

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 12, 2018

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the basement meeting room of the courthouse Monday, February 12, 2018. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Member Al Joe Wallace present. Vice-Chairman Alexis Pflugh was absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Cynthia Nelson, Norman Mannel, Dan Heina, David Dohe, Howard Wehrman, Debora Zachgo, Mike Weigel, Dustin Florence, Bret Kingan, Jim Wiebke, Brian Richardson, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe, Jeremy Rosebrook and Kathy Robertson.
- Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2018 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Commission Arrives: Commissioner Pflugh arrived at 10:05 a.m.
- Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2018 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Finch – Aye; Pflugh – Aye; Wallace – Abstained.
- Noxious Weed: Noxious Weed Director Dan Heina presented the department's annual report and management plan for the board's approval; inquired if the board would like to bid chemicals for the upcoming season; and provided a map of priority roads, noting that they spray dirt roads first and then gravel roads. The board indicated that they would like to bid the chemicals. Alexis Pflugh moved to sign the Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan and Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2017 as required by K.S.A. 2-1316, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Membership Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to pay the fees and dues for The League of Kansas Municipalities, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Information: Brian Richardson, Occupational Performance Corporation, provided information on the company, the benefits of employers completing post offer employment testing, and the process for testing.
- Gravel Agreements: Jeremy Rosebrook inquired about the gravel agreements and whether consideration was given to a down payment to pit owners to offer a consistent income to at least cover the increased property taxes. Discussion ensued on the following: whether it would be feasible to increase the annual lease payment; county increase the lease payment to account for the increased property taxes; offer a prepayment and then reduce the payment to the landowner when gravel was removed by the prepayment amount; measuring pits to get an accurate acreage; and taxation of the pits. Alexis Pflugh moved to request an annual report of cumulative activity in all gravel leased pits. Motion died as a lack of second.
- Highway Department: Public Works Director Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe reported that the county was awarded \$56,481.54 in federal funds, that will be exchanged by the State at 75% for a total amount of \$42,361.15 reimbursable for projects in 2018. O'Hare provided

bridge statistics. Howe reported that crews are trimming trees, completing maintenance work on roads, and servicing/repairing equipment. Al Joe Wallace moved to sign the Agreement for Federal–Aid Construction Engineering Inspection Services by Consultant for Project 53C-4849-01, signage of the eastern half of the county, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

USD 298 Request Approved: Clerk Harlow extended USD 298 Superintendent Kathy Robertson’s apologies for not being able to address the board as there was a conflict between her schedule and the commissioner agenda running late. Clerk Harlow related that USD 298 is ready for dirt at the football field for the handicapped accessible sidewalk and had asked whether the county was still willing to haul the dirt for the school district, as discussed in 2016. The Board approved the highway department to haul dirt for USD 298, and requested that Director of Public Works O’Hare make the necessary arrangements with Robertson.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo inquired if there were any additional changes to the job descriptions for the courthouse and provided the statutes for the Register of Deeds and Appraiser in regard to staffing.

Discussion: Commissioner Pflugh discussed the following topics: would like to see the commissioners prioritize the projects that the contracted engineer will assist with; OS 65 and OS 67; capital improvement plan; and solid waste disposal fees.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 20, 2018 in the basement meeting room of the courthouse