

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 22, 2009

- Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, June 22, 2009. Chairman Steve Errebo called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace and Member Terry Finch present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Russ Black, Les Richards, Jennifer O'Hare, Christen Robinson, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Debora Zachgo and Jo Hachmeister.
- Juvenile Detention:** Al Joe Wallace updated the board on the following topics discussed at the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility meeting: raising daily rates, reserve funds are rapidly being depleted for operational expenses, concerns over not having money reserved for capital improvement projects, and possibly returning to the process of charging an annual or quarterly fee to each participating county.
- Law Enforcement:** Sheriff Russ Black with Undersheriff Les Richards presented the annual maintenance agreement with Nine One One, Inc for the board's approval. Terry Finch moved to enter into an annual maintenance agreement with Nine One One, Inc, in the amount of \$9,059.00 providing annual software and hardware technical support to the Emergency 9-1-1 system, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. The board inquired about the status of the jail cell modification project. Black related that they are waiting on the masonry to brick the window opening, once completed, then a grate will need to be installed limiting access to the heating/cooling unit and inquired if the highway department would be able to construct and install a grate.
- Nursing Home:** Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson provided an estimate of roof damage prepared by the KCAMP insurance adjuster. Robinson presented a history of room rates charged since 2000, other nursing facilities rates, and annual historical data for the following: actual census days, actual Medicare days, average Medicare dollars per day, average Medicaid dollars per day, actual agency labor costs, average Medicare length of stay day, and average percentage of private pay, Medicaid and Medicare patients. Robinson discussed nursing home activities.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects, noting that the East Elkhorn Creek Bridge is now open. Meitler related that Motor Grader Operator Leland Emken has completed his first six months of employment and requested the customary salary increase. Al Joe Wallace moved to grant Leland Emken a fifty cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first six months of employment, effective June 26, 2009, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Executive Session:** Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 9:54 a.m. – 9:59 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Road Supervisor Meitler, Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:59 a.m.

- Human Resources:** The board inquired with Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo about policy requirements to allow an employee to utilize extended illness leave time intermittently to care for an immediate relative. Zachgo related that the employee may use extended illness but will need to submit the required paperwork to qualify.
- Highway Department:** Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare reported that he had looked at Leonard Holl's 10 ft Howse pull behind mower; that it is in good condition and would meet the County's needs. O'Hare and Meitler reported that they had approached the Holl's about purchasing their 1978 970 CASE International tractor. The Holl's have agreed to sell the tractor and are asking \$12,000.00 for the tractor and \$1,000.00 for the mower. The board approved the purchase of the tractor and mower from Leonard and Doris Holl. O'Hare reported that KDOT completed the site inspection, reviewing bridge documentation and completing an inspection on twenty-two County Bridges, making the following recommendations: dropping load rating on one bridge, have all structures load rated as the last road rating was completed in 1992 and 1993, each bridge's documentation should be placed in an individual binder with load rating included, and signage information included with biennial bridge inspections.
- Road Issue:** Jo Hachmeister inquired as to whether road use limitations that were in place during the construction phase of the wind farm also applies to maintenance, as there have been many loaded semi trucks traveling N 240th Rd in Franklin Township. The board related that the limitations affected loaded trucks and were only during the construction phase. Hachmeister complained about the condition of N 240th Rd, noting that the road was in good shape prior to the wind farm construction and that the road is now nearly impassible at times and requested that the County utilize escrowed funds to repair the road. The board related that the escrowed funds were only to be used during the construction of the wind farm and that the road deterioration is due to the traffic volume and age of the road base. The board discussed the materials used previously to spot gravel with Road Supervisor Meitler.
- Budget Request:** Clerk of the District Court Jo Hachmeister presented the District Court's 2010 budget proposal requesting \$50,000.00 which is \$14,174.00 more than the 2009 approved budget of \$35,826.00.
- LEPP Program Funding:** Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the issuance of \$2,500 to Salina-Saline County Health Department to continue the administration of Lincoln County's Local Environmental Protection Program, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Tax Abatement:** Al Joe Wallace moved to allow tax abatement 2008-26 in the amount of \$68.18, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved:** Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the June 15, 2009 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Adjourn:** With no business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 29, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.