

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 18, 2008

- 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 18, 2008. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Steve Errebo and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Wendy Gronau, Lori Obermueller, Rodney Job, Larry Meitler, John Cashatt, Russ Black, Jennifer O'Hare and Christen Robinson.
- Meeting Cancelled:** The board cancelled their August 25, 2008 regular meeting so that board members could attend a meeting in Salina with KDOT officials concerning proposals to improve the Biennial Bridge Inspection Program.
- Ambulance Service:** Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau discussed ambulance service activities. Gronau related that Lincoln County resident and former EMS Volunteer Ethel Zachgo had received the EMS Support Person of the Year award for her efforts in raising funds to place AED units in the Lincoln and Sylvan Grove Schools.
- Property Use Request:** Chamber of Commerce President Lori Obermueller requested approval to use the Courthouse grounds for various activities during the Post Rock Festival. The board approved the request.
- Emergency Management:** Emergency Manager Rodney Job reported on emergency management activities which included the following: detailed information received at a meeting attended last week, noted that the county will need to identify the 'line of succession' for Commissioner responsibilities if none of the Commissioners are available or if all are incapacitated, multi-county training opportunities, and future NIMS training requirements.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler reported on highway department projects. Meitler requested approval to employ Delbert McBroom as an equipment operator and requested a starting salary of \$9.55 per hour. Steve Errebo moved to employ Delbert McBroom as a full-time equipment operator, starting salary \$9.55 per hour, effective August 18, 2008, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. The group discussed roads with drainage problems and possible solutions.
- Employee Hired:**
- Budget Hearing:** The chairman opened the Lincoln County, Kansas, budget hearing at 10:05 a.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the 2009 proposed budget with Larry Meitler present. With no others appearing the chairman closed the budget hearing at 10:28 a.m. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the 2009 budget as published, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- 2009 County Budget Approved:**
- Correspondence Approved** The board approved signing the following budget notifications: Conservation District, District Court and Senior Care Act Incentive Funds.

Budget Hearing: The chairman opened the budget hearing at 10:32 a.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the following 2009 Fire District's proposed budgets: Barnard Rural Fire District, Beverly Rural Fire District, First Rural Fire District, Hunter Rural Fire District and the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District; and the following 2009 Cemetery District's proposed budgets: Free Mission Cemetery District, Rosette Cemetery District, Spillman Cemetery District and Vesper Cemetery District with Larry Meitler and John Cashatt present. With no others appearing the chairman closed the budget hearing at 10:44 a.m. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the following 2009 Fire District budgets as published: Barnard Rural Fire District, Beverly Rural Fire District, First Rural Fire District, Hunter Rural Fire District and the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District; and the following 2009 Cemetery District budgets as published: Free Mission Cemetery District, Rosette Cemetery District, Spillman Cemetery District and Vesper Cemetery District, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

2009 Fire District & Cemetery District

Budgets Approved:

Bridge Project John Cashatt, Schwab-Eaton, P.A. presented the cost proposal for construction engineering services as requested by the board for Bridge Project 53C-4259-01, East Elkhorn Creek Bridge. Steve Errebo moved to accept Schwab-Eaton, P.A.'s proposal as presented for Construction Engineering Services on Bridge Project 53C-4259-01, East Elkhorn Creek Bridge, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. The group discussed the progress on Bridge Project 53C-4152-01, West Elkhorn Creek Bridge, N Apache Ln road slide repair project, and the status of the boundary survey for Grant Ave in Grant Township.

053C-4259-01 East Elkhorn Creek:

Misc. Projects:

Executive Session: Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 11:01 a.m. – 11:06 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Road Supervisor Meitler present, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:06 a.m.

Law Enforcement: Sheriff Russ Black requested improvements to the parking area at the law enforcement center, as the area has low spots that are holding water and could be unsafe during the winter.

Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert reported on health department activities. Reinert related that the health department has participated in studies on regionalization and accreditation of County Health Departments in Kansas and provided the following reports derived from the studies for the board to review: Internal Capacity Assessment: Summary Report, and A Report on Local Health Department Regionalization. Reinert noted that the KAC and Kansas Association of Health Departments will be holding a joint summit to discuss regionalization and requested that a board member attend.

County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare discussed a previous request for the board to act as fence viewers in Indiana Township. The board scheduled the fence viewing for 10:15 a.m. September 2, 2008.

Nursing Home Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson informed the board that the installation of one window was complete, and that the installation went better than expected. Robinson

related that the contractor, Rick Lund, had provided a cost proposal to install all remaining windows of the project at \$300.00 per window. The board approved Rick Lund to install the remaining windows of the project.

Minutes Approved: Steve Errebo moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the August 11, 2008 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Friday, August 29, 2008 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.