

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 6, 2016

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Tuesday, September 6, 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: Bret Kingan, Debora Zachgo, David Dohe, Steve Schneider, Michel O'Hare, Ray Rasmussen, John Gunzelman and Kelly Larson.

Ambulance Service:

The board discussed staffing needs with Interim Ambulance Service Director Bret Kingan and Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo. After discussing the current staffing problems, the board approved advertising for an additional full-time ambulance attendant. The group discussed whether the residency requirement was necessary for full-time ambulance personnel; the board reviewed the current policy and will consider a change at next week's meeting. Kingan related that the new LED lights at the emergency services station are still not working properly and that he has not been successful at getting the contractor to fix them.

Road Request:

Steve Schneider requested road improvement to a new home in Cedron Township, which Schneider indicated would be used as a hunting lodge and related that a previous group of board members had agreed to gravel the road as long as the house was not a mobile home. No decision was made this date as the board would like to research the matter further.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Manager David Dohe reported that he has inspected the vehicle from Kansas State Surplus Property and requested approval to purchase a 2009 Chevy Silverado 1500 to replace the current Emergency Management vehicle. Board members requested that Dohe obtain a Carfax on the vehicle.

Highway Department:

Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. O'Hare requested approval for department staff to work overtime, if necessary, as the weather has not been conducive for the department to adequately maintain county roads. The board approved the request on a trial basis.

Vehicle Purchase Approved:

Emergency Manager Dohe provided a copy of the Carfax report as requested. After discussion, Terry Finch moved to approve the purchase of a 2009 Chevy Silverado 1500 from Kansas State Surplus Property Center in the amount of \$20,000 and to contract with Ka-Comm, Inc to move and install current equipment to the new vehicle in the amount of \$2,968.55, funds to be drawn from the Capital Improvement Fund, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Council on Aging:

John Gunzelman inquired about setting up a meeting time for the board to meet with the Lincoln County Council on Aging. The board tentatively set a meeting time for October 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Employee Hired:

Terry Finch moved to employ James Miller as a part-time per need transfer station operator, starting salary \$11.30 per hour, effective September 6, 2016, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Salary Increase: Terry Finch moved to grant Brandon Cochran a twenty-five cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first year of service, effective August 26, 2016, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Economic Development: Economic Development Kelly Larson inquired about the free land owned by Lincoln County in Marion Township, explaining the difficulty in marketing the area due to the unknown costs associated with developing it and inquired about whether the County would consider developing the area, as access entrances are a concern. The board related that they are not interested in developing the area at this time. Larson related that the Heritage Trust Fund grant deadline is early November and invited board members to attend a public presentation on Historical grants on October 6, noting that presenters will meet with owners of historical properties to help them identify areas that the grants can assist with on October 7.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the August 29, 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 12:00 noon until 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 12, 2016 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.