attorney, which was received from an individual that chose to make a donation in-lieu-of completing community service as part of their court sentence. Dohe inquired about how the money should be handled. The board related that the County should not take the donation until they can speak to the auditors.
- Economic Development: Economic Development Director Kelly Larson related that she has organized a meeting with resource partners to discuss potential funding sources to make needed repairs at the nursing home. A meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 21 at Lincoln Park Manor. Larson reported that Lincoln and Sylvan Grove plan to renew their Neighborhood Revitalization plans and inquired if the board was willing to participate. The board agreed to participate.
- Highway Department: Director of Public Works Director Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe presented a contract for the board's approval. Terry Finch moved to enter into a contract for Consulting Services by Consultant with Schwab-Eaton, P.A. to perform construction engineering services for bridge replacement project Off-System Bridge OS 33, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

- Nursing Home: Christen Robinson, Lincoln Park Manor related that she has received the new conditions for participation in Medicare and Medicaid programs, one of the items of concern is a requirement for emergency and standby power. Robinson related that the home and residents are still having difficulty with Medicaid approvals and funding. Terry Finch moved to
- Executive Session: recess into executive session for ten minutes from 11:14 a.m. – 11:24 a.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships, with Robinson, Economic Development Director Larson and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:24 a.m.
- Resolution 2016-16: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2016-16, increasing the solid waste collection fee to \$9.55 per household per month, effective January 1, 2017, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the October 31, 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 11:45 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Monday, November 14, 2016 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.