

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 8, 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, February 8, 2016. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:00 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: Ladonna Reinert, Dan Heina, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe and Jennifer O'Hare.

Health Department:

Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert presented a plan for programs that the health department will discontinue, time frame, and planned notification to current clients; and provided details on the progress and expected start date for new programs and educational classes. Reinert provided a proposed community notification for the newspapers. The board made suggestions to add to the notification and authorized Reinert to proceed with notification to clients regarding any program no longer being offered, and authorized Reinert to assist clients until a transition can be completed. Reinert related that the 1422 grant will pay for a dietician to work 40 hours per month for the county, she is currently negotiating a contract with a local dietician.

Noxious Weed:

Noxious Weed Director Dan Heina provided a copy of Kansas Noxious Weed Laws, noting specific statutes that deal with the sale of chemicals to individuals. Heina related that the State requires him to record what noxious weeds are being treated on each mile of road sprayed, and that the highway department would need to do make sure this is being completed for the roads that they spray. Heina presented his annual report for the board's approval. Terry Finch moved to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress report for 2015 as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Gerald Huehl moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 10:48 a.m. – 10:58 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Noxious Weed Director Heina and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Reconvene:

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:58 a.m.

Highway Department:

Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe reported on highway department projects. O'Hare presented an agreement for the board's approval. Terry Finch moved to enter into a Contract for Preliminary Engineering (PE) Design Services by Consultant with the State of Kansas and Kirkham Michael & Associates Inc, to provide consulting services for the High Risk Rural Roads traffic signage project for Major Collector Routes, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried. O'Hare requested approval to send three employees to an oil distributor training. The board approved the request. Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 12:08 p.m. – 12:13 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Director of Public Works O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

The board approved the request. Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 12:08 p.m. – 12:13 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Director of Public Works O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:13 p.m.

Resolution 2016-05: Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2016-05, authorizing the transfer of \$10,000 from the Lincoln County General Fund to the Lincoln County Transportation Bus Fund; and Resolution 2016-06, authorizing the transfer of \$24,890 from the Lincoln County General Fund to the Lincoln County Rescue Squad Fund, seconded Terry Finch. Motion carried.

WEB Fund Distributions Approved: The board reviewed the WEB Fund committee's recommendations for 2016 funding. Terry Finch moved to approve the WEB Fund Committee's recommendations as presented and approved the following Windpower Economic Benefit fund distributions: Lincoln County, \$3,000, to fund the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Assistance, five year commitment for 2 additional students; City of Barnard, \$2,500, to help assist with expenses to repair the sewer lines and lagoon; Lincoln County Historical Society, \$400, to help assist with expenses for the 2016 Lincoln Reenactment; Beverly/Westfall Fire Department, \$1,800, to assist with the replacement of personal protective equipment (PPE); Crispin Antiquarian Foundation, \$600, to assist with printing costs to produce brochures and newsletters; Lincoln County Health Department, \$600, to purchase a vaccine freezer; and Lincoln County Hospital, \$2,500, to assist with the radiology upgrade project, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the February 1, 2015 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 12:56 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 16, 2016 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.