

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 1, 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, August 1, 2016. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Terry Finch present. Member Gerald Huehl was absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Ladonna Reinert, Norman Mannel, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe, Jude Stecklein, Kathy Robertson, Tyler Gier and Robert White.
- Health Department:** Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert presented a bid for a new server and sonic wall. Al Joe Wallace moved to purchase a server, sonic wall, and battery backup from Nex-Tech, in the amount of \$9,338 funds to be drawn from the County Health Capital Outlay Fund, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Reinert reported on health department activities.
- Highway Department:** Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe reported on highway department projects. O'Hare related that the highway department received \$113,150 in proceeds from the sale of surplus equipment on PurpleWave.com. O'Hare provided information on a used chip spreader that is currently in St. Louis, Missouri.
- School Districts:** USD 299 Superintendent Jude Stecklein and USD 298 Superintendent Kathy Robertson reported their respective district's state aid loss due to the recent school funding bill that was passed and related that the increased property valuation that both districts received for the Tall Grass Pony Express Pipeline in 2015 was a contributing factor. Robertson noted that USD 298 has applied and will attend a hearing for Extraordinary Need State Aid this week. The Superintendent's inquired as to whether there would be any money available through the Windpower Economic Development Fund pilot payments. The board related that at this time funds would not be available to offset the loss of revenue as both districts span into other counties and that giving them money to offset state aid would benefit taxpayers in other counties. Robertson requested that the board waive the landfill fees for the disposal of the press box that was recently removed from the grandstand at the football stadium. The board approved the request.
- Corner Stone Inquiry:** Robert White inquired about the cost to dig cornerstones. The board will forward the inquiry to Director of Public Work O'Hare and have him contact White.
- Executive Session:** Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes from 11:18 a.m. – 11:38 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Adjourn:** With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 8, 2016 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.