

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 8, 2009

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioner was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, June 8, 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: David Wacker, Jeremy Abell, Patty Winters, Carlene Friesen, John Buttenhoff, Jim Gabelmann, Monty Breneman, Litza Lopez-Ramos, Rodney Job, Jo Funk, Jo Hachmeister, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Pat Murray, Sheila Srna and Les Richards.
- Conservation District Budget Request: Conservation District Manager Patricia Winters, Board Members David Wacker, Jeremy Abell, Carlene Friesen, John Buttenhoff, Jim Gabelmann, Monty Breneman, NRCS with Student Trainee Litza Lopez-Ramos, presented the Conservation District's 2010 budget request of \$16,300.00, \$300.00 more than that requested for the 2009 budget year. The group provided a statewide breakdown by county of Aid to Conservation Districts and related that the State did not match the 2009 County contributions dollar for dollar as advised.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Rodney Job invited the board to attend a planning meeting for the multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan exercise. Members appointed Terry Finch to represent the board at the planning meetings. Job related that he has met with the school board again to discuss the exercise and use of school facilities; and that they agreed to place his requests on the July agenda as an action item.
- LEP Program Request for Funds/ Budget Request: Jo Funk, Sanitarian discussed funding short falls of the Local Environmental Protection Program (LEP) that is administered by the Salina-Saline County Health Department for Ellsworth, Lincoln, Ottawa and Saline Counties. Funk explained that Salina-Saline County Health Department receives \$50,000.00 in State LEP grant funds to administer the LEP program in the four counties, and that the Health Department had been utilizing other grant funds received to offset program costs exceeding the LEP grant, noting that the four counties have not provided funding for this program since its inception. Funk related that the Health Department will no longer be able to provide this funding and that the four counties will need to provide funding in order to continue the program. Funk requested that the board consider budgeting \$5,000.00 for the 2010 budget year and requested \$2,500.00 for the remaining 2009 budget year. The board made no decision this date.
- District Court: The board discussed hours of operation for the District Court with 12th Judicial District, District Judge Kim Cudney, via telephone, and Clerk of the District Court Jo Hachmeister present. The board requested that Judge Cudney consider requesting approval to change the hours of operation of the District Court to that of other courthouse offices, to help resolve some security issues as well as being a cost savings measure. Judge Cudney explained that the Kansas Supreme Court has set the hours of operation for District Courts and that they are the only ones that can make an exception upon request from the District Judge, further stating that she did not feel that there was

a safety concern with the hours of operation being different or that being closed a half an hour a day would save money.

Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler reported that Edgar Brummer plans to continue with building a new home in Battle Creek Township Section 17 and discussed graveling the road to the proposed home site. The board agreed to gravel the road going south from the proposed site, but only after construction actually begins. Meitler reviewed highway department projects. Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare discussed the mower at the landfill and options if the county purchases a larger rear pulled mower deck. O'Hare presented an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for the board's approval. Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into an Agreement with State of Kansas to repair the N 280th Rd land slide, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Central Kansas Mental Health Budget Request: Pat Murray, Executive Director and Sheila Srna, Director of Finance for the Central Kansas Mental Health Center presented the Center's 2010 budget request, requesting \$12,224.00, a \$356.00 increase over 2009 allocation, which is equivalent to three percent and provided the 2008 annual report for the board to review.

Courthouse Security System: Undersheriff Les Richards related that he has viewed installed security systems from both companies that provided bids to install panic buttons and cameras in the courthouse. Richards related that he has been working with a local business that has a different security system than the two companies that bid, noting that he likes some of the features available, and requested that the board not make a decision on security systems until he has the opportunity to obtain information about this particular system. The board approved his request.

Road Project 53C-4568-01: The board, acting as Negotiating Committee for Road Project 53C-4568-01, North 280th Rd land slide repair project, ranked consultants according to the selection committee's June 1 findings. Following consideration and review, the board selected Schwab-Eaton, P.A. to provide construction engineering services for Road Project 53C-4568-01, North 280th Rd land slide repair project. O'Hare provided the appropriate forms to submit to the State for the board's approval. Terry Finch moved to approve the chairman signing the following forms: Code of Conduct (Attachment No. 7), Consultant Evaluation by Selection Committee (Attachment 8) and Ranking of Consultants by Negotiating Committee (Attachment 9) as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Correspondence: The board received correspondence from Kenney Meis concerning a fence line in which the adjacent landowner has now erected a one wire fence, with a portion of the fence being erected on his property; Meis further related that the adjacent landowner has not removed the trees that was planted on the property line, which the board, as fence viewers, had previously viewed and made the determination that the placement of the trees would encroach upon the adjacent landowner's property.

Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the June 1, 2009 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 12:12 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.