

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 9, 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, February 9, 2009. Chairman Steve Errebo called the meeting to order at 10:00 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: Wendy Gronau, Ray Rasmussen, Dan Heina, Christen Robinson, Russ Black, John Cashatt, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Wayne Wallace and Theresa Richards.

LEPC:

LEPC Secretary Wendy Gronau provided the nominations for the 2009 LEPC officers. Al Joe Wallace moved to appoint the following 2008 LEPC officers as follows: Wendy Gronau-Chairman, Ladonna Reinert-Vice-Chairman and Mike Schrant-Secretary, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Gronau related that she will resign her position as Chairman at the next LEPC meeting. Gronau requested that the board appoint Jeff White as the Fire Chief Representative and Larry Meitler as the Public representative. No action was taken this date on the additional appointees.

Noxious Weed:

Noxious Weed Director Dan Heina presented the annual noxious weed eradication progress report for the board's approval. Terry Finch moved to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2008 as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Heina inquired as to whether part-time employee Sam Little could return to work. The board approved allowing Little to return to work, noting that Little can not exceed 1,000 hours in 2009 as a part time employee. Heina requested approval to attend an annual noxious weed conference. The board approved the request.

Nursing Home:

Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson detailed deficiencies received during the recent Fire Marshal inspection, and actions being taken to correct the deficiencies. Robinson related that all nursing homes must have sprinklers in 100% of the building by 2013, noting that residential rooms in the older part of the building do not have sprinklers.

Law Enforcement:

Sheriff Russ Black discussed law enforcement activities.

Engineering Contract OS 167 & OS 168:

John Cashatt, Schwab Eaton P.A. presented an Agreement for Engineering Services for the board's approval. Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into an Agreement for Engineering Services for Off System Bridges No. 167 and No. 168, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Highway Department:

Road Supervisor Larry Meitler, with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare, reported on highway department projects. Meitler presented a bid from Hi-Plains Sand, Inc to chip seal the Westfall blacktop, in the amount of \$280,082. O'Hare provided an

estimate for materials only for the highway department to chip seal the same stretch of road. After discussion, the board related that they were in favor of contracting the project, but would like further clarification concerning rock materials before taking formal action. Meitler requested executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 11:50 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:55 p.m.

Employee Job Position Changes: Terry Finch moved to authorize the following employee job position changes, effective February 17, 2009: Bud Patrick from Equipment Operator to Truck Driver; and Colby Naegele from Mechanic to Equipment Operator with a fifty cent per hour pay reduction, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Highway Department: Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare presented applications to the Corp of Engineers and Division of Water Resources for Bridge Project 53C-4260-01 for the board's approval. Al Joe Wallace moved to allow the chairman and Michel O'Hare to sign the following permit applications: Corp of Engineers Permit Application and the Division of Water Resources Permit Application for Bridge Project 53C-4260-01 (Tromble Bridge), seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. O'Hare provided information on the regulations requiring the county to convert all signs to meet retro-reflectivity standards. O'Hare provided pictures of mobile office spaces. Commissioner Errebo forwarded a request for an additional culvert in Pleasant Township

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:33 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.

Council on Aging: Council on Aging Director Theresa Richards reported on council on aging activities. Richards related that Clara Suelter, Mary Jo Abell and Mary Andersen have accepted and are serving on the Council on Aging Board. The group discussed possible County appointees to the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging's board.

Rescue Squad: Commissioner Finch discussed revenue funding for a different rescue squad vehicle.

Sylvan Fire Station Project: Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District Fire Chief Marc Lovin discussed the site preparation at the new fire station site.

Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the February 2, 2009 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Tuesday, February 17, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.