

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 22, 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 22, 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: John Gunzelman, Steve Granzow, Rodney Broberg, David Dohe, Michel O’Hare, Robert Howe, Jennifer O’Hare, Tim Meier, Mike Weigel, Dustin Florence and Debora Zachgo.
- Bridge Request: John Gunzelman requested that the county paint the bridge in Vesper, or inquired if the county would supply the paint and the Vesper Community Center would find volunteers to paint. The board made no decision this date.
- Hospital/Refinance Public Building Commission Bonds: Lincoln County Hospital Administrator Steve Granzow with Board of Trustees President Rodney Broberg related that refinancing the Public Building Commission Bonds would provide the hospital and county a net savings of approximately \$1.1 million and recommended that the county proceed with refinancing the bonds. The board inquired about the summer meal program. Granzow reported that the summer meal program was well attended and that program partners would be meeting to determine if the program could be expanded to other communities.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager David Dohe provided information on a 2009 Chevy Silverado available from State Surplus. The board authorized Dohe to inspect the vehicle and determine if it fits the department’s needs. Dohe requested to attend the following out of state training: HazMat/WMD Technician for Surface Transportation (HWMDTST) October 17 through October 28, noting that that the State will pay for the tuition and that he can apply for mileage reimbursement. The board approved the request.
- County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O’Hare discussed county legal matters.
- Highway Department: Director of Public Works Michel O’Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe reported on highway department projects. O’Hare requested approval to employ Sherie Lee as the Office Manager. Gerald Huehl moved to employ Sherie Lee as full-time Office Manager, starting salary \$2,250 per month, effective August 22, 2016, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. O’Hare related that they county borrowed rock from the City of Lincoln to complete the chip sealing project, as APAC could not provide the quantity need to complete the project as agreed to, and that the County will haul rock to the City’s stock pile as APAC produces the materials needed.
- Convened Budget Hearing: The chairman opened the Lincoln County, Kansas and Special Districts, budget hearing at 10:00 a.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the 2017 proposed budget with Michel O’Hare, Robert

Howe and Tim Meier present, with no others appearing the chairman closed the budget hearing at 10:30 a.m.

2017 Budget Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the 2017 Lincoln County, Kansas and the following Special Districts: Barnard Rural Fire District, Beverly Rural Fire District, First Rural Fire District, Hunter Rural Fire District, Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District, Free Mission Cemetery District, Rosette Cemetery District, Spillman Cemetery District and Vesper Cemetery District, budgets as published, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Road Maintenance: Tim Meier complained about the current maintenance of county roads in Beaver Township.

Law Enforcement: Sheriff Mike Weigel with Undersheriff Dustin Florence related that he has employed Murray Marston, as a part-time per-need law enforcement officer and requested that the board set a starting wage. Terry Finch moved to set the starting wage for Murray Marston as a part-time per-need law enforcement officer at \$13.20 per hour, effective upon successful completion of pre-employment testing, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried. Weigel updated the board on law enforcement activities.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo discussed personnel and requested that the board clarify the intention with the part-time position at the landfill/transfer station. The board related that there would not be guaranteed hours worked per week at the landfill/transfer station, and that the part-time person would only work the hours needed when full-time staff is not present.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the August 22, 2016 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Management Representation Letter Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Management Representation Letter for the audit ending December 31, 2015, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Engagement Letter Approved: The board reviewed a letter of engagement from PiperJaffray, to refinance the outstanding Series 2008 Public Building Commission Revenue Bonds. Terry Finch moved to approve entering into an agreement with PiperJaffray, to refinance the Public Building Commission Revenue Bonds and to allow the chairman to sign an Acknowledgement of Approval of Engagement and Receipt of Appendix A and B Disclosures as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 29, 2016 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.